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July 2, 2007

Lorne Malkiewich, Director
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Re: Quarterly Disciplinary Action Report-April 1, 2007-June 30, 2007

Attached is the quarterly report for discipline for the Nevada state Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for the 4th 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

QUARTERLY DISCIPLINARY REPORT TO
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

FOR

April 1, 2007-June 30, 2007

Park Animal Hospital

April 19, 2007

PS01-011507-H186

A consumer complaint was filed with the Board on January 15, 2007. The complaint was investigated and it was determined that Park Animal Hospital had violated: NAC 638.045, negligence in that the hospital used SnuggleSafe Microdisc during procedures where the animal was anesthetized or unconscious resulting in the dog being burned. The manufacture warning for veterinary use states, "DO NOT use with anesthetized or unconscious animals incapable of reacting to thermal discomfort or any other conditions where an animal cannot react to thermal discomfort."

The Board Order stated: 1) That the hospital must immediately discontinue use of the SnuggleSafe Microdisc during procedures where the animal is anesthetized or unconscious; and; 2) Pay attorney fees, investigative costs, and Board costs, totaling \$400.00.

Jeanine Koester, DVM

April 19, 2007

KS01-020307-1067

A consumer complaint was filed with the Board on February 3, 2007. The complaint was investigated and it was determined that Dr. Koester had violated: NAC 638.045 (2), negligence, a departure in the standard of practice of veterinary medicine in that the Licensee: 1) Failed to administer an sufficient amount of blood to stabilize an eleven pound dog and failed to provide any testing to determine the amount of blood needed to stabilize the dog; and 2) Failed to maintain adequate medical records in that the record did not contain sufficient information to justify the diagnosis or determination of the medical status of the animal which is a violation of NAC 638.037 (2) (i).

The Board Order stated: 1) The Licensee shall take an additional three (3) hours of continuing education on the subject of blood transfusion therapy by December, 30, 2007. Licensee shall provide to the Board written proof of the completion of these hours by December 30, 2007. These hours must be over and above those that are required by state law; and 2) The Licensee shall pay legal, investigative, and administrative fees in the total amount of \$400.00.

Stephen MacCabe, DVM

April 19, 2007

MR01-081506-512

JR01-112406-512

Two consumer complaints were filed with the Board on August 15, 2006 and November 24, 2006. The complaints were investigated and it was determined that Dr. MacCabe had violated: NAC 638.0475 (2) (i) in that the medical record dated June 14, 2006 did not contain sufficient information to justify the diagnosis or determination of the medical status of the animal and to warrant any treatment recommended for or administered to the animal. Specifically, the medical record lacked a complete history of the mother, including but not limited to possible breeding dates and a gestation period. There were

no recommendations regarding further diagnostics, including but not limited to an ultrasound, a vaginal examination, or two view x-rays; and 2) The Licensee did not provide a copy of the record to the owner of the animal not later than 48 hours after he received a request.

The Board Order stated that the Licensee shall: 1) Pay attorney fees, investigative costs and Board costs, totaling \$400.00; 2) Take an additional two (2) hours of continuing education on small animal reproduction 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 3) Take and pass the Nevada State Jurisprudence Examination within 30 days of this notice.

Kimberly Daffner, DVM **April 19, 2007** **DS01-100606-814**

A consumer complaint was filed with the Board on October 6, 2006. The complaint was investigated and it was determined that Dr. Daffner had violated: NAC 638.0475, lack of medical records, in that the Licensee failed to maintain a medical record for the veterinary care of "Mommie" during the time that Dr. Daffner was providing veterinary care to the cat.

The Board Order stated that the Licensee shall pay attorney fees, investigative costs and Board costs, totaling \$400.00.

Jennifer Willey, DVM **April 19, 2007** **WS01-110106-1564**

A consumer complaint was filed with the Board on November 1, 2006. The complaint was investigated and it was determined that Dr. Willey had violated: NAC 638.045 (2), negligence, a departure in the standard of practice of veterinary medicine in that serious complications resulted from the surgery performed.

The Board Order stated that the Licensee shall pay attorney fees, investigative costs and Board costs, totaling \$400.00.

Samuel Villegas, DVM **April 19, 2007** **VS01-101806-1509**

A consumer complaint was filed with the Board on October 18, 2006. The complaint was investigated and it was determined that Dr. Villegas had violated: NAC 638.045 (2), negligence, a departure in the standard of practice of veterinary medicine in that the Licensee neglected to evaluate blood work or inform the client of the abnormal results prior to proceeding with the dentistry.

The Board Order stated that the Licensee shall pay attorney fees, investigative costs and Board costs, totaling \$400.00.

Armando Martinez, DVM **April 19, 2007** **MS01-101806-1379**

A consumer complaint was filed with the Board on October 18, 2006. The complaint was investigated and it was determined that Dr. Martinez had violated: NAC 638.045 (2), negligence, a departure in the standard of practice of veterinary medicine in that the Licensee established a veterinary client patient relationship with the owner, obtained consent to provide blood work but neglected to evaluate the blood work, inform the client

of the abnormal results, and communicate the abnormalities to the associate veterinarian who performed the procedure.

The Board Order stated that the Licensee shall pay attorney fees, investigative costs and Board costs, totaling \$400.00 and provide the Board with written policy in regard to transferring cases from one veterinarian to another.

Judson Pierce, DVM April 19, 2007 PN01-110606-137

A consumer complaint was filed with the Board on November 6, 2006. The complaint was investigated and it was determined that Dr. Pierce had violated: 1) NAC 638.045 (2), negligence, a departure in the standard of practice of veterinary medicine in that the Licensee failed to offer the client options in regard to pre-op blood work, x-rays, or a complete orthopedic examination of the foot to determine the cause of the lameness or the overall condition of the cat; and 2) Medical records were incomplete which constitutes a violation of NAC 638.0475(2) (K) and NAC 638.710 (g).

The Board Order stated that the Licensee shall: 1) Take an additional three (3) hours of continuing education in anesthesia protocols 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) Pay attorney fees, investigative costs and Board costs, totaling \$400.00

George Stoecklin, DVM April 19, 2007 SS01-082306-537

A consumer complaint was filed with the Board on August 23, 2006. The complaint was investigated and it was determined that Dr. Stoecklin had violated: 1) NAC 638.047, neglect, in that the Licensee, having undertaken the care of an animal, shall not neglect the animal and, unless the veterinarian has been discharged, shall give adequate notice before discontinuing his professional services; 2) NAC 638.0475 in that the Licensee failed to maintain adequate medical records; and 3) The terms and conditions of his Probation.

The Board Order stated that the Licensee's: 1) Current probation is extended for a period of two (2) years. In addition to Respondent's current conditions and/or restrictions of licensure, Respondent is ordered to provide copies of any and all medical records upon request from the Board. Respondent is also required to develop a Board-approved protocol regarding medical records within 30 days from the effective date of this Order. Respondent is further ordered to demonstrate sufficient proficiency in all aspects of surgical procedure with a Board-approved veterinarian within 90 days from the effective date of this Order. Respondent is fined in the amount of \$2,500.00. The fine is due and payable within 30 days from the effective date of this Order.