DOCKET NO. 2005-28

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS STATE BOARD OF
THE LICENSE OF §
DOUGLAS M. JOHNSON, D.V.M. § VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

AGREED ORDER

On this the 9th day of June, 2005 came on to be considered by the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") the matter of the license of DOUGLAS M. JOHNSON, D.V. M ("Respondent"). Pursuant to Section 801.408, Texas Occupations Code and Board Rule 575.27, an informal conference was held on March 3, 2005. The Respondent attended the conference without counsel. The Board was represented at the conference by the Board’s Enforcement Committee.

Respondent, without admitting the truth of the findings and conclusions set out in this Agreed Order, wishes to waive a formal adjudicative hearing and thereby informally dispose of the issues without a formal adjudication. Respondent agrees to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in this Order. In waiving an adjudicative hearing, Respondent acknowledges his understanding of the alleged violations and the adequacy and sufficiency of the notice provided to him.

Upon the recommendation of the Enforcement Committee and with Respondent’s consent, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters this Agreed Order as set forth below.

Findings of Fact

1. On or around September 29, 2004, Michael Merrill, Lake Jackson, Texas, presented his dog "Boo" to Douglas M. Johnson, D.V.M., Brazos Woods Vet Clinic, Lake Jackson, Texas, for vaccinations and a skin problem. Dr. Johnson took skin scrapings and diagnosed demodectic mange. Dr. Johnson dispensed a one-ounce bottle of Mitaban with the following label instructions:

   Boo- mix 5 droppers - full in 1 gal water and pour over dog after shampooing.
   Treat weekly for demodex.

   The label did not contain the name of the dispensing veterinarian, the date of dispensing, name of drug, and name of client.

2. Mr. Merrill’s fiancé accidentally orally administered the Mitaban to “Boo.” The dog became extremely ill and vomited. Mr. Merrill called Dr. Johnson for advice and Dr. Johnson said that the dog would be fine without additional treatment.
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3. Mr. Merrill presented “Boo” to the Brazoria County Veterinary Medical Center, Angleton, Texas, where the dog was examined by Manuel Sanchez, D.V.M. Dr. Sanchez commenced fluid therapy, vitamin B complex, and Dicural. The dog eventually recovered.

4. Dr. Johnson’s patient records for “Boo” were combined with the records for other patients. The records did not include dosages, concentration, or routes of administration of the drug prescribed for “Boo.” Weight and temperature of the animal were not noted. There was no record of the telephone conversation with the client concerning the overdose.

**Conclusions of Law**

1. Respondent is required to comply with the provisions of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Chapter 801, Texas Occupations Code, and with the Board’s Rules.

2. Based on Finding of Fact 1, Respondent has violated Rule 573.40 LABELING OF MEDICATIONS DISPENSED, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct.

3. Based on Finding of Fact 4, Respondent has violated Rule 573.52, PATIENT RECORD KEEPING, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct.

4. Based on Findings of Fact 1 and 4 and Conclusions of Law 1 through 3, Respondent has violated Section 801.402 (6) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code, and is subject to disciplinary action by the Board:

   801.402. GENERAL GROUNDS FOR LICENSE DENIAL OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION. A person is subject to denial of a license or to disciplinary action under Section 801.401 if the person:
   
   (6) engages in practices or conduct that violates the board’s rules of professional conduct.

4. Based on Conclusions of Law 1 through 4, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 801.401 of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code:

   801.401. DISCIPLINARY POWERS OF BOARD. (a) If an applicant or license holder is subject to denial of a license or to disciplinary action under Section 801.402, the Board may:

   (1) refuse to examine an applicant or to issue or renew a license;
   (2) revoke or suspend a license;
   (3) place on probation a license holder or person whose license has been suspended;
   (4) reprimand a license holder; or
   (5) impose a civil penalty.
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NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD AND RESPONDENT AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board ORDERS that DOUGLAS M. JOHNSON, D.V.M., be INFORMALLY REPRIMANDED.

The Board further ORDERS that:

1. Respondent shall abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct, the Texas Veterinary Licensing Act, and the laws of the State of Texas and the United States.

2. Respondent shall cooperate with the Board's attorneys, investigators, compliance officers and other employees and agents investigating Respondent's compliance with this Order.

3. Failure by Respondent to comply with the terms of this Agreed Order or with any other provisions of the Licensing Act or the Board Rules, may result in further disciplinary action.

Respondent, by signing this Agreed Order, acknowledges his understanding of the Agreed Order, the notice, and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein set forth herein, and agrees that he will satisfactorily comply with the mandates of the Agreed Order in a timely manner or be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the Board.

Respondent, by signing this Agreed Order, waives his right to a formal hearing and any right to seek judicial review of this Agreed Order. Respondent acknowledges that he is not represented by legal counsel in this matter.

RESPONDENT WAIVES ANY FURTHER HEARINGS OR APPEALS TO THE BOARD OR TO ANY COURT IN REGARD TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREED ORDER. NOTHING IN THIS ORDER SHALL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF RESPONDENT'S RIGHTS UNDER STATUTE OR UNDER THE UNITED STATES OR TEXAS CONSTITUTIONS TO APPEAL AN ORDER OR ACTION OF THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO THIS AGREED ORDER EXCEPT AS RESPONDENT MAY HAVE OTHERWISE AGREED TO HEREIN. RESPONDENT AGREES THAT THIS IS A FINAL ORDER.

The effective date of this Agreed Order shall be the date it is adopted by the Board.

I, DOUGLAS M. JOHNSON, D.V.M., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED ORDER. I UNDERSTAND BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS ORDER CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.
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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BROWN

BEFORE ME, on this day, personally appeared DOUGLAS M. JOHNSON, D.V.M., known to me as the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes stated therein.

Given under the hand and seal of office this 17th day of March, 2005.

KARRI FISHER
Notary Public
STATE OF TEXAS
My Comm. Exp. 11-14-2005

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the 9th day of June, 2005.

Gary C. Brantley, D.V.M., President