

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

In the Matter of  
Christopher C. Eaton, D.V.M.  
License No. 07311

**AGREEMENT FOR  
CORRECTIVE ACTION**

This Agreement is entered into by and between Christopher C. Eaton, 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. On May 10, 2011, the Board granted Licensee a license to practice veterinary medicine in Minnesota.

2. While Licensee practiced veterinary medicine at a clinic in Stillwater, Minnesota, the following occurred:

a. On June 13, 2022, Licensee performed a routine neuter surgery under general anesthesia on Oso, a 3-year-old Chow Chow male dog owned by B L.

b. Licensee’s medical records regarding Oso are inadequate, lacking documentation of owner communication, a physical examination of Oso prior to surgery, and post-operative care of Oso, including limited documentation of medication administration and monitoring of recovery from anesthesia.

3. On June 25, 2024, Licensee met at the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine with the Complaint Review Committee, composed of Julie Dahlke, D.V.M., 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 May 3, 2024. Priya S. Narayanan, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Complaint Review Committee during the conference. Lauren M. Hoglund, Esq., of Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson, P.A., in Minneapolis, Minnesota, joined the conference on behalf of Licensee. Dr. Pamela Johnson, executive director of the Board, also participated.

### **CORRECTIVE ACTION**

4. Based on the available information, Licensee and the Committee agree that the conduct above violates Minnesota Administrative Rules 9100.0800, subparts 1 and 4. Licensee and the Committee have agreed to enter into this Agreement for Corrective Action as follows:

a. Within one month from the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall submit to the Committee documentation of the continuing education for Licensee's most recent license renewal.

b. Within three months from the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall submit to the Committee evidence of completion of at least three (3) credit hours of continuing education on the topic of veterinary medical records. For purposes of this requirement, the Committee preapproves the "Veterinary Medical Record-Keeping" and "10 Top Medical Record Deficiencies" online courses offered by Animal & Veterinary Legal Services, Veterinary Medical Continuing Education. The credits from this continuing education may not be applied to the requirements for Licensee's next license renewal.

c. Within six months from the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall submit to the Committee evidence of completion of at least two (2) credit hours of interactive continuing education on the topic of small animal anesthetic risk grading and medical ethics. This continuing

education must be pre-approved by the Committee. The credits from this continuing education may not be applied to the requirements for Licensee's next license renewal.

d. Once every quarter for three quarters following the conclusion of the medical records continuing education, Licensee must submit his appointment schedule from the preceding two months to the Committee. The Committee will select three patients for which Licensee must submit the complete medical records. These records must meet the approval of the Committee.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

5. Upon Licensee's satisfactory completion of the corrective action referenced in paragraph 4 above, the Committee agrees to dismiss the complaint(s) concerning the matters referenced in paragraph 2. 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.

6. 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.

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

  
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CHRISTOPHER C. EATON, D.V.M.  
Licensee

Dated: 12/23/2024

COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE  
  
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PAMELA A. JOHNSON  
Executive Director

Dated: 12/30/2024