

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS BOARD OF
THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY
MICHELLE RODEGHIER, D.V.M. § MEDICAL EXAMINERS

AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") considered the matter of the license of Michelle Rodeghier, D.V.M. ("Respondent").

Respondent, without admitting the truth of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set out in this Order, waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order. Accordingly, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters this Order as set forth below.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Michelle Rodeghier, D.V.M., of Plano, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 7232.
2. On September 4, 2016, Steven Allen presented his ten-year-old Labrador Retriever, Jake, to Respondent at Emergency Animal Hospital of Collin County in Plano, Texas. Mr. Allen reported that Jake had not wanted to eat all day, was dry heaving, and had a swollen abdomen. Mr. Allen reported that Jake's abdomen had been swollen since the previous day.
3. Respondent examined Jake and took radiographs. Jake's gums were pale pink to gray and he was very depressed, his temperature was 103.9, his heart rate was 110 beats per minute, and his respiratory rate was 80 respirations per minute. Radiographs confirmed Respondent's diagnosis of gastric dilation-volvulus (GDV). Respondent discussed these findings and Jake's grave prognosis with Mr. Allen, who elected surgical intervention.
4. Respondent placed Jake in lateral recumbency and used a 18-gauge needle as a trochar on the stomach to remove approximately 600mL of gas. Respondent administered a liter of fluids and induced anesthesia using 15cc of Propofol. Respondent then placed Jake on isoflurane anesthesia via #10.5 tracheal tube.
5. Respondent stated that the surgery was routine until she relieved the stomach torsion, at which point Jake became hypotensive and his heart rate dropped significantly. Respondent increased fluids to 999mL/hour and administered epinephrine and atropine intravenously. Jake's blood pressure did not improve, reading 44/25 at the lowest. Respondent administered dopamine at 0.1cc every five minutes for ten minutes. His blood pressure appeared to rebound and maintained

around 106/65 for the rest of the procedure. A gastropexy was performed in the standard fashion. The gastric serosal surface was gray to purple initially but did improve to a more normal pinkish hue by the time the procedure was done. The abdomen was briefly explored and lavaged with sterile saline, then closed in routine fashion. Jake was kept on oxygen for another 20 minutes in the surgery suite then moved to a recovery cage. Jake was placed in a "bear hugger" to normalize his temperature and a third liter of LRS was started and continued to be bolused at a rate of 999 mL/hr. Jake was not given any additional sedatives or pain medication at that time.

6. At approximately 5 p.m., another veterinarian assumed responsibility for Jake's care and treatment. On September 5, 2016, Jake continued to decline and was found deceased in his kennel at approximately 9 p.m.

7. Following these events, Respondent voluntarily completed continuing education regarding GDV care and treatment. Respondent also voluntarily modified her procedures to prevent future similar occurrences.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 801, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter. Respondent is required to comply with the provisions of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Chapter 801, Texas Occupations Code, and with the Board's Rules. Respondent received notice as required by law.

2. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.22, Professional Standard of Care, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.

3. Respondent has violated Section 801.402(6) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code.

4. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Texas Occupations Code, Sections 801.401(a), and 801.451.

5. Pursuant to Board Rule 575.25, Respondent's violations are Class B violations, and Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under that Rule.

TERMS OF ORDER

Now, therefore, the Board and Respondent agree to the following terms:

1. REPRIMAND

- a. Respondent is hereby informally reprimanded by the Board. This informal reprimand will not be published in the Board's newsletter and will not be routinely reported to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) for inclusion in the national reporting database. A copy of this informal reprimand will

be forwarded to the AAVSB if specifically requested by that organization.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY

- a. Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) within 30 days of the date the Board approves this Order. Payment shall be made directly to the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners at 333 Guadalupe Street, Suite 3-810, Austin, Texas 78701. Partial payments will not be accepted.
- b. If Respondent does not timely pay the administrative penalty, the Board may deny a request to renew Respondent's license until the outstanding administrative penalty is received, pursuant to Board Rule 573.62(b). Any monetary funds paid to the Board to renew a license shall first be applied to any outstanding unpaid administrative penalties, pursuant to Board Rule 571.57. Additionally, the matter may be referred to the Attorney General for collection, pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Section 801.458.

3. ADHERENCE TO THE LAW AND BOARD RULES

- a. Respondent shall abide by the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct, the Texas Veterinary Licensing Act, and the laws of the State of Texas and the United States.
- b. Respondent shall cooperate with the Board's attorneys, investigators, compliance officers and other employees and agents investigating Respondent's compliance with this Order.
- c. Failure by Respondent to comply with the terms of this Order, or with any other provisions of the Veterinary Licensing Act or the Board Rules, may result in further disciplinary action.

The effective date of the terms of this Order shall be the date it is adopted by the Board, unless stated otherwise.


Certification and signature page follows.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I have reviewed this Order and understand the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law set forth herein. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) herein. I understand that this Order contains the entire agreement, and there is no other agreement of any kind. I waive the right to any further proceedings, including a formal hearing, and the right to seek judicial review of this Order.

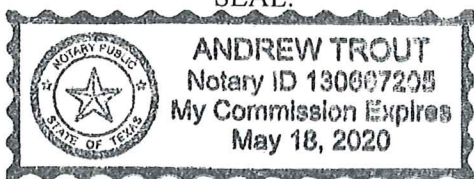
I understand that this Order is subject to approval by the Board. I understand that the terms and conditions of this Order become effective upon approval by the Board. A copy of the approved Order will be mailed to me. By signing this Order, I agree to satisfactorily comply with the terms and conditions of the Order in a timely manner. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and appropriate disciplinary action as a result of my noncompliance.

Signed this 6 day of December, 2018.


Michelle Rodeghier, D.V.M.


Sworn and subscribed before me this 6th day of December, 2018.

SEAL:




Notary Public

THEREFORE, the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners does hereby adopt this Order. This Order is effective and final on this 29th day of January, 2019.


Jessica Quillivan, D.V.M., Presiding Board Member