

COMPLAINT NO. CP23-083

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS BOARD OF
THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY
TERESA SANDERS, 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 Teresa Sanders, 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, Teresa Sanders, D.V.M., of San Antonio, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license # 12712.
2. On or about October 10, 2022, the complainant took her 12-year-old canine, Chanel, to the veterinarian due to concerns about her not remembering the family and her surroundings. After the respondent had examined Chanel, she found cataracts, substantial dental decay, tooth loss and that she was deaf. The respondent recommended pain medication and gabapentin. However, due to the state of Chanel, the complainant opted for euthanasia.
3. The complainant was charged with euthanasia, however, on October 11, 2022, the complainant was told that Chanel was not euthanized but had been taken to senior dog rescue center without authorization. The respondent offered a refund for the euthanasia and cremation. The complainant requested the refund go directly to the shelter that was caring for the animal. Three weeks after Chanel was given to the rescue, the complainant had not been given any additional information about the facility or Chanel.

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 Section 801.402(12) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code, performs or prescribes unnecessary or unauthorized treatment.

3. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Texas Occupations Code, Sections 801.401(a), and 801.451.

4. 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. 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.

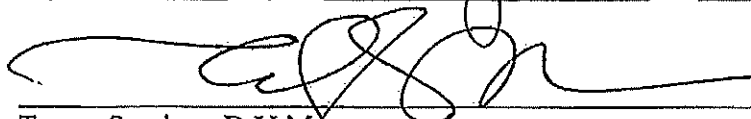
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 5 day of July, 2023

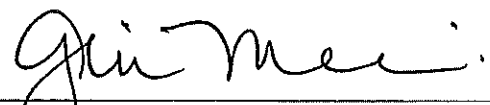


Teresa Sanders, D.V.M.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 5 day of July, 2023.

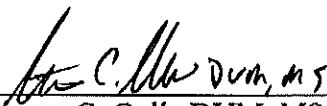
SEAL:





Notary Public

THEREFORE, the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners does hereby adopt this Order. This Order is effective and final on this 18 day of July, 2023.



Steven C. Golla DVM, MS, Presiding Board Member