TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
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DOCKET NUMBER 1988-20
RICHARD H. SHEPHERD, D.V.M.
LICENSE NUMBER: 3040

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This negotiated settlement has been entered by agreement between Dr. Shepherd and the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners staff in concurrence with the Board Secretary. It is presented to the Board as a recommendation only. If the Board elects to reject or amend this negotiated settlement the defendant, Dr. Shepherd, will be granted a continuance at his/her option.

Dr. Shepherd does not contest the allegations set forth in the Complaint and agrees that, accordingly, the Board may treat the allegations of fact and law as true, which findings shall have the same force and effect as if evidence and argument were presented in support of the allegations, and based thereon, the Board found the allegations to be true. Respondent understands and intends that by so stating, he/she is not admitting the truth of the allegations, but is merely agreeing that the Board may enter an Order treating the allegations as true without the necessity of receiving evidence in support thereof.

SUMMARY OF CHARGES:
Failure to maintain patient and inventory records for Scheduled Drugs and prescribing/dispensing controlled substances when not necessary for the care of animals.

RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

1. One (1) year suspension, all probated, effective immediately.
2. Surrender Schedule II and IIN DPS and DEA Drug Certificates to be reinstated at the discretion of the Board.
3. Pay a Civil penalty in the sum of $500.00.

CONDITIONS:
1. Submit quarterly reports certifying continued compliance with the Orders during the probationary period, with the first report due September 1, 1988.
2. Abide by the laws and Rules of the State of Texas as they pertain to the practice of veterinary medicine.
3. Obtain fifteen (15) hours of continuing education during the probationary period.
4. Take and pass the Jurisprudence Examination as scheduled by Board Staff.

Richard H. Shepherd, D.V.M.

Donald B. Wilson, Executive Director
TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Witness
The foregoing Agreed Settlement, entered into between Dr. R. H. Shepherd, the Board Secretary, Dr. Fred Soifer and Board Executive Staff and having been presented to the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners as a No Contest Plea, was accepted by the Board, and the Board, on June 3, 1988 ORDERED that all penalties and conditions as stated therein be complied with the same as if the Board had heard evidence and testimony and as a result of such hearing had issued Findings, Conclusions and Orders.

W. L. "Dub" Anderson, D.V.M., President

June 3, 1988

Date

Jim F. Humphrey, Vice-President

Date

Fred K. Soifer, D.V.M., Secretary

Date

Larry M. Dubuisson, D.V.M., Member

Date

(Absent)

Date

Olivia R. Buday, Member

Date

Mike Levi, Member

Date

Robert D. Lewis, D.V.M., Member

Date

Mary E. Mainster, D.V.M., Member

Date

Edward S. Murray, D.V.M., Member

Date
DOCKETED COMPLAINT NO. 1988-20

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS VS. RICHARD H. SHEPHARD, D.V.M.

TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL LICENSE NO. 3040
1988 RENEWAL CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1507

COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT FORM

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public and for Texas, on this day personally appeared THOMAS CHESIRE, who after being duly sworn, did depose and say:

"I, THOMAS CHESIRE, being an employee of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, did in the course of such employment, make certain investigations into the professional conduct of one DR. RICHARD H. SHEPHARD, Shepherd Equine Hospital, P. O. Box 2607, Denton, Denton County, Texas, Texas Veterinary License Number 3040, 1988 Renewal Certificate Number 1507, a practitioner of veterinary medicine in the State of Texas. As an employee of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, I, THOMAS CHESIRE do hereby present the following complaint against RICHARD H. SHEPHARD, D.V.M., who is hereinafter called Respondent.

I. The Respondent has failed to maintain, at his place of business, adequate inventory records on Ritalin, aka Methyphenidate Hydrochloride, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, ordered on the following DEA Form 222:

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II. On or about February 28, 1988, Tom Cheshire, Investigator, State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, inspected the patient records corresponding to the Ritalin aka Methyphenidate Hydrochloride, and found the
Respondent has failed to maintain patient records reflecting the use of this drug.

III.

Respondent administered the Ritalin listed in Paragraph I of this complaint as a training aid in horses. Utilization of the Ritalin as a training aid is not therapeutically indicated.

IV.

By failing to maintain adequate records at his place of business for the Schedule II Controlled Substance listed in Paragraph I of this Complaint, the Respondent has violated Article 7465a, V.A.C.S., Section 7(b), Veterinary Practice Act which states:

Article 7465a, Section 7(b), Veterinary Practice Act - The Board may require its licensees to maintain a record-keeping system for certain controlled substances prescribed by the Board that includes the quantities and date of purchase, quantities and date dispensed, quantities and date administered, balance on hand, the name and address of the client and patient receiving the drugs, and the reason for dispensing or administering the drugs to such patient. The records are subject to review by law enforcement agencies and by representatives of the Board. A failure to keep such records shall be grounds for revoking, cancelling, suspending, or probating the license of any practitioner of veterinary medicine.

V.

By failing to maintain adequate records at his place of business for the Schedule II Controlled Substances listed in Paragraph I of this Complaint, the Respondent has violated Rule 30 of the Rules of Professional Conduct which states:

Rule 30 -
Texas veterinarians shall maintain at their place of business records of all drugs listed in Schedule II of 21 Code of Federal Regulation, Part 1300 to end, in their possession. These records shall be maintained for a minimum of five (5) years. The Board shall prescribe a form for keeping records of those Schedule II substances which shall contain the following information:
A. Date of Acquisition
B. Quantity Purchased
C. Date Administered, Dispensed, or Prescribed
D. Quantity Administered, Dispensed, or Prescribed
E. Name of Client and Patient receiving the Drug(s)
F. Diagnosis
G. Balance on Hand

VI.
Through failure to maintain patient records to substantiate use of the Controlled Substances listed in Paragraph I of this Complaint, the Respondent has violated Rule 32 of the Rules of Professional which states:

Rule 32 -
Individual records will include, but are not limited to, identification of patient, patient history, including immunization records, dates of visits, x-rays, names and dosages of medications administered and/or dispensed, and other details as necessary to substantiate diagnosis and treatment.

Patient records shall be maintained for a period of three years and are the responsibility and property of the employing veterinarian.

VII.
By administering the Ritalin listed in Paragraph I of this complaint when not necessary or required for the care of animals, the Respondent has violated Rule 33 of the Rules of Professional Conduct which states:

Rule 33 -
It shall be unprofessional and a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct for the veterinary profession for a veterinarian to prescribe, provide, obtain, order, administer, possess, dispense, give or deliver to or for any person, narcotic drugs, dangerous drugs, or any controlled substances that are not necessary or required for the care of animals, or where the use or possession of such drugs would promote addiction thereto. For purposes of the rule the term Narcotic Drugs, Dangerous Drugs, and Controlled Substances, shall mean those which are defined and recognized as such by any law of the State of Texas or of the United States.

VIII.
The Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners has grounds to take disciplinary action against Dr. Shepherd's veterinary License under the Texas Veterinary Licensing Act, Article 7465a, V.A.T.C.S., Section 14(c) and (e) which state:
Article 7465a, Section 14(c) and (e), Veterinary Licensing Act - "...the Board may revoke or suspend a license, place a person whose license has been suspended on probation or reprimand a licensee, ... if it finds that an applicant or licensee:
(c) has engaged in dishonest or illegal practices in or connected with the practice of veterinary medicine; or
(e) has engaged in practices or conduct in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine which are violative of the standards of professional conduct as duly promulgated by the Board in accordance with the law."

The foregoing complaint is submitted to the Secretary of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on this the 2nd day of May, 1988.

Further, Affiant sayeth not.

THOMAS CHESIRE, Affiant

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me by the said THOMAS CHESIRE, this the 2nd day of May, 1988.

JUDY C. SMITH
Notary Public in and for Texas

The foregoing Complaint is hereby filed and docketed with the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and styled Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners vs. Richard H. Shepherd, D.V.M. under Docketed Number 1988-20, this the 9th day of May, 1988.

Fred K. Soifer, D.V.M., Secretary
Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners