DOCKET NO. DK2018-001

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS BOARD OF

THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY

JENNIFER WIGHT, 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 Jennifer Wight, 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, Jennifer Wight, D.V.M., of Fort Worth, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 10235.

2. On October 18, 2016, Nicole Morin presented her six month old, male cat, named Salem, to Respondent at Texas Paw Care in Fort Worth, Texas, for a front declaw procedure. Salem had previously been neutered.

3. A few hours after dropping off Salem, Ms. Morin was again contacted by the facility and informed that Salem would need to stay overnight.

4. On October 19, 2016, Ms. Morin arrived at the facility to pick up Salem. Facility staff informed Ms. Morin that Respondent had mistakenly attempted to perform a spay procedure.

5. Respondent stated that the staff member who completed Salem’s intake paperwork made an error indicating Salem was a female presented for a spay procedure and declaw. Respondent also stated that during her pre-surgical exam, no testicles were palpated and Salem appeared to be a normal female. Respondent stated that the facility has since replaced the responsible staff member with a more experienced employee.

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 informally reprimanded by the Board. This informal reprimand will not be published in the Board’s newsletter and will not be routinely reported to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) for inclusion in the national reporting database. A copy of this informal reprimand will be forwarded to the AAVSB if specifically requested by that organization.

2. **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 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

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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 22nd day of February, 2018.

[signature]

Jennifer Wight, D.V.M.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 30th day of February, 2018.

[Seal]

Carl Robertson, Notary Public

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.

[Signature]

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