

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE OF

CHRISTOPHER R. WELCH, DVM,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY

On June 24, 2002, the Veterinary Examining Board issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter, by which respondent was granted a limited license to practice veterinary medicine in Wisconsin. Under the terms of the Order, the term of the license was for three months, with provision for three month renewals of the license conditioned upon Dr. Welch's compliance with certain limitations on the license. Among these are that he participate in individual and/or group therapy a minimum of once each month, that he attend AA or NA meetings at least weekly, that he abstain from the use of alcohol and unprescribed controlled substances, and that he arrange for quarterly work reports from his employer, if any.

On September 18, 2002, the board considered Dr. Welch's letter of September 2, 2002, by which he made a number of requests in addition to his request for renewal of the limited license. First, he asked that the requirement for therapy be terminated or, in the alternative, to permit him to receive therapy by telephone. Second, Dr. Welch asked that the requirement that he attend AA be dropped. Finally he asked that the renewal period be changed to an annual or biannual basis. The board granted the stay, but denied the other requests.

On January 15, 2003, the board granted Dr. Welch's request for a further three month extension of his license.

On July 16, 2003, the board granted Dr. Welch's request for a further extension of his license, and his further request that the requirements that he attend AA and individual therapy be terminated.

On November 12, 2003, the board considered dr. Welch's request for a further three month extension of the license. Based upon all information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the license of Christopher R. Welch, DVM, to practice veterinary medicine in Wisconsin is hereby renewed for a period of three months.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

Diane Scott, DVM
Chair