

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

In the Matter of  
Ashley Starrett, *Unlicensed*

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

TO: Ashley Starrett, *Unlicensed* (“Respondent”), 19951 Bella Vista Circle, Centerville, Iowa 52544.

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, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 156.12, subdivision 2.

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.

The practice of veterinary medicine includes equine dentistry and sedation with prescription medications pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 156.12, subdivisions 3 and 4. Minnesota law prohibits any person from floating equine teeth without having met the legal requirements defined in Minnesota Statutes section 156.075.

Minnesota law prohibits any person from possessing a veterinary prescription drug unless the person is a licensed veterinarian or pharmacist, a bona fide employee of a veterinarian acting

in the course of that employment, a client holding a veterinary prescription drug by or on the order of a veterinarian, a manufacturer or wholesaler of veterinary drugs, an animal health researcher, or a person performing official state or federal regulatory duties, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 156.17.

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 has never been licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Minnesota and is not exempt from the licensure requirements set forth in Minnesota Statutes chapters 156 and 151.

2. Respondent performs equine dentistry including tooth extractions.

3. Respondent illegally possesses and administers a prescription medication acquired from a veterinarian.

4. Respondent falsely claims to have a doctoral degree from a veterinary college in Texas.

5. Respondent is not registered with the Board as an equine tooth floater nor an employee of a veterinarian licensed in Minnesota.

6. Respondent, by the conduct referenced in paragraphs 2 through 5 above, has engaged in and threatens to continue to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine and equine teeth floating 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, 335 Randolph Avenue, Suite 215, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102, 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 5, 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.

Dated: December 27, 2023

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE

By: 

JULIA H. WILSON, D.V.M.  
Executive Director

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