

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS BOARD OF
THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY
CALEB HUDSON, 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 Caleb Hudson, 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, Caleb Hudson, D.V.M., D.A.C.V.S., of Houston, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 13025.
2. On May 8, 2017, a four-year-old, female Mastiff, Pia, was presented to Sara Kessler, D.V.M., for an annual examination. Dr. Kessler found a lump on Pia’s left outer thigh and a second lump under Pia’s left front leg. A fine needle aspirate and biopsy identified the thigh lump as a sebaceous cyst, while the front leg lump did not yield any cells. Dr. Kessler obtained permission from the owner to remove both of Pia’s lumps.
3. Pia was then presented to Ekaterina Borovik, M.S., D.V.M. later that day. Dr. Borovik’s examination revealed a mass at the medial aspect of the elbow. Fine needle aspirate was performed, and the mass was suspected to be a sarcoma. Pia was offered referral to a board-certified surgeon for further diagnostics and treatment. During the same examination, a small subcutaneous nodule was found on the lateral aspect of the left thigh. A needle aspirate of this nodule was consistent with a sebaceous cyst. Respondent recommended to have it removed at the same time the mass on the left front leg was removed.
4. On May 15, 2017, Pia was presented to Respondent at Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialists in Houston, Texas. Dr. Kessler indicated the mass on Pia’s left front leg and the sebaceous cyst on her left thigh needed to be removed.
5. On May 16, 2017, Respondent performed surgery on Pia. the lymph node. Respondent did not attempt to contact Dr. Kessler or the owner before making the decision to remove the lymph node rather than the sebaceous cyst.

6. Respondent then moved to Pia's left front leg and removed the soft tissue mass.
7. Respondent did not adequately prepare the surgical site.

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 violations of 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 C 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 five hundred dollars (\$500.00) 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 waive representation by counsel. 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 27 day of NOVEMBER, 2020.

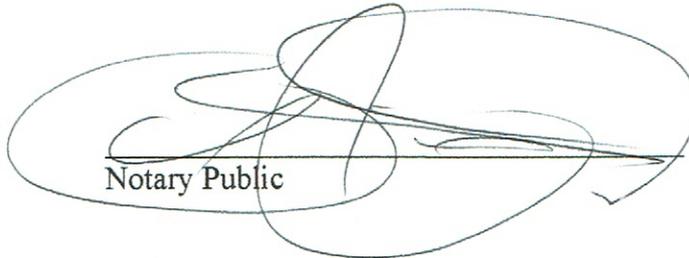


Caleb Hudson, D.V.M.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 27 day of NOV, 2020

SEAL:





Notary Public

THEREFORE, the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners does hereby adopt this Order. This Order is effective and final on this 9th day of February, 2021.



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