

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

In the Matter of  
Donna Marie Rued, D.V.M.  
License No. 03694

**AGREEMENT FOR  
CORRECTIVE ACTION**

This Agreement for Corrective Action ("Agreement") is entered into by and between Donna Marie Rued, D.V.M. ("Licensee") and the Complaint Review Committee ("Committee") of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine ("Board") pursuant to the authority of Minn. Stats. § 156.127, subd. 2 and § 214.103, subd. 6(a). Licensee and the Committee hereby concur that this Agreement shall be based on the following:

**FACTS**

1. On June 18, 1984, Licensee became licensed as a veterinarian in Minnesota.
2. At all times relevant to these allegations, Licensee practiced veterinary medicine in Stillwater, Minnesota.
3. In 2011, Licensee entrusted the care of Dan De Lion, a 13-year-old Thoroughbred gelding, to L.S. and L.S. believed she had been given ownership of Dan De Lion. L.S. boarded Dan De Lion and provided treatment for Dan De Lion's chronic subsolar hoof abscesses.
4. L.S. subsequently gave Dan De Lion to A.B. A.B. moved Dan De Lion to an equine facility leased by Licensee and paid Licensee for medical services provided to Dan De Lion by Licensee.
5. After Dan De Lion was moved to the equine facility, Licensee exchanged veterinary care for Dan De Lion in return for A.B.'s assistance with treatment and care of other

horses owned by clients that were also kept at the equine facility. A.B. is a certified veterinary technician.

6. Licensee failed to keep medical records for these services provide to Dan De Lion for which she billed L.S. and A.B.

7. Licensee provided veterinary treatment and rehabilitation for client-owned horses at Licensee's leased equine facility.

8. After approximately five months, A.B. moved Dan De Lion from Licensee's equine facility to L.S.'s property. Licensee subsequently removed Dan De Lion from L.S.'s property and returned him to the equine facility.

9. In fall 2013, Licensee assumed responsibility for the care of two Arabian mares that were abandoned at the leased equine facility.

10. Licensee failed to provide sufficient feed to the mares, resulting in their emaciation. The mares quickly regained weight after being transferred to the care of a certified equine rescue on June 12, 2014.

11. On February 25, 2015, Licensee met with the Committee, composed of David Richter, Board member, and Ron Swiggum, D.V.M., Board member, to discuss allegations made in a Notice of Conference dated January 23, 2015. John E. Walsh represented Licensee. Jennifer Middleton, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Committee at the conference. Julia Wilson, D.V.M., Executive Director of the Board, also attended the conference.

#### **CORRECTIVE ACTION**

Based on the available information and discussion at the conference, Licensee and Committee agree that the conduct above violates Minnesota Statutes section 151.081, subdivisions 2(12) (unprofessional conduct) and 2(15) (improper use of position as a

professional); Minnesota Rules 9100.0200, subpart 5 (Food and Water); 9100.0700, subpart 1(B) (Unprofessional Conduct); 9100.0800, subparts 1 (General Standard of Practice) and 4 (Recordkeeping). Licensee and the Committee have agreed to enter into this Agreement for Corrective Action as follows:

12. Within one month from the date of this Agreement, Licensee will pay a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Board of Veterinary Medicine. The fine shall be paid by cashier's check or personal check made payable to the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine and shall be delivered personally or by mail to the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine, c/o Julia Wilson, Executive Director, 2829 University Avenue S.E., Suite 401, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414.

13. Within one month from the date of this Agreement, Licensee must submit documentation of all of her veterinary continuing education from the most recent license renewal period, March 1, 2012 to February 28, 2014.

14. Within three months of the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall submit to the Review Committee evidence of completion of the full course (8 sections) of the Iowa State Veterinary Law & Ethics online course. Information about the course can be found at <http://vetmed.iastate.edu/CE/VLE>.

15. Following completion of the Iowa State Veterinary Law & Ethics online course, Licensee must submit to the Committee for approval, the following complete medical records: 1) one record of a patient that has had a routine wellness visit; 2) one record of a patient that has undergone treatment for multiple consecutive days for illness or injury for review. The records must meet the approval of the Committee.

16. Within six months, Licensee will complete the following hours of interactive continuing education:

(a) Two hours on the topic of equine nutrition;

(b) Two hours on the topic of animal cruelty of which at least one hour is specifically on equine cruelty.

The selection of continuing education courses must be pre-approved by the Committee. In order to obtain preapproval, Licensee must submit information about the course, such as a course outline and instruction information to the Committee. Licensee must submit evidence of successful completion to the Committee.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

17. Licensee has been advised by Review Committee representatives that Licensee may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. Licensee is represented by John Walsh, Esq., P.O. Box 142, 275 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 203, Stillwater, Minnesota, 55082.

18. Upon Licensee's satisfactory completion of the corrective actions referred to above, the Review Committee agrees to dismiss the complaint concerning the matters referred to in the facts above. Licensee agrees that the Review Committee shall be the sole judge of satisfactory completion. Licensee understands that if, after dismissal, the Review Committee receives additional complaints alleging conduct similar to that referred to in the facts above, the Review Committee may reopen the dismissed complaints.

19. If Licensee fails to complete the corrective action satisfactorily or if the Review Committee receives additional complaints alleging conduct similar to that referred to in the facts above, the Review Committee may, in its discretion, reopen the investigation and proceed according to Minn. Stat. chs. 14, 156, and 214. Licensee agrees that failure to complete

corrective action satisfactorily constitutes failure to cooperate under Minn. Stat. § 156.123 and may subject Licensee to disciplinary action by the Board.

20. Licensee shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of compliance with this Agreement.

21. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date it is executed by the Review Committee. The Agreement shall remain in effect until the Review Committee dismisses the complaint unless the Review Committee receives additional information that renders corrective action inappropriate. Upon receipt of such information, the Review Committee may, in its discretion, proceed according to Minn. Stat. chs. 14, 156, and 214.

22. Licensee understands this Agreement does not constitute disciplinary action. Licensee further understands and acknowledges this Agreement and the dismissal letter issued upon successful completion of the corrective action are classified as public data pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13.41, subd. 5.

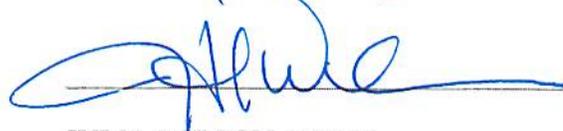
23. Licensee hereby acknowledges that She has read and understands this Agreement and has voluntarily entered into it. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Review Committee and Licensee, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this Agreement.

Dated: 8/4/15



DONNA MARIE RUED, D.V.M.  
LICENSEE

Dated: 8/12/2015



JULIA WILSON, D.V.M.  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
FOR THE COMPLAINT REVIEW  
COMMITTEE