STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
MARK MATTISON, D.V.M., RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0001835

[Division of Enforcement Case #10 VET 024]

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

Mark Mattison, D.V.M.
LaCrosse Veterinary Clinic
2128 State Road 16
LaCrosse, WI 54601-3046

Division of Enforcement
Department of Safety and Professional Services
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter 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. Mark Mattison, D.V.M., ("Respondent") was born on August 31, 1951, and is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 1576-050. This license was first granted on June 18, 1976.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board is LaCrosse Veterinary Clinic, 2128 State Road 16, LaCrosse, Wisconsin 54601.

3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was working as a veterinarian at LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

4. Between December 15, 2004, and March 17, 2010, Respondent was the primary veterinarian for Milo, a male domestic short haired cat born on September 2, 2003.

5. On several occasions, other attending veterinarians administered steroids to Milo to address unusually strong reactions to standard vaccinations.

6. On August 15, 2007, Milo was presented with symptoms of chewing off his fur from his feet and elbows. Respondent's records do not specify which limbs were involved, and the only record of physical examination is a weight of 14.1 pounds. Respondent diagnosed atopy, and administered an injection of Depo-Medrol, a steroid.

7. Thereafter, Respondent routinely dispensed Depo-Medrol to the client with instructions to administer an injection to Milo no more than once per month, as needed.

8. Respondent's records do not indicate that Respondent was attempting any other treatment for Milo's condition.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. The conduct described in paragraphs 4-8, above, constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code §§ 7.03(2) and 7.06(15).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Mark Mattison, D.V.M., is hereby REPRIMANDED.

2. The license previously issued to Mark Mattison, D.V.M., is hereby LIMITED by the condition that within six months of the date of this Order, he shall obtain two hours of continuing veterinary education in the topic of records and documentation for veterinary practice, and four hours of continuing veterinary education in the topic of diagnosis and treatment of allergic reactions in companion animals. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs associated with compliance with this Order, and he shall obtain pre-approval of all courses he intends to take in compliance with this Order.

Respondent may request pre-approval of courses by writing to the Board's designee, who is:

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No part of the credit for any course taken in compliance with this Order may be credited to any other continuing education requirement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

3. Respondent shall, within 90 days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of One Hundred Fifty ($150.00) dollars. Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, and mailed to:

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4. 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 timely submit payment of the costs or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education as set forth above, the Respondent's license (#1576-050) may, in the discretion of the board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs and completion of the continuing education.

5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board

By: _____ 6-13-12

A Member of the Board Date