

DOCKET NO. DK2019-034

IN THE MATTER OF	§	TEXAS BOARD OF
THE LICENSE OF	§	VETERINARY
RANDY WUENSCH, 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 Randy Wuensch, 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, Randy Wuensch, D.V.M., of Denton, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 6713.
2. On September 7, 2017, Heather McLaughlin presented a seven-year-old Chihuahua mix, Lacy, to Denton Veterinary Clinic in Denton, Texas. Lacy was owned by Ms. McLaughlin’s mother, Suzanne McLaughlin. Lacy was scheduled for a dental cleaning and dental extractions with Respondent. Respondent directed a veterinary assistant to induce anesthesia and proceed with the dental cleaning. Respondent left the facility for another appointment and did not perform the dental extractions as planned.
3. After finishing the cleaning, a veterinary assistant requested that Dr. Quast perform the extractions since Respondent was unavailable. Respondent stated that he spoke with Dr. Quast and asked him to perform the extractions. However, Dr. Quast stated that Respondent did not ask him to take over Lacy’s care while Respondent was out of the facility. Respondent did not inform Ms. McLaughlin that another veterinarian may perform the dental procedures. Dr. Quast examined Lacy before beginning the procedure and asked the veterinary assistant about Lacy’s temperature. The assistant replied that Lacy’s temperature had fallen below 95 degrees Fahrenheit, so she had placed heated fluid bags around Lacy. Dr. Quast realized the bags had been placed directly against Lacy’s skin, and immediately removed the bags and wrapped them in towels to protect Lacy. Dr. Quast also directed the assistant to reduce Lacy’s isoflurane from 3% to 1.5%. Dr. Quast successfully completed the extractions. Respondent returned to the facility and resumed responsibility for Lacy’s care. Following the dental procedure, Lacy suffered burns that required subsequent veterinary treatment.

4. The medical records do not include details of the heating methods used while Lacy was anesthetized. Respondent modified the patient records to indicate that Dr. Quast was responsible for anesthetizing Lacy.
5. During the course of the investigation, Respondent acknowledged that he does not regularly provide immediate supervision of veterinary assistants inducing anesthesia.
6. Following these events, Respondent purchased a bair-hugger warming device to prevent future burns. Respondent also provided restitution to Ms. McLaughlin.

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 573.10, Supervision of Non-Veterinarians, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
3. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.20, Responsibility for Acceptance of Medical Care, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
4. Respondent has violated Section 801.402(6) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code, prohibiting violations of Board rules.
5. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Texas Occupations Code, Sections 801.401(a), and 801.451.
6. 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 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 (\$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

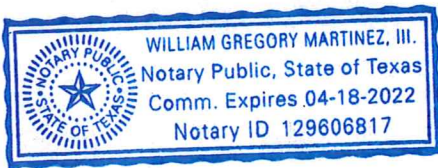
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order and understand the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law set forth herein. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) herein. I understand that this Order contains 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 26 day of March, 2019.
Randy Wuensche
Randy Wuensche, D.V.M.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 26 day of March, 2019.

SEAL:



William Martinez
Notary Public

THEREFORE, the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners does hereby adopt this Order. This Order is effective and final on this 2nd day of July, 2019.

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