

Noni should have been referred to him initially and could have given her a 90% success rate of repair and healing.

9. The surgical veterinarian opined that if this infection finally went away, he could then continue with the surgery. However, if the infection did not go away, the only option left would be amputation.

10. The surgical veterinarian opined that when Respondent used external fixators, it was not appropriate for Noni's type of break and the pins used on her were too small. He further opined, Respondent should have referred Noni to a specialist if he did not have the experience.

11. The surgical veterinarian further opined Respondent violated the hip joint, which in turn infected it. He explained further explained Respondent went too far and went into the joint.

12. On 6/4/2019, Noni came back to the surgical veterinarian for surgery and new x-rays were done before which revealed a new complicating factor. He stated Noni's left femoral head had severe necrosis which was most consistent with a chronically septic joint.

13. Since there was a need for a femoral head ostectomy, which would shorten Noni's limb even further. The surgeon stated the owner wanted to proceed, to attempt to salvage the limb.

14. The surgeon debrided the fracture site and placed the plate/rod for stabilization. He placed the antibiotic soaked cancellous graft at the fracture site and antibiotic-impregnated vetrigel on the implants.

15. On 6/18/2019, Noni came back for a recheck and the surgeon found her draining tracts had resolved. He stated Noni still did not have function of her limb. He recommended a consultation with a certified rehab veterinarian.

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, prohibiting engaging in practices or conduct that violates the board's rules of professional conduct.

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 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 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. CONTINUING EDUCATION

- a. In addition to the annual continuing education required for license renewal, Respondent shall complete three (3) hours of continuing education in the area of orthopedic surgery within six months of the date the Board approves this Order. Respondent shall submit documentation of the completed continuing education penalty and the required annual continuing education to the Board within six months 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.

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.

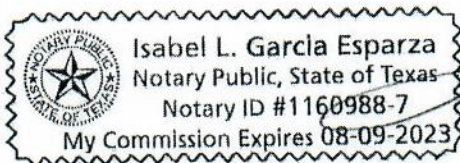
I understand that this Order is subject to approval by the Board. I understand that the terms and conditions of this Order become effective upon approval by the Board. A copy of the approved Order will be mailed to me. By signing this Order, I agree to satisfactorily comply with the terms and conditions 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 10th day of June, 2022.

David Faulkner
David Faulkner, D.V.M.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 10th day of June, 2022.

SEAL:



Isabel Garcia Esparza
Notary Public

THEREFORE, the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners does hereby adopt this Order. This Order is effective and final on this 12th day of July, 2022

Keith Pardue
Keith Pardue, J.D., Presiding Board Member