DOCKET NO. 2006-08

IN THE MATTER § TEXAS STATE BOARD OF

OF THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BENJAMIN RIDDLE, D.V.M. §

AGREED ORDER

On this, the 16th day of February, 2006, came on to be considered by the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") the matter of the license of BENJAMIN RIDDLE, D.V.M. ("Respondent"). Pursuant to Section 801.2056, Texas Occupations Code, a committee of the Board’s staff met on November 8, 2005 to consider alleged violations of the Veterinary Licensing Act and the Board’s rules by Respondent.

Respondent, without admitting the truth of the findings and conclusions set out in this Agreed Order, wishes to waive a conference under Section 801.2056 and thereby dispose of the compliance issues set out below. Respondent agrees to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in this Order. In waiving the right to a conference, Respondent acknowledges his understanding of the alleged violations and the adequacy and sufficiency of the notice mailed to him.

Upon the recommendation of the staff 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. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent. Respondent has received all notice which may be required by law and by the Board’s rules. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied.

2. On September 19, 2005 the Board received a letter from Benjamin Riddle, D.V.M., Dallas, Texas, stating that he did not obtain all of the required continuing education (CE) hours in 2002 because of personal issues that led to medical problems. Dr. Riddle was short 13.5 hours.

3. Dr. Riddle did not request a hardship extension for the missing CE in 2002.

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 Findings of Fact 2 and 3, Dr. Riddle has violated Rule 573.64, CONTINUING
EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct, which requires
a veterinarian to annually acquire seventeen hours of acceptable CE.

3. Based on Conclusions of Law 1 and 2, 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 3, Respondent may be disciplined in the manner set
out in Section 801.451, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY, of the Veterinary
Licensing Act, which authorizes an administrative penalty for violations of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD AND RESPONDENT AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

The Board ORDERS that Respondent pay, within 45 days of the date of this Order, an
ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS ($250.00). If
Respondent fails to pay the civil penalty within 45 days of the date of this Order, Respondent’s
license shall be suspended until the penalty is paid.

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 provision of the 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, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein set forth, 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 hearing and any right to seek
judicial review of this Order. Respondent acknowledges that he is entitled to be represented by
an attorney of Respondent’s choice at his expense in any proceeding before the Board.

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 date of this Agreed Order shall be the date it is adopted by the Texas Board of Veterinary
Medical Examiners.

I, BENJAMIN RIDDLE, D.V.M., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING
AGREED ORDER. I UNDERSTAND THAT 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.

Benjamin Riddle, D.V.M.            28 Jan 06
Benjamin Riddle, D.V.M.            DATE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF  Dallas

BEFORE ME, on this day, personally appeared Benjamin Riddle, D.V.M., known to me to be
the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Agreed Order, and acknowledged to me
that he executed the same for the purposes stated therein.

Given under the hand and seal of office this 28th day of FEBRUARY, 2006.

JENNIFER BRENNAN
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires
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SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the 16th day of February, 2006.

[Signature]
Robert L. Lastovica, D.V.M.
President of the Board