

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

In the Matter of
Katelyn M. Doran, DVM
License No. 21018

**AGREEMENT FOR
CORRECTIVE ACTION**

This Agreement is entered into by and between Katelyn M. Doran, D.V.M. ("Licensee"), and the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine Complaint Review Committee ("Complaint Review Committee") based on Minnesota Statutes section 214.103, subdivision 6(a)(2). Licensee and the Complaint Review Committee agree to the following:

FACTS

1. While Licensee practiced veterinary medicine at Anoka Equine Veterinary Services ("Clinic") in Elk River, Minnesota, the following occurred:

a. On September 11, 2022, Licensee evaluated Whiskey, a 10-year-old female Quarter Horse/Arabian cross, owned by K.B. and M.B. On September 4, 2022, the mare had sustained an approximately 2-inch-long right forelimb laceration with a small horizontal subcutaneous tract lateral and slightly ventral to the point of the elbow.

b. Licensee was aware of Whiskey's initial assessment by a colleague and ongoing treatment with antibiotics and a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication (phenylbutazone) for the prior week. Licensee was also aware of Whiskey's continued lameness despite treatment.

c. Licensee cleaned and probed the wound noting the small horizontal subcutaneous tract extending cranially. Licensee attributed the worsening of the lameness to stiffness that resulted from diminished movement and cold weather overnight. Phenylbutazone treatment was changed to flunixin, a different nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medication.

d. Licensee did not document or discuss the wound's position directly over the elbow and did not recommend imaging to determine the cause of the lameness beyond the wound.

e. On September 14, 2022, Licensee was provided with updated video clips showing persistence of high grade lameness despite ongoing treatment with a different nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medication (flunixin). Licensee and owner believed Whiskey was improving despite notable changes in the odor, color, and consistency of discharge.

f. On September 16, 2022, sepsis of the elbow joint and an avulsion fracture of the lateral tuberosity of the proximal radius were identified at another veterinary clinic. Whiskey was euthanized based on the recommendation of this veterinary clinic.

g. Licensee's medical record was incomplete, lacking details of physical examination, differential diagnoses, potential medical reasons for the progressive increase in lameness, and details of owner communication.

2. On March 22, 2023, Licensee met with the Complaint Review Committee, composed of Julie Dahlke, DVM, Board member, and Raye Taylor, D.V.M., Board member, to discuss allegations regarding Licensee's practice of veterinary medicine contained in a Notice of Conference dated March 7, 2023. Allan Aguilar, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Complaint Review Committee during the conference and participated remotely. Dr. Julia Wilson, executive director of the Board, also participated. Licensee was represented by Robert Kuderer, Esq.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

3. Based on the available information, Licensee and the Committee agree that the conduct above violates Minnesota Statutes section 156.081, subdivision 2(11) and (12); and Minnesota Rules 9100.0700, subpart 1(A) and (C); and 9100.0800, subparts 1 and 4. Licensee and the Committee have agreed to enter into this Agreement for Corrective Action as follows:

a. Within three (3) months from the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall submit to the Committee evidence of completion of at least two (2) credit hours of continuing education for on the topic of medical record keeping. For purposes of this requirement, the Committee preapproves the online course, "Michigan: Medical Records and Veterinary Law" provided by Animal Law and Legal Services. These credits may not be counted for Licensee's next license renewal.

b. Within eight (8) months from the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall submit to the Committee evidence of completion of interactive continuing education pre-approved by the Committee on the following topics:

- i) One (1) hour on equine wound management to include assessment of collateral damage;
- ii) Four (4) hours on equine lameness diagnosis and treatment, to include two (2) hours on the subject of upper limb lameness;
- iii) One (1) hour on equine musculoskeletal pain management;
- iv) One (1) credit on client communication.

These credits may not be counted for Licensee's next license renewal.

c. Within one month of completion of the continuing education and for three (3) successive quarters, Licensee shall submit her appointment schedule for the preceding month to the Committee. The schedule must indicate the purpose of each appointment. Licensee will

submit a copy of the complete medical record for three (3) patients, selected by the Committee and presented for lameness (1), injury requiring emergency care (1), and medical condition (1). The medical records must meet the approval of the Committee.

OTHER INFORMATION

4. Upon Licensee's satisfactory completion of the corrective action referenced in paragraph 3 above, the Committee agrees to dismiss the complaint(s) concerning the matters referenced in paragraph 1. The Committee shall be the sole judge of satisfactory completion. The Committee may reopen this complaint if it receives newly discovered information that was not available to the Committee during the initial investigation, or if the Committee receives a new complaint that indicates a pattern of behavior or conduct.

5. If Licensee fails to complete the corrective action satisfactorily, the Committee may, at its discretion, reopen the investigation and proceed according to Minnesota Statutes chapter 156 (the Board's Practice Act) and Minnesota Statutes chapters 214 and 14. Licensee agrees that failure to complete the corrective action satisfactorily is failure to cooperate under Minnesota Statutes section 156.123 and may subject Licensee to disciplinary action by the Board.

6. This agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Board's Executive Director and shall remain in effect until the Committee dismisses the complaint, unless the Committee receives additional information that renders corrective action inappropriate. Upon receiving such information, the Committee may, at its discretion, proceed according to Minnesota Statutes chapter 156 (the Board's Practice Act) and Minnesota Statutes chapters 214 and 14.

7. This agreement is not disciplinary action. *See* Minnesota Statutes section 214.103, subdivision 6. However, this agreement is classified as public data pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13.41, subdivision 5, and 214.072, subdivision 3.

8. Licensee hereby acknowledges having read and understood this agreement and having 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.



KATELYN M. DORAN
Licensee

Dated: 5-10-23



JULIA WILSON
Executive Director

Dated: 5/11/23