

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

In the Matter of  
Gail Ann Larson, D.V.M.  
License No. 15889

**AGREEMENT FOR  
CORRECTIVE ACTION**

This Agreement for Corrective Action (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between Gail Ann Larson, D.V.M. (“Licensee”) and the Complaint Review Committee (“Committee”) of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) pursuant to the authority of Minn. Stat. § 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 6, 1990, Licensee became licensed as a veterinarian in Minnesota.
2. Licensee conducts a veterinary practice in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota.
3. The Board received a complaint alleging that Licensee failed to provide presurgery and postsurgery care for a 4-year-old dog owned by L.H. The Committee conducted an investigation into the complaint, which included review of medical records for the animal and correspondence with the Licensee.
4. On April 17, 2013, Licensee met with the Committee, composed of Michelle Vaughn, D.V.M., Board member, and John Lawrence, D.V.M., Board member, to discuss allegations made in a Notice of Conference dated March 20, 2013. Greg Schaefer, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Committee at the conference. John King, D.V.M., pro tem Executive Director of the Board and Julia Wilson, D.V.M., Executive Director of the Board, also attended the conference.

5. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 156.081, subd. 2(12) (Unprofessional Conduct) and Minn. R. 9100.0800, subp. 1 (General Standard of Practice) and subp. 4 (Recordkeeping); Licensee and the Committee have agreed to enter into this Agreement for Corrective Action to address the following concerns:

a. Licensee discharged the dog before it was ambulatory after general anesthesia.

b. Licensee's medical records were incomplete. For example, Licensee's documentation failed to include details of physical examination and written discharge instructions for management of the dog after surgery as well as for its urinary problem.

#### **CORRECTIVE ACTION**

Based on the foregoing information, Licensee and the Committee hereby agree to the following corrective action:

6. Within three months of the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall submit to the Board evidence of completion of at least five hours of continuing education on the topics of veterinary medical records, veterinary law, and ethics. Licensee shall submit written documentation, such as measurable learning objectives and qualifications of the instructor, in order to receive preapproval from the Committee of classes that Licensee takes in fulfillment of this requirement. For purposes of this requirement, the Committee will approve modules 6 and 7 of the "*Online Veterinary Law and Ethics Course*" offered by James F. Wilson, D.V.M., J.D.

7. Within 30 days of the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall submit to the Committee the dates, number of hours and titles of all continuing education courses taken by Licensee in the two-year period preceding his last license renewal.

8. Within 30 days of the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall submit to the Committee for approval Licensee's protocol for monitoring patients post anesthesia/sedation, including specific criteria that must be met prior to patient discharge.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

9. Licensee has been advised by Committee representatives that Licensee may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Although aware of this opportunity, Licensee has elected not to be represented by counsel.

10. Upon Licensee's satisfactory completion of the corrective action referred to above, the Committee agrees to dismiss the complaint concerning the matters referred to in paragraph 3 above. Licensee agrees that the Committee shall be the sole judge of satisfactory completion. Licensee understands that if, after dismissal, the Committee receives additional complaints alleging conduct similar to that referred to in the facts above, the Committee may reopen the dismissed complaints.

11. If Licensee fails to complete the corrective action satisfactorily or if the Committee receives additional complaints alleging conduct similar to that referred to in the facts above, the Committee may, in its discretion, reopen the investigation and proceed according to Minn. Stat. ch. 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.

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

13. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date it is executed by the Committee. The Agreement shall remain in effect until the Committee dismisses the complaint

unless the Committee receives additional information that renders corrective action inappropriate. Upon receipt of such information, the Committee may, in its discretion, proceed according to Minn. Stat. ch. 14, 156, and 214.

14. 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.

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

Dated: 7-21-13

Gail Ann Larson DVM  
GAIL ANN LARSON, D.V.M.  
Licensee.

Dated: July 23, 2013

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