

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

In the Matter of
Ronald W. Hunt, DVM
License No. 04688

**AGREEMENT FOR
CORRECTIVE ACTION**

This Agreement is entered into by and between Ronald W. Hunt, 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 Palomino Pet Hospital and Clinic ("Clinic") in Apple Valley, Minnesota, the following occurred:
 2. On June 14, 2022, in response to a complaint, the Clinic was inspected by Dr. Michelle Vaughn, Board member, and Mark Bukowski, investigator for the Office of the Attorney General.
 3. Copies of ten medical records selected by Dr. Vaughn were provided for review. Multiple medical records lacked details of physical examinations, surgery, and anesthetic monitoring. Perioperative analgesia was inadequate and broad-spectrum antibiotics were not utilized.
4. The inspection identified concerns including:
 - a. Multiple expired prescription medications in the treatment area, examination rooms, cabinets and controlled substances lock box.
 - b. Expired intravenous saline in the center of the clinic.

- c. Expired veterinary drugs/products in the same refrigerator and freezer as food for human consumption.
- d. Incomplete labeling of prescribed medications.
- e. Controlled substances logs lacking entries for drugs withdrawn in the preceding 11 months.
- f. Moderate dust accumulation on merchandise in the waiting room and some expired treats and dental chews for sale.
- g. Expired laboratory supplies for diagnostic testing.
- h. Overly warm ambient temperature due to a non-functional air conditioner.

5. On October 7, 2022, Licensee met with the Complaint Review Committee, composed of Michelle Vaughn, D.V.M., Board member, and Steven Shadwick, D.V.M., Board member, to discuss allegations regarding Licensee's practice of veterinary medicine contained in a Notice of Conference dated July 19, 2022. Rebecca Huting, 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 Ed Kautzer, Esq.

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6. Based on the available information, Licensee and the Committee agree that the conduct above violates Minnesota Statutes sections 156.081, subdivision 2 (12); 156.18, subdivision 2 and 4; and Minnesota Rules 9100.0700, subpart 1(A) and (L); and 9100.0800, subparts 1, 2 and 4. Licensee and the Committee have agreed to enter into this Agreement for Corrective Action as follows:

a. Within one (1) 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 six (6) 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 "Ten Top Medical Record Deficiencies" online continuing education provided by Animal and Veterinary Legal Services. Alternative courses for this topic 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.

c. Within six (6) months from the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall submit to the Committee evidence of completion of the following continuing education which 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.:

1) At least four (4) credit hours of continuing education on the topic of small animal anesthesia and analgesia, including anesthesia monitoring and perioperative pain management.

2) At least one (1) credit on antibiotic stewardship.

3) At least three (3) credits on management of controlled substances in veterinary practice. For purposes of this requirement, the Committee preapproves "A One Health Approach to the Opioid Crisis: Controlled Substance Awareness Training" online continuing education provided by Animal and Veterinary Legal Services. Alternative courses for this topic must be pre-approved by the Committee.

d. Within three (3) months following completion of the continuing education and for 3 subsequent quarters, Licensee must submit his appointment schedule and controlled substances records from the preceding three (3) months. The schedule must indicate the purpose of each appointment. Licensee will submit copies of complete medical records from three (3) patients presented for wellness examination (1), illness (1), and surgery (1) selected by the Committee each quarter. The records must meet the approval of the Committee.

OTHER INFORMATION

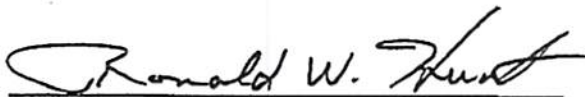
7. Upon Licensee's satisfactory completion of the corrective action referenced in paragraph 6 above, the Committee agrees to dismiss the complaint(s) concerning the matters referenced in paragraphs 1-4. The Committee shall be the sole judge of satisfactory completion. The Committee may reopen this complaint 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.

8. 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 a failure to cooperate under Minnesota Statutes section 156.123 and may subject Licensee to disciplinary action by the Board.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.


RONALD W. HUNT
Licensee

Dated: 11-4-22


JULIA H. WILSON
Executive Director

Dated: November 8, 2022