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April 24, 2007

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Re: Quarterly Disciplinary Action Report-January , 2007-March 30, 2007

Attached is the quarterly report for discipline for the Nevada state Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, fiscal year 2006-2007.

If you have any questions, please call me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Machen".

Debbie Machen  
Executive Director

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**QUARTERLY DISCIPLINARY REPORT TO  
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU**

**FOR**

**January 1, 2007-March 30, 2007**

**Tessie Harper, DVM**

**January 11, 2007**

**SH-091106-1426**

A consumer complaint was filed with the Board on September 11, 2006. The complaint was investigated and it was determined that Dr. Harper had violated: NAC 638.046, Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics, in that the Licensee "should first consider the needs of the patient to relieve disease, suffering, or disability while minimizing pain or fear and the choice of treatments or animal care should not be influenced by considerations other than the needs of the patient, the welfare of the client, and the safety of the public." Specifically the Licensee waited two days to do the surgery after a diagnosis of an infected fractured tooth and did not administer or prescribe antibiotics or pain medication on the day of the diagnosis. The Licensee neglected to give the client an option to perform the surgery on August 23<sup>rd</sup> or the 24<sup>th</sup> by either an associate at the facility that the Licensee was employed at or another local facility.

The Board Order stated that: 1) The Licensee shall take an additional three (3) hours of continuing education in periodontal disease by December, 31, 2007 and shall provide to the Board written proof of the completion of these hours by January 31, 2008. These hours must be over and above those that are required by state law; and 2) The Licensee will pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs of \$400.00

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