
**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

In the Matter of
Jeffrey S. Nelson, D.V.M

**AGREEMENT FOR
CORRECTIVE ACTION**

License No. 06599

This Agreement is entered into by and between Jeffrey S. Nelson, 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 Granite City Pet Hospital (“Clinic”) in St. Cloud, Minnesota, the following occurred:
2. On September 29, 2023, Licensee admitted Pixie, a 3-year-old female Pomeranian owned by K.T. for evaluation of complaints of inappetence for at least two days, vomiting and lethargy.
3. Licensee’s staff spoke with the owner to obtain Pixie’s history and performed an initial evaluation on which basis Pixie was deemed to not be an emergency patient.
4. On physical examination, Licensee noted lethargy and dehydration as evidenced by a prolonged skin tent, tacky mucous membranes and prolonged capillary refill time.

5. Licensee directed staff to administer subcutaneous fluid therapy, an oral antibiotic, an anti-emetic and appetite supplement as non-specific treatments for differential diagnoses of pancreatitis, dietary indiscretion or inappropriate ingestion.

6. Licensee did not check Pixie's blood glucose level at the Clinic and chose to submit blood for a routine panel at an outside laboratory from which results would not be available until the following day. The additional measurement of pancreas-specific lipase was not requested despite the potential presence of pancreatitis.

7. Licensee did not speak with Pixie's owner to further explore Pixie's medical history, discuss or offer additional diagnostic testing such as abdominal imaging or to provide a summary of the clinical assessment, treatment or discharge instructions.

8. Licensee informed Pixie's owner of the markedly abnormal, life-threatening blood parameters via email the following day after Pixie had died.

9. Licensee discussed Pixie's medical findings with a friend of the owner without explicit authorization to do so.

10. Licensee's medical record was incomplete, lacking details such as a rectal temperature, quantity of fluid administered, owner communication and discharge instructions.

11. On April 17, 2024, Licensee met 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 April 3, 2024. Priya Narayanan, 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 not represented.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

8. 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 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 on the topic of veterinary medical records and client communication. For purposes of this requirement, the Committee preapproves the “Top Ten Medical Records Deficiencies” and “Consent and Client Communication”, online courses offered by Dr. Sarah Babcock and Animal Law and Legal Services. 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 complete two (2) hours of interactive or pre-recorded continuing education on the differential diagnosis and management of small animal patients with metabolic illnesses. The continuing education must be pre-approved by the Committee. The continuing education may not be counted towards Licensee’s next license renewal.

d. Three months following completion of the continuing education and for at three subsequent quarters, Licensee will submit his appointment schedule to the Board for the preceding three months. The schedule must indicate the purpose of the appointment. Licensee will submit copies of complete medical records selected by the Committee for three (3) ill patients, at least one of which was an emergency appointment. The records must meet the approval of the Committee.

OTHER INFORMATION

9. Upon Licensee's satisfactory completion of the corrective action referenced in paragraph 11 above, the Committee agrees to dismiss the complaint(s) concerning the matters referenced in paragraphs 2-9. 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.

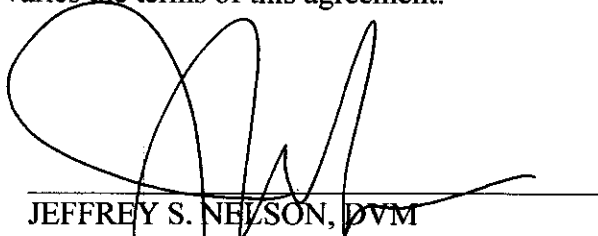
10. If Licensee fails to complete the corrective action satisfactorily, the Committee may, at its discretion, reopen the investigation and proceed according to Minnesota Statutes chapter 156 (the Board's Practice Act) and Minnesota Statutes chapters 214 and 14. Licensee agrees that failure to complete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

11. Licensee has been advised by Committee representatives that Licensee may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter, and Licensee was not represented by counsel.


12. 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.

13. 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.



JEFFREY S. NELSON, DVM
Licensee
Dated: 5-2-24



JULIA WILSON
Executive Director
Dated: 5/14/24

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