

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST:

KAMRAN M. KHAN, D.V.M.,

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

RESPONDENT

LS0205152VET

The parties to this proceeding for purposes of sec. 227.53, Stats., are:

Kamran M. Khan, D.V.M.

612 59th St.

Kenosha, WI 53140

Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board

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P.O. Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708-8935

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The parties in this matter, Kamran M. Khan, 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. That Kamran M. Khan, D.V.M., Respondent herein, of 612 59th St., Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140, whose date of birth is 7/5/1966, is licensed and currently registered to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Wisconsin under license # 4465 which was granted on 4/17/1996.

2. A formal investigation, entitled 97 VET 41, is pending before the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board.

3. On October 27, 1997 Respondent performed a declawing procedure using a scalpel blade on the two front paws of an eight-month-old female cat named "Zoe".

4. On October 29, 1997 the owners picked up the cat and noticed that its left paw was swollen to three times its normal size. The owners were given Amoxicillin oral drops (50 mg, 7days) and two cans of cat food. The owners

were instructed to give the Amoxicillin and cat food to Zoe and to call if the swelling in Zoe's left paw had not gone down in one day.

5. On October 30, 1997 the owners took Zoe back to Respondent. Respondent looked at Zoe's paws and said that they were fine, that the swelling in Zoe's left paw would disappear in a few days, gave Zoe an anti-inflammatory shot, but did not provide any further treatment or care.

6. A few hours later, the owners noticed that Zoe's left paw was still as swollen, that there were gaping red wounds in the pads on her right paw, and that when standing upright, Zoe rested on her hind quarters with both front paws raised, and avoided walking. The owners then took Zoe to another veterinarian at Lakeside Animal Hospital.

7. On November 3, 1997, Dr. G. examined and treated Zoe for lameness in her right front foot. Dr. G. observed that the front 1/3 to 1/2 of the footpads on digits 2 through 5 of Zoe's front feet had both been removed. The footpads on both first digits of Zoe's front feet were absent. The wounds were not healing and appeared to be infected. Dr. G. applied Nolvasan antiseptic cream and bandages to both of Zoe's front paws, prescribed Antirobe 25 mg and requested that Zoe return for follow-up in two days.

8. On November 5, 1997, Zoe returned to have the sutures removed, the wounds surgically debrided, the wounds cleaned with antiseptic, and the skin closed over the exposed tissue.

9. On November 15, 1997, Zoe presented with the second phalanx of the left second digit protruding from the healing wound of her right paw. The second phalanx was amputated.

10. Zoe has not returned to her former level of activity and her paws will remain deformed.

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 proceeding by Stipulation without an evidentiary hearing pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 227.44(5).

3. Respondent's conduct of removing a substantial amount of the footpads of a cat during a declawing procedure violated Wis. Admin. Code sec. VE 7.06(1) and (2).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Stipulation of the parties is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Kamran M. Khan, D.V.M., is REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Kamran M. Khan's license to practice veterinary medicine be LIMITED in the following respect:

Kamran M. Khan, D.V.M., shall, within six months from the date of this order, participate and satisfactorily complete a declawing training program. The declawing training program shall require Dr. Khan to observe ten (10) declawing procedures performed by a veterinarian that has been approved by the Veterinary Examining Board. Dr. Khan will also be required to satisfactorily perform five (5) declawing procedures under the supervision of a veterinarian/s approved by the Veterinary Examining Board. The names of the veterinarian/s conducting the declawing training program shall be submitted to the Veterinary Examining Board, or its designee, for preapproval prior to the commencement of the program. All costs of the program shall be the responsibility of Dr. Khan.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that certifications, affidavits, reports or other documents required to be filed with the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board be filed with:

Department Monitor

Department of Regulation and Licensing

Division of Enforcement

P.O. Box 8935

1400 E. Washington Ave.

All certifications, affidavits, reports or other documents required to be filed with the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board will be deemed filed with the Veterinary Examining Board upon receipt by the Department Monitor.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Kamran M. Khan, D.V.M., will appear before the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board, if an appearance is requested by the Board, at the conclusion of the education program to establish that he has complied with all of the terms of this Final Decision and Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon satisfaction of all the terms of this Final Decision and Order, Kamran M. Khan, D.V.M. will receive a full and unrestricted license.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Kamran M. Khan, D.V.M., shall pay COSTS in the amount of TWO HUNDRED dollars (\$200.00). Payment shall be submitted within sixty (60) days from the date of this order. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing and sent to: Department Monitor, Division of Enforcement, Dept. of Regulation & Licensing, P. O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the pending investigation 97VET 41 is closed without further proceedings.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Final Decision And Order to petition the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth in the attached "Notice of Appeal Information".

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 15th day of May, 2002.

WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

Diane Scott

A Member of the Board