

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

In the Matter of
David D. Hanson
Unlicensed

**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AND
NOTICE OF RIGHT TO HEARING**

TO: David D. Hanson ("Respondent"), 5873 Taft Road, Duluth, Minnesota 55803.

Minnesota law prohibits any person from practicing veterinary medicine without having first secured a veterinary license or temporary permit, as provided in Minnesota Statutes chapter 156, unless the person is exempt from such licensing requirements.

The practice of veterinary medicine is defined in Minnesota Statutes section 156.12, subdivision 1, as follows:

Subdivision 1. Practice. The practice of veterinary medicine, as used in this chapter, shall mean the diagnosis, treatment, correction, relief, or prevention of animal disease, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical or mental conditions; the performance of obstetrical procedures for animals, including determination of pregnancy and correction of sterility or infertility; and the rendering of advice or recommendations with regard to any of the above. The practice of veterinary medicine shall include but not be limited to the prescription or administration of any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthetic, or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique.

Pursuant to the above-referenced statutes, the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine ("Board"), by its Complaint Review Committee ("Committee"), has determined as follows:

1. Respondent is not now and never has been licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Minnesota and is not exempt from the licensure requirements set forth in Minnesota Statutes chapter 156.
2. On January 23, 2009, the Board received a complaint alleging Respondent was engaged in the unlawful practice of veterinary medicine.

3. Specifically, on or about January 17, 2009, Respondent castrated a Labrador retriever. Respondent used an emasculator instrument to complete the procedure, resulting in a ragged-looking incision, bleeding, and a large hematoma. Respondent did not administer any anesthesia or sedation. The Labrador was subsequently seen by a licensed veterinarian for emergency care due to castration complications.

4. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Board initiated an investigation into Respondent's unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine. During an investigative interview conducted on June 29, 2009, Respondent admitted that he castrated the Labrador, performed surgical procedures on his own animals, and intended to continue these practices. Respondent also stated that he sometimes uses anesthetic from undisclosed sources to complete the procedures.

5. On October 16, 2009, Respondent pled guilty to the unlawful practice of veterinary medicine.

6. Respondent, by the conduct referenced in paragraphs 1 to 5 above, has engaged in and threatens to continue to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in Minnesota without a license, in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 156.10, and should therefore be ordered to cease and desist from violating this statute.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 156.15, that Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in any act or practice in Minnesota that constitutes the practice of veterinary medicine as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 156.12, subdivision 1.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 156.15, subdivisions 1 and 3, that Respondent may request a hearing in this matter. Such request shall be made in writing and delivered to the Complaint Review Committee of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine, 2829 University Avenue SE, Suite 540, Minneapolis, MN 55414, whereupon the Committee shall set a date for hearing within 30 days after its receipt of the request unless Respondent and the Committee by agreement waive the 30-day time period. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 156.15, subdivision 4, if no hearing is requested by Respondent within 30 days of service of this Order, this Order will become final and will remain in effect until it is modified or vacated by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if a hearing is requested, this Order will remain in effect until it is modified or vacated or made permanent by further order of the Board pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 156.15, subdivision 4.

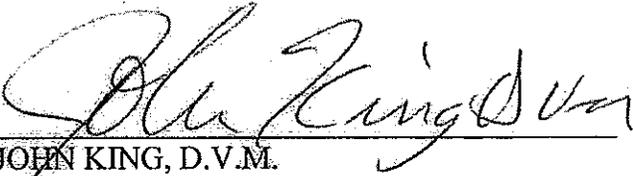
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event a hearing is requested in this matter, it will be held before an administrative law judge to be appointed by the chief administrative law judge for the State of Minnesota, Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, telephone (651) 361-7900. All parties have the right to represent themselves or to be represented throughout the proceedings herein by legal counsel or a person of their choice if not otherwise prohibited as the unauthorized practice of law. The hearing will be conducted pursuant to the contested case procedures as prescribed in Minnesota Statutes sections 14.57 to 14.69 and the Rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Minnesota Rules 1400.5100 to 1400.8400. Failure to attend a hearing in this matter after being duly notified may result in the allegations of this Order being taken as true. Questions concerning the issues raised in this Order, informal disposition of this proceeding, or

discovery may be directed to Daphne A. Lundstrom, Assistant Attorney General, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2131, telephone (651) 757-1391.

Dated: December 22, 2009

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Complaint Review Committee

By:



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