

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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DOCKET NUMBER 1996-04
HAROLD D. EDWARDS, D.V.M.
LICENSE NUMBER 4510

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This negotiated settlement has been entered by agreement between Dr. Harold D. Edwards, 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. If the Board elects to reject or amend this negotiated settlement, the defendant, Dr. Edwards, will be granted a continuance at his option.

Dr. Edwards does not contest the allegations set forth in the Complaint, attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein for all purposes, and agrees that (1) the Board may treat the allegations of fact and law as true and (2) the findings shall have the same force and effect as if evidence and argument were presented in support of the allegations. Respondent understands and intends that by so stating, he is not admitting the truth of the allegations, but is merely agreeing that the Board may enter an Order treating the allegations as true without the necessity of receiving evidence in support thereof.

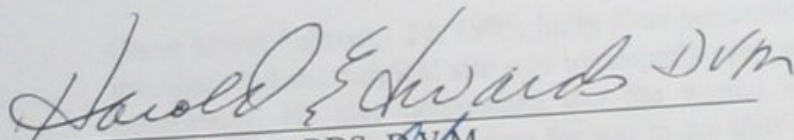
SUMMARY OF CHARGES: Dr. Edwards violated: Rules of Professional Conduct 573.22 Professional Standard of Humane Treatment by failing to properly treat "Brandy" in a manner consistent with the same degree of humane care, skill, and diligence in treating patients as are ordinarily used in the same or similar circumstances by average members of the veterinary medical profession in good standing in the locality or community in which they practice, or in similar communities; 573.52 Patient Record Keeping by failing to record in the patient record names, amounts, strengths and administering routes of medications administered; and rule 573.40 Labeling of Medications Dispensed by failing to include on the dispensing label the date of delivery or dispensing, patient/client name, species of animal and cautionary statements.

RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

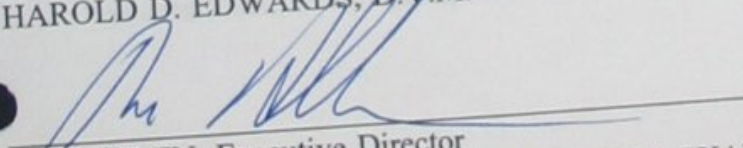
Official Reprimand

CONDITIONS:

1. Take and pass the State Board Jurisprudence Examination.


HAROLD D. EDWARDS, D.V.M.

12-30-95
Date


RON ALLEN, Executive Director
TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

December 15, 1995
Date

DOCKETED COMPLAINT NO. 1996-04

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY	§	TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL
MEDICAL EXAMINERS	§	LICENSE NO. 4510
vs.	§	1995 RENEWAL CERTIFICATE
HAROLD D. EDWARDS, D.V.M.	§	NUMBER 0745

COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT

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

On or about March 6, 1995, Mike Carroll, 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 Harold D. Edwards, D.V.M., 1005 East 6th Avenue, Belton, Texas, 76513, Veterinary License Number 4510, 1995 Renewal Certificate Number 0745, a practitioner of veterinary medicine in the State of Texas. As an employee of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, I, Mike Carroll, do hereby present the following complaint against Harold D. Edwards, D. V. M.

I.

On or about February 22, 1995, Sally Kerr took her Cocker Spaniel "Brandy" to Dr. Harold Edwards, at Bell County Veterinary Hospital, 1005 East 6th Avenue, Belton, Texas, for treatment of a 3-4 inch cut on the right side of her chest. The wound contained blood, hair and dirt. Dr. Edwards determined that it would require surgery to correct the problem.

II.

Dr. Edwards surgically prepped the area, debrided the wound, placed a drain tube in the wound and sutured the skin. He bandaged the area and sent Brandy home the next morning. Dr. Edwards recommended a recheck in 7 to 14 days.

III.

On or about February 24, 1995, Sally Kerr presented Brandy to Dr. William Palm. Examination revealed that the surgical site was improperly prepped for surgery and the drain tube was placed improperly. He also determined that the wound was bandaged inadequately, and the suture material used was inappropriate for use in the thin skin located on the animals thorax.

IV.

Dr. Edwards failed to record in Ms. Kerr's patient record, the amounts, strengths and administering routes of the following medications:

Atropine
Bio-tal
Yohimbine
Amoxi-drop

V.

Dr. Edwards failed to record in Ms. Kerr's patient record, the strengths and administering routes of the following medications:

Banamine
Depopen
Rompun

VI.

Dr. Edwards failed to record in Ms. Kerr's patient record, the type of gas anesthesia used.

VII.

Dr. Edwards failed to include the following required information on the label of medication dispensed to Ms. Kerr for "Brandy":

Date of delivery or dispensing
Patient/Client name
Species of animal
Cautionary statements

VIII.

By performing procedures improperly as described in paragraphs I through III, Dr. Edwards has violated 573.22 - Professional Standard of Humane Treatment, of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

IX.

By not recording the information required as described in paragraphs IV through VI, Dr. Edwards has violated 573.52 - Patient Record Keeping, of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

X.

By failing to include the required information on his dispensing label as described in paragraph VII, Dr. Edwards has violated 573.40 - Labeling of Medications Dispensed, of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

XI.

By violating the above listed Rules of Professional Conduct, Dr. Edwards has also violated Section 14 (a) (5) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Article 8890.


ARTICLE 8890, SECTION 14

(a) . . . the Board may revoke or suspend a license, impose a civil penalty, place a person whose license has been suspended on probation, or reprimand a licensee . . . if it finds that a licensee:

(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 a law;


The foregoing complaint is submitted to the Secretary of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on this the 15TH day of DECEMBER, 1995.

Further, Affiant sayeth not.

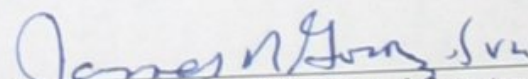

Mike Carroll, Affiant

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me by the said Mike Carroll this the 15th day of ~~December~~ 1995.




Charles A. Adkins, Notary Public in and for Texas
Judy C. Smith

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. Harold D. Edwards, D.V.M. under Docketed Number 1996-04 this the 19 day of December, 1995


James N. Gomez, DVM, Board Secretary
Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

