

DOCKET NO. DK2017-222

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS BOARD OF
THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY
KIRAN SESHAREDDY, 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 Kiran Seshareddy, 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, Kiran Seshareddy, D.V.M., of San Antonio, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 11666.
2. On December 3, 2016, Richard Arthur presented his 3 month old puppy, Rascal, to Banfield Pet Hospital ("the facility") in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Arthur told the facility that Rascal was a Labrador retriever mix, as he had been told by the shelter where Rascal was adopted. Rascal had prominent white markings on all four feet. On December 9, 2016, Rascal was treated at the facility for worms. On December 26, 2016, Rascal had a follow up appointment and was given flea preventatives, the DAPP vaccination, a fecal examination, and additional dewormer.
3. On January 16, 2017, Mr. Arthur presented Rascal to Respondent at the facility for additional examination regarding the worms and laptprosis. Respondent diagnosed demodectic mange. Respondent prescribed Ivermectin (3mg/ml) to be administered as a 50 micrograms/kg initial dose, increasing to a therapeutic dose of 400 micrograms/kg in two weeks. Herding breeds, often indicated by white markings on the feet, are susceptible to Ivermectin toxicity.
4. On February 9, 2017, Mr. Arthur observed Rascal showing signs of disorientation, loss of muscle control, and seizures. Mr. Arthur telephone Respondent, who referred Rascal to an emergency facility. During this conversation, Mr. Arthur also informed Respondent that Rascal had recently been given a dose of Comfortis that was prescribed for another dog in the household. Respondent and Mr. Arthur dispute whether Respondent had previously advised that Rascal could be given Comfortis.
5. Mr. Arthur presented Rascal to Mission Vet Specialist and Emergency Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. Differential diagnoses included encephalitis secondary due to large doses of Ivermectin, concurrent administration of spinosad and Ivermectin, or a combination of the two.

Rascal was treated with intravenous fluids, benzodiazepines, muscle relaxants, and intravenous lipid emulsions, but died on February 10, 2017.

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 formally reprimanded by the Board. This formal reprimand may be published in the Board's newsletter and routinely reported to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) for inclusion in the national reporting database.
2. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY
 - a. Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty of one thousand and five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) 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

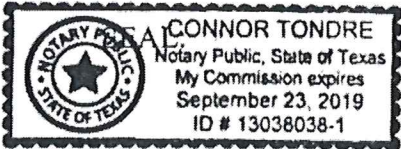
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order and understand the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law set forth herein. I deny the violation(s) herein. I understand that this Order contains the entire 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 15 day of June, 2018.

Kiran Seshareddy
Kiran Seshareddy, D.V.M.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 15 day of June, 2018.



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Notary Public

THEREFORE, the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners does hereby adopt this Order. This Order is effective and final on this 31st day of July, 2018.

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