### DOCKET NO. CP19-208 & CP19-401

IN THE MATTER OF

§ TEXAS BOARD OF

THE LICENSE OF

§ VETERINARY

ROBERT THONI, 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 Robert Thoni, 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, Robert Thoni, D.V.M., of Kilgore, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 4892.
- 2. TBVME received a complaint that Respondent was issuing testosterone compounds to unlicensed individuals for use in bucking bulls for performance enhancement.
- 3. An inspection of the Respondent's premises confirmed that testosterone was being dispensed to bulls for performance enhancement.
- 4. In addition, the records for testosterone, a controlled substance, did not document an examination, diagnosis, treatment plan or purpose for the dispensing. Further review of the patient records also lacked identification of the patient, client, species, breed, age and description.

### **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, Standard of Care, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.

- 3. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.41, Use of Prescription Drugs, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 4. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.42, Use of Scheduled Drugs in Racing or Training, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 5. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.43, Controlled Substances Registration, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 6. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.44, Compounding Drugs, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 7. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.50, Controlled Substances Record Keeping for Drugs on Hand, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 8. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.52, Veterinarian Patient-Record Keeping, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 9. Respondent has violated Board Rule, 573.61, Minimum Security for Controlled Substances, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 10. Respondent has violated Section 801.402(6) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code, prohibiting acts that violate the Board's rules of Professional Conduct.
- 11. Respondent has violated Section 801.402(12) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code, prohibiting performance of unauthorized treatment.
- 12. Respondent has violated Section 801.402 of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code, prohibiting ordering prescriptions or controlled substances without a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship.
- 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Texas Occupations Code, Sections 801.401(a), and 801.451.
- 14. Pursuant to Board Rule 575.25, Respondent's violations are Class A 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. SUSPENSION

a. Respondent's license shall be suspended for five years, effective April 28, 2020. During the period of the suspension, the following terms shall apply:

- i. Respondent shall not practice nor give the appearance of practicing veterinary medicine.
- ii. Respondent shall not supervise nor give the appearance of supervising other licensees or unlicensed employees in the practice of veterinary medicine.
- iii. Respondent's clinic and facilities may be used by Respondent for administrative purposes only.

### 2. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY

- a. Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) 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. 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 25 day of FEBRICARY, 2010.
	Robert Thoni, D.V.M.
Sworn and subscribed before me thi	s 25 day of February, 2020.
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My Notary ID # 124622097 Expires August 8, 2023	Notary Public
THEREFORE, the Texas Board of V This Order is effective and final on t	Veterinary Medical Examiners does hereby adopt this Order. this 2 day of, 20
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	Jessica Quillivan, D.V.M., Presiding Board Member