

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF § TEXAS STATE BOARD OF  
GINANNA L. CROUCH, D.V.M. §  
§ VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

**AGREED ORDER**

On this the 26th day of February, 1998, came on to be considered by the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board"), the matter of the license of GINANNA L. CROUCH, DVM, ("Respondent" or "Dr. Crouch"). Pursuant to the Veterinary Licensing Act ("Act") § 18F and the Board Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, ("Board Rules") 575.27, on August 22, 1997, Respondent appeared in person at an Informal Conference and was represented by an attorney in response to a letter of invitation from the Board. The Board was represented at the Informal Conference by the Enforcement Committee.

Respondent wishes to waive a formal adjudicative hearing and to enter into this Agreed Order. In waiving an adjudicative hearing Respondent acknowledges her understanding of the alleged violations and the adequacy and sufficiency of the notice provided to her.

Upon 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. Ginanna L. Crouch, DVM, is a veterinarian licensed by the Board to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Texas under license number 4098, 1997 renewal certificate number 5042+P. Respondent is not subject to prior disciplinary action by the Board.
2. 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 Rules. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied.
3. On or about April 29, 1996, Ms. Elizabeth Meyers took her one year old male German Shepherd dog "Jake", to Dr. Ginanna L. Crouch, Brookshire, Texas for an unknown skin condition.
4. On or about April 29, 1996, Dr. Crouch removed some hair from one of the dog's forelegs and placed it in a DTM culture tube for observation. Dr. Crouch then prescribed Betadiene shampoo to be administered once every three days.

5. On or about May 6, 1996, Dr. Crouch informed Ms. Meyers that the culture was growing and was believed to be some type of fungus. Dr. Crouch failed to conduct a skin scrapping and no definite diagnoses was ever made.
6. During the next three months, Dr. Crouch prescribed various amounts of Cephalexin, Clavamox, and Fulvicin to treat the dog's skin condition. On five different occasions, Dr. Crouch failed to examine the dog prior to prescribing medications or changing treatment. The dog's skin condition did not clear up with the prescribed treatment.
7. On or about July 15, 1996, Ms. Meyers took "Jake" to Dr. Lore I. Haug, Katy, Texas. Dr. Haug diagnosed the dog as having Demodicosis with all life stages present.
8. The medications prescribed by Dr. Crouch were not effective in the treatment for Demodicosis.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

1. Respondent is required to comply with the provisions of the Act and Board Rules.
2. Act § 14 (a) authorizes the Board to revoke or suspend a license, impose a civil penalty, place a licensee on probation, or reprimand a licensee based upon findings of non-compliance with the Act or Board Rules.
3. Based on Findings of Fact 3 through 8, Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.22 by failing to conduct a skin scrapping and render a definite diagnoses of the dog's skin condition.
4. Based on Findings of Fact 3 through 8, Respondent has violated Act § 14 (a) (5) by engaging in practices or conduct in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine which were violative of the standards of professional conduct duly promulgated by the Board.
5. Based on any one of Conclusions of Law 3 or 4, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action by the Board under Act § 14(a).

Based on the above finding of fact and conclusions of law, the Board ORDERS that Dr. Ginanna L. Crouch be administered an OFFICIAL REPRIMAND, under the following terms and conditions:

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

2. Respondent shall cooperate with the Board, its attorneys, investigators, compliance officers and other employees and agents, to verify that Respondent has complied and is in compliance with this Agreed Order.

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

Respondent, Ginanna L. Crouch, DVM, by signing this Agreed Order, agrees to its terms, acknowledges her understanding of it and the notice, findings of fact and conclusions of law herein set forth in the Agreed Order and agrees that she will satisfactorily comply with the mandates of the Agreed Order in a timely manner or be subject to appropriate disciplinary action of the Board.

Respondent, Ginanna L. Crouch, DVM, by signing this Agreed Order waives her right to a formal hearing and any right to seek judicial review of this Agreed Order.

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 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 State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

I, GINANNA L. CROUCH, DVM, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED ORDER. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I UNDERSTAND THIS ORDER CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT REGARDING ITS SUBJECT MATTER AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.

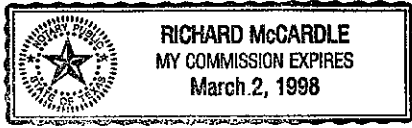
DATED: December 9 1997.

  
GINANNA L. CROUCH, DVM  
RESPONDENT

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
COUNTY OF HARRIS   §

Before me, RICHARD McCARDLE on this day personally appeared Ginanna L. Crouch, D.V.M., known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Agreed Order, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes stated therein.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 9 day of December, 1997.



Richard McCardle  
(seal) Notary Public

This agreed order has been entered between Dr. Ginanna L. Crouch and Ron Allen, the Executive Director of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, in concurrence with the Board Secretary. It is presented to the Board as a recommendation only.

Ron Allen  
RON ALLEN, Executive Director, TSBVME

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on the 26th day of February, 1998.

Michael J. McCulloch  
Michael J. McCulloch, D.V.M., President

DOCKETED COMPLAINT NO. 1997-20

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY § TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS § LICENSE NO. 4098  
vs. § 1997 RENEWAL CERTIFICATE  
GINANNA L. CROUCH, DVM § NUMBER 5042+P

COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for Texas, on this day personally appeared Peter C. Hartline, who after being duly sworn, did depose and say:

On or about August 12, 1996, Peter C. Hartline, being an employee of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, did in the course of such employment, make certain investigations into the professional conduct of one Ginanna L. Crouch, D.V.M., 747 FM 1489, Brookshire, Texas, 77423, Veterinary License Number 4098, 1997 Renewal Certificate Number 5042+P, a practitioner of veterinary medicine in the State of Texas. As an employee of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, I, Peter C. Hartline, do hereby present the following complaint against Ginanna L. Crouch, D. V. M.

I.

On or about April 29, 1996, Ms. Elizabeth Meyers took her one year old male German Shepherd dog "Jake", to Dr. Ginanna L. Crouch, Brookshire, Texas, for an unknown skin condition.

II.

On or about April 29, 1996, Dr. Crouch removed some hair from one of the dog's forelegs and placed it in a DTM culture tube for observation. Dr. Crouch then prescribed Betadiene shampoo to be administered once every three days.

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During the next three months, Dr. Crouch prescribed various amounts of Cephalexin, Clavamox, and Fulvicin to treat the dog's skin condition. On five different occasions, Dr. Crouch failed to examine the dog prior to prescribing medications or changing treatment. The dog's skin condition did not clear up with the prescribed treatment.

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The medications prescribed by Dr. Crouch were not effective in the treatment for Demodicosis.

VII.

Based on the above, it is alleged, Dr. Crouch has violated Rule 573.22 - Professional Standard of Humane Treatment of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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Based on the above, it is alleged, Dr. Crouch has also violated Section 14 (a) (5) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, article 8890.

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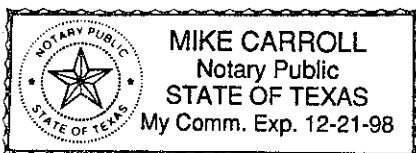
(5) has engaged in practices or conduct in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine which are violative of the standards of professional conduct as duly promulgated by the Board in accordance with the law;

The foregoing complaint is submitted to the Secretary of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1997.

Further, Affiant sayeth not.

  
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Peter C. Hartline, Affiant

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me by the said Peter C. Hartline this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 1997.



  
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Mike Carroll, Notary Public in and for Texas

Ginanna L. Crouch, DVM  
Docketed Case No.: 1997-20  
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The foregoing Complaint is hereby filed and docketed with the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and styled Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners vs. Ginanna L. Crouch, D.V.M., under Docketed Number 1997-20, this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nov 1997.

Howard M. Head DVM  
Howard M. Head, DVM, Board Secretary  
Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

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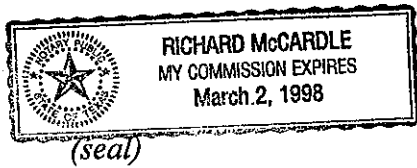
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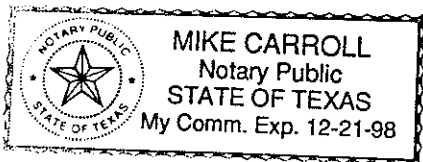
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Peter C. Hartline, Affiant

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me by the said Peter C. Hartline this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 1997.



  
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