

BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

STATE OF WISCONSIN

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STANLEY R. THIEMAN, D.V.M.  
RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
(98 VET 27)  
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The parties to this action for the purposes of sec. 227.53, Wis. Stats., are:

*Stanley R. Thieman, D.V.M.*  
*7606 West Lincoln Avenue*  
*Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53219-1898*

*Veterinary Examining Board*  
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*Department of Regulation and Licensing*  
*Division of Enforcement*  
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The parties in this matter, Stanley R. Thieman, D.V.M., Respondent and Pamela M. Stach, Attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Stanley R. Thieman, D.V.M., 7606 West Lincoln Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53219-1898, whose date of birth is May 3, 1954, is currently licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Wisconsin under license number 50-2152 which was granted on June 19, 1980.
2. A formal investigation entitled 98 VET 27, is pending before the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board.
3. On May 2, 1998, a male cat owned by Kathleen Werner was presented at Respondent's clinic for evaluation after a failure to urinate and a history of urinary tract infections.
4. Examination by the Respondent revealed an empty bladder, temperature of 101.6 and no stones upon palpation.
5. The Respondent prescribed Amoxi-drops 2ml BID and Meticorten 10 mg.
6. On May 5, 1998, the Ms. Werner noted the cat was not urinating or drinking and requested another

appointment with Respondent.

7. The Werner cat was presented to Respondent for examination on May 6, 1998 at which time Respondent noted that while there was some urine present in the bladder the cat was not overly distended, temperature of 100.8, color appeared okay and "palpating ok otherwise."

8. Respondent diagnosed urethritis/cystitis administered Prednisone 5 10 l/day p.m. to stimulate appetite and decrease any residual urethritis/cystitis.

9. On May 7, Ms. Werner presented the cat to Woodland Hills Clinic as an emergency and requested a second opinion.

10. Examination revealed listless heavy breathing, moist rales sounds, and fluid on the lungs. The Werner cat was hospitalized for treatment and to rule out heart problems. Temperature was noted at 98 degrees, and 40 CCS of fluid were removed. The cat was provided with medications and additional treatment including oxygen but suffered cardiac arrest and died.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board has jurisdiction in this proceeding pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 453.04.

2. The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board has the authority to resolve this matter by stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 227.44(5).

3. Respondent's conduct constituted a violation of Wis. Adm. Code Sec. VE 7.06 (1) and (2) in that he failed to make adequate inquiry into the cat's condition on May 6 when the symptoms had worsened, failed to perform necessary and appropriate testing to determine the cause of the cat's condition, failed to reach an adequate diagnosis of the cat's condition, failed to consider or prescribe other medications and/or treatment when the prescribed treatment regimen was not resolving the cat's condition, and inappropriately prescribed medication without confirming the diagnosis of the cat's underlying condition.

#### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Stipulation of the parties, as attached hereto, is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Stanley R. Thieman, D.V.M. shall participate in and successfully complete a course in the diagnosis and treatment of urinary tract infections in small animals. The course shall also include emphasis on animals presenting with symptoms of possible urinary tract disorders and methods of ruling out other causes of those symptoms by a thorough examination of the animal and selection of appropriate testing mechanisms for assistance in reaching a diagnosis., The course is to be provided through the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine or another facility approved by the Board. The course shall consist of clinical and, if necessary, classroom or home study of not more than eight hours. A description of the course content and parameters shall be submitted to the Veterinary Examining Board, or its designee, for approval prior to commencement of the program.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the educational program shall be completed within nine months of the effective date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stanley R. Thieman, D.V.M. shall permit the person/s conducting the programs to provide written evaluation of his participation in and successful completion of the course.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all costs of the program shall be the responsibility of Dr. Thieman.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 24th day of May, 2000.

WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

Diane Scott D.V.M.

A Member of the Board