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**QUARTERLY DISCIPLINARY REPORT TO
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU**

FOR

July 1, 2002-September 30, 2002

1 Dr. James Sapp September 20, 2002 Board Meeting Case #02-051002-194

The Board filed a complaint on May 9, 2002, resulting from a hospital inspection. The complaint was investigated and it was determined that Dr. Sapp's facility did not meet the provisions of Chapter 638 in that the facility did not meet the minimum standards for maintaining and operating a veterinary facility. Dr. Sapp surrendered the facility permit to operate and closed the facility. The Licensee's veterinary license was placed on a term of probation not to exceed two years.

2 Dr. Judith Torchia September 20, 2002 Board Meeting Case #01-062402-1288

A complaint was filed with the Board on June 24, 2002. The complaint was investigated and it was determined that Dr. Torchia had violated the provisions of Chapter 638 in that the Licensee's conduct violated NAC 638.045 (3), negligence, a departure from the standard of care, in that Dr. Torchia: a) did not accurately test for and treat a diabetic patient; b) released a critical patient into the owners care; c) did not follow-up for two days after the lab results had been reported to the hospital; and d) did not refer the patient to the animal emergency center for monitoring and continued care.

3 Dr. George Anast September 20, 2002 Board Meeting Case #01-051502-1288

A complaint was filed with the Board on May 15, 2002. The complaint was investigated and it was determined that Dr. Anast violated the provisions of Chapter 638 in that the Licensee's conduct violated NAC 638.045 (3), negligence, a departure from the standard of care, in that Dr. Anast: a) used an excessive amount of an injectable steroid Depomedrol, resulting in Iatogenic Cushing's in a dog; b) failed to properly recognize or suspect the predictable result of such treatment over a period of thirty-four months; and c) did not meet the standard of care in the treatment of Ketoacidotic Diabetes. He also violated NAC 638.037, in that inadequate medical records were maintained.