

DOCKET NO. DK2017-243

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS BOARD OF  
THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY  
ROBERT ZAMORANO, 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 Robert Zamorano, 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, Robert Zamorano, D.V.M., of McAllen, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 11165.
2. On April 11, 2017, Nancy and Stan Clark’s ten year old Dachshund, Walter, ate six bags of dog treats. Walter was diabetic, so Ms. Clark performed a glucose check and administered insulin. Ms. Clark then telephoned Walter’s regular veterinarian, Justin Cerelli, D.V.M. Dr. Cerelli advised that Walter be given more insulin and water in small amounts. Walter had not improved by 5 p.m., so Dr. Cerelli advised the Clarks to take Walter to an emergency facility.
3. Mr. and Ms. Clark presented Walter to Respondent at Animal Medical Center of McAllen, in McAllen, Texas at approximately 5:26 p.m. Respondent examined Walter and found that he was in critical condition. Respondent performed bloodwork which showed that Walter had high potassium levels. Respondent informed Ms. Clark that Walter was in critical condition and recommended hospitalization. Ms. Clark agreed.
4. Respondent administered intravenous (IV) fluids, anti-nausea medication, and IV antibiotics. Respondent did not re-run bloodwork or an electrolyte panel prior to administering potassium chloride after starting Walter on plain fluids.
5. Walter went into cardiac arrest at approximately 12 a.m. on April 12, 2017.

**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. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY

- a. Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) 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. 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.

*Certification and signature page follows.*

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 further proceedings, including a formal hearing, and the right to seek judicial review of this Order.

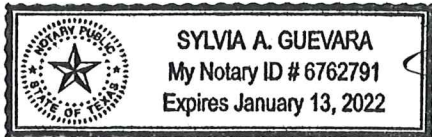
I understand that this Order is subject to approval by the Board. I understand that the terms and conditions of this Order become effective upon approval by the Board. A copy of the approved Order will be mailed to me. By signing this Order, I agree to satisfactorily comply with the terms and conditions 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

  
Robert Zamorano, D.V.M.

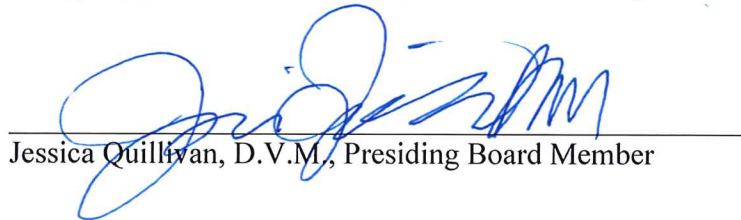
Sworn and subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

SEAL:



  
Notary Public

THEREFORE, the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners does hereby adopt this Order. This Order is effective and final on this 23rd day of October, 2018.

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