DOCKET NO. DK2017-464

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS BOARD OF
THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY
KELLI TAYLOR, 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 Kelli Taylor, 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, Kelli Taylor, DVM, of Crandall, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 7460.

2. On September 24, 2015, Board investigators conducted an on-site inspection of Respondent at Rockwall Animal Shelter (the "Shelter") in Rockwall, Texas. At the time of the inspection, a controlled substance log was not available because it was being kept at Respondent's residence. Board inspectors returned to the Shelter on October 29, 2015. During this inspection, Respondent told Board investigators that she did not keep a controlled substance log until September 24, 2015. Respondent then provided Board investigators with her controlled substance log. The estimated balance on hand in the controlled substance log for Tramadol had last been updated more than four weeks before the inspection, on September 24, 2015.

3. At the time of the initial inspection, Respondent held a DEA license and ordered controlled substances for the facility. Subsequently, Respondent surrendered her DEA license.

4. Respondent has prior violations of a similar nature. In February of 2014, Respondent was disciplined for utilizing controlled substances for almost a year without a valid DPS registration.

5. Respondent was unable to provide proof of the minimum required continuing education hours for calendar year 2012. Respondent completed 6 of the required continuing education hours for that year, making her deficient 11 hours. Respondent failed to request a hardship exemption for the year. Respondent, at the time she renewed her license, reported to the Board that she had obtained all 17 hours of continuing education for the year. Respondent stated that she completed the required continuing education hours, but is unable to provide documentation.
6. During August of 2015, Respondent stored diazepam and phenobarbital in her residence. The controlled substances were not stored in a substantially constructed cabinet. Respondent’s residence is not a registered address for storing controlled substances.

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 573.50, Controlled Substances Records Keeping for Drugs on Hand, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct.

3. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.61, Minimum Security for Controlled Substances, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct.

4. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.64, Continuing Education Requirements, of the Board’s Rules of Professional Conduct.

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

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

7. 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 three thousand five hundred dollars ($3,500.00) 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. CONTINUING EDUCATION

a. In addition to the annual continuing education required for license renewal, Respondent shall complete eleven (11) hours of continuing education within one year of the date the Board approves this Order. These hours shall be in addition to Respondent’s annual continuing education requirements. Respondent shall submit documentation of the completed continuing education penalty and the required annual continuing education to the Board within one year and 30 days of the date the Board approves this Order. Documentation shall be submitted directly to the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners at 333 Guadalupe Street, Suite 3-810, Austin, Texas 78701.

4. 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.

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 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.

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Kelli Taylor, D.V.M.
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 1st day of March, 2018

Kelli Taylor, D.V.M.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 1st day of March, 2018

SEAL:

THEREFORE, the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners does hereby adopt this Order. This Order is effective and final on this 10th day of April, 2018.

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

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Kelli Taylor, D.V.M.