

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 :
SEAN A. RALEIGH, D.V.M., : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
RESPONDENT. : LS04120111VET

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Sean A. Raleigh, D.V.M.
791 Lois Drive
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Veterinary Examining Board
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

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

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sean A. Raleigh, D.V.M., (DOB 11/17/47) is duly licensed as a veterinarian in the state of Wisconsin under license number 3625 which was granted on November 14, 1990.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board is 791 Lois Drive, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin 53590.
3. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was working as a veterinarian at Sun Prairie Petcare Clinic, 1512 North Bristol Street, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.
4. On July 9, 2001, RW presented her 11 year old dog, Lucy, to Respondent for evaluation of lumps in the dog's mammary glands. Respondent initiated diagnostics testing which supported a diagnosis of a left inguinal mammary tumor.
5. On July 30, 2001, RW's dog was returned for evaluation and Respondent diagnosed probable infected

sarcoma and recommended surgery. Dr. Raleigh removed the inguinal tumor and in closing the surgical area, placed a sterile hydrosorb sponge subcutaneously in the wound to clot any capillary bleeding.

6. On August 6, 2001, Lucy was returned to Respondent with complaints of a strong odor at the surgical site, which appeared to be still draining and open.

7. Examination revealed the wound to have grown progressively worse and appeared gaping and severely inflamed. Respondent could not locate the sponge after removing several of the stitches closing the wound. Respondent determined that the wound could not be resutured and advised the owners to clean the wound with hydrogen peroxide and ensure that the Elizabethan collar was in place. He further advised the owners that the wound would only heal by secondary or tertiary healing. Respondent prescribed Prednisone to reduce the swelling and continued the Amoxicillin.

8. The dog's infection continued to worsen and she was presented for subsequent treatment at another veterinary clinic. The dog was euthanized on August 31, 2001, due to the decline from rampant infection and deteriorating neurological condition.

9. The hydrosorb sponge sutured into the surgical site was not indicated for use subcutaneous insertion.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 453.07(2), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct set forth above, constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code § VE 7.06(1).

ORDER

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Sean A. Raleigh, D.V.M. is hereby REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED as follows:

1. Within nine months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Raleigh shall participate in and satisfactorily complete six credit hours of continuing education courses in wound management, specifically the closure of large wounds, follow-up wound care, the use of drains, the use of culture and sensitivity test and the use of exterior dressings. The courses attended in satisfaction of this requirement shall be courses that require the physical presence of the attendees at the location where the course is being conducted. Courses conducted via the internet or by other electronic means of communication or courses conducted by correspondence or through a home study program shall not satisfy this requirement.

2. All courses taken in satisfaction of this Order shall be pre-approved by the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board or by the Board's designee.

3. With regard to the reeducation set forth in paragraphs one and two above, Dr. Raleigh shall be responsible for locating courses satisfactory to the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board or its designee, for providing adequate course descriptions to the Department Monitor and for obtaining pre-approval of the courses from the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board prior to commencement of the programs. The Board may reject in whole or in part any educational opportunity which is nominated by Dr. Raleigh when, in the Board's judgment, the syllabus or description of the course or other educational opportunity is insufficient to fulfill the purpose for which Dr. Raleigh nominates it by reason of the educational opportunity's scope, content, method of instruction, or degree of participation required of students. The Board shall not unreasonably deny an educational opportunity suggested by Dr. Raleigh.

4. Within 30 days after the courses identified in paragraph one above are concluded, Dr. Raleigh shall file with the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board certifications from the sponsoring organization of his attendance at the required courses.

5. All costs of the educational programs shall be the responsibility of the Dr. Raleigh.

6. Dr. Raleigh shall pay costs in this matter in the amount of \$865 payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing within sixty days of the effective date of this Order.

7. Submission of all required documentation and payment of costs shall be mailed to:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone (608) 267-3817
Fax (608) 266-2264

8. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to pay costs as ordered, the Respondent's license SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

9. This Order is effective upon signing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the pending investigation entitled 01 Vet 049 is hereby closed without further proceedings

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 1st day of December, 2004.

WISCONSIN VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

Larry Mahr
A Member of the Board