

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

In the Matter of
Laura Kathleen Aasen, D.V.M.
License No. 14594

**AGREEMENT FOR
CORRECTIVE ACTION**

This Agreement for Corrective Action (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between Laura Kathleen Aasen, D.V.M (“Licensee”) and the Complaint Review Committee (“Committee”) of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) pursuant to the authority of Minn. Stats. § 156.127, subd. 2 and § 214.103, subd. 6(a). Licensee and the Committee hereby concur that this Agreement shall be based on the following:

FACTS

1. On June 12, 1995, Licensee became licensed as a veterinarian in Minnesota.
2. At all times relevant to these allegations, Licensee practiced veterinary medicine at Pine City Animal Hospital (“Clinic”) located in Pine City, Minnesota.
3. On August 25, 2015, Licensee provided veterinary services to Sparky, an 11-12 year old neutered male Jack Russell Terrier owned by R.P.
4. On August 25, 2015, the following occurred:
 - a. Licensee failed to perform a physical examination prior to general anesthesia for a routine dental cleaning.
 - b. A combination of acepromazine and atropine were administered as preanesthetic medications at dosages commonly utilized for younger dogs.
 - c. A high level of inhalant anesthesia was administered to achieve an adequate depth of anesthesia for extraction of multiple teeth.

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ABSTRACT
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d. Sparky died shortly after discontinuation of the inhalant anesthesia and before awakening.

5. On August 26, 2015, Licensee provided veterinary services to Kimber, a 14 month old female Labrador Retriever, owned by C.K..

6. On August 26, 2015, the following occurred:

a. Licensee failed to perform a preoperative physical examination on Kimber.

b. Licensee performed an ovariohysterectomy on Kimber under general anesthesia.

c. Licensee failed to adequately ligate ~~transected~~ ^{tear broad ligament} blood vessels during the surgical procedure.

d. Kimber died that night and a necropsy revealed the cause of death to be internal hemorrhage due to a slipped ligature on a blood vessel.

7. Licensee failed to meet minimum standards for medical record keeping, failing to document physical examinations and physiologic parameters under anesthesia.

8. On December 16, 2015, Licensee met with the Committee, composed of Michelle Vaughn, D.V.M., Board member, and Amy Kizer, D.V.M., Board member, to discuss allegations made in a Notice of Conference dated November 23, 2015. Andrew Pettit, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Committee at the conference. Julia Wilson, D.V.M., Executive Director of the Board, also attended the conference.

5. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 214.103 subd. 6(a) and 156.127 subd. 2, Licensee and the Committee have agreed to enter into this Agreement for Corrective Action.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Based on the available information and discussion at the conference, Licensee and Committee agree that the conduct above violates Minn. Stat. section 156.081 subd. 2(11), (12),

Minn. R. 9100.0700 subp. 1(A), (C), and 9100.0800, subp. 1 and 4. Licensee and the Committee have agreed to enter into this Agreement for Corrective Action as follows:

6. Within one month from the date of this Agreement, Licensee must submit documentation of all of her veterinary continuing education from the most recent license renewal period, March 1, 2012 to February 28, 2014.

7. Within three months of the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall take at least 1.75 hours of continuing education on the topic of veterinary medical record keeping. The Veterinary Medical Records Online Course or Section 7 of the Veterinary Law & Ethics Course offered by Iowa State University, and the Washington State College of Veterinary Medicine's Veterinary Medical Records Course are preapproved for this purpose. Within fourteen (14) days of completing the course, Licensee must submit to the Review Committee evidence of completion. The credit hours from this course may not be utilized towards the continuing education requirements for Licensee's next license renewal.

8. Within twelve months of the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall submit to the Committee evidence of completion of at least six (6) hours of interactive continuing education on the following topics:

- a. Companion animal perioperative pain management (3 hours);
- b. Companion animal anesthesia preparation and monitoring (3 hours)
- c. All continuing education courses must be preapproved by the Committee. Licensee must submit written documentation, such as title and schedule of the proposed continuing education and qualifications of the instructor, in order to receive preapproval from the Committee of classes Licensee proposes to take in fulfillment of this requirement. The

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Committee will inform Licensee of its decision within fourteen (14) days of his request. These credit hours may not be counted towards the Licensee's next license renewal.

9. Within one month following completion of the requirements above, Licensee will submit the complete medical record for one (1) canine dental patient with extractions and one (1) feline surgical patient (other than routine neuter), that have undergone general anesthesia procedures. The records must meet the approval of the Committee.

OTHER INFORMATION

10. Licensee has been advised by Review Committee representatives that Licensee may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter.

11. Upon Licensee's satisfactory completion of the corrective actions referred to above, the Review Committee agrees to dismiss the complaint concerning the matters referred to in the facts above. Licensee agrees that the Review Committee shall be the sole judge of satisfactory completion. Licensee understands that if, after dismissal, the Review Committee receives additional complaints alleging conduct similar to that referred to in the facts above, the Review Committee may reopen the dismissed complaints.

12. If Licensee fails to complete the corrective action satisfactorily or if the Review Committee receives additional complaints alleging conduct similar to that referred to in the facts above, the Review Committee may, in its discretion, reopen the investigation and proceed according to Minn. Stat. chs. 14, 156, and 214. Licensee agrees that failure to complete corrective action satisfactorily constitutes failure to cooperate under Minn. Stat. § 156.123 and may subject Licensee to disciplinary action by the Board.

13. Licensee shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of compliance with this Agreement.

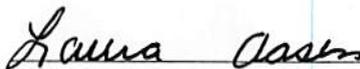
14. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date it is executed by the Review Committee. The Agreement shall remain in effect until the Review Committee dismisses the complaint unless the Review Committee receives additional information that renders corrective action inappropriate. Upon receipt of such information, the Review Committee may, in its discretion, proceed according to Minn. Stat. chs. 14, 156, and 214.

15. Licensee understands this Agreement does not constitute disciplinary action. Licensee further understands and acknowledges this Agreement and the dismissal letter issued upon successful completion of the corrective action are classified as public data pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13.41, subd. 5.

16. Licensee hereby acknowledges that she has read and understands this Agreement and has voluntarily entered into it. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Review Committee and Licensee, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this Agreement.

Dated: 1-11-16

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LAURA KATHLEEN AASEN, D.V.M.
LICENSEE

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JULIA WILSON, D.V.M.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FOR THE COMPLAINT REVIEW
COMMITTEE