

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

In the Matter of
Constance Dorothy Tarasek, D.V.M.
License No. 02986

**AGREEMENT FOR
CORRECTIVE ACTION**

This Agreement for Corrective Action ("Agreement") is entered into by and between Constance Dorothy Tarasek, 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 12, 1986, Licensee was licensed as a veterinarian in the State of Minnesota.
2. At all times relevant to these allegations, Licensee was a veterinarian at Parkers Vet Clinic ("Clinic") in Parkers Prairie, MN.
3. On May 13, 2015, Licensee treated a one-year-old Maine Coon Cat, Simba, owned by A. J. Licensee performed orchiectomy and onychectomy surgery on Simba's front claws. Simba was a polydactyl cat. Licensee did not utilize a technique that has been documented to reduce pain and the rate of regrowth of claws.
3. Simba's front claws subsequently regrew due to inadequate removal of the distal digits. On or about, August 5, 2016, further surgery was performed at another veterinary facility to remove the regrown claws.
4. Licensee's medical record of Simba's care indicated the following:

- a. Licensee failed to perform a physical examination prior to surgery.
- b. Licensee failed to provide local or systemic analgesia prior to the surgery.
- c. Licensee did not administer post-operative pain medications.
- d. No details of the surgical procedures were included.

5. Licensee's medical record for Simba lacked documentation of a complete physical examination. The record also lacked documentation of concentration, dose and route of administration of medications.

6. On November 29, 2016, Licensee met with the Committee, composed of Barbara Fischley, DVM, Board member, and Michelle Vaughn, D.V.M., Board member, to discuss allegations made in a Notice of Conference dated October 31, 2016. Tiffany Sedillos, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Committee at the conference. Scott Banis, Esq. represented Licensee. 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 Minn. Statutes § 156.081, subd. 2(11) and (12) and Minn. R. 9100.0700, subp. 1(A) and (C), and 9100.0800 subps. 1 and 4. Licensee and the Committee have agreed to enter into this Agreement for Corrective Action as follows:

10. 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, 2013 to February 28, 2015.

11. Within three months of the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall submit to the Review Committee evidence of completion of at least six (6) hours of continuing education on the topic of veterinary medical records. Licensee shall submit written documentation, such as

measurable learning objectives and qualifications of the instructor, in order to receive preapproval from the Review Committee of classes Licensee takes in fulfillment of this requirement. For purposes of this requirement, the Review Committee preapproves the "Veterinary Medical Records Online Course" offered by James F. Wilson, D.V.M., J.D., through Iowa State University.

12. Within six months of the date of this Agreement, Licensee shall submit to the Review Committee evidence of completion of at least four (4) hours of interactive continuing education on the following topics:

- a. Perioperative pain management in small animals (2 hours);
- b. Antibiotic choices for surgical patients (2 hours);

13. Within six months of the date of this Agreement, Licensee will observe two feline onychectomy procedures performed by a licensed veterinarian that utilizes the scalpel technique. Licensee shall cause that veterinarian to provide written documentation to the Committee confirming completion of this requirement.

14. Within six months of the date of this Agreement, Licensee will submit a written review of recent publications on the topic of feline onychectomy. The review must cite at least four (4) references from scientific, peer-reviewed articles published in the last 5 years. Licensee's review must be at least two (2) pages in length and must meet the approval of the Review Committee.

15. Within three months following the completion of all of the required continuing education, Licensee will submit the medical records of four (4) cases, to include a feline onychectomy, an ill dog or cat, and three (3) ovariohysterectomy cases (two dogs and one cat).

These records should include evidence of anesthetic monitoring for the surgical cases. The medical records must meet the approval of the Review Committee.

OTHER INFORMATION

16. Upon Licensee's satisfactory completion of the corrective action referenced in paragraphs 3 above, the Committee agrees to dismiss the complaint(s) concerning the matters referenced in paragraph 2. 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.

17. 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.

18. Licensee has been advised by Committee representatives that Licensee may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter and is represented.

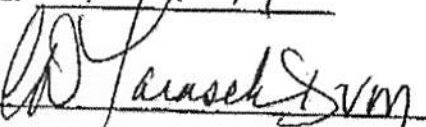
19. This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Board's Executive Director and shall remain in effect until the Committee dismisses the complaint, unless the Committee receives additional information that renders corrective action inappropriate. Upon receiving such information, the Committee may, at its discretion, proceed according to Minnesota Statutes chapter 156 (the Board's Practice Act) and Minnesota Statutes chapters 214 and 14.

20. 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.

21. 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.

Dated:


1-11-17



CONSTANCE DOROTHY TARASEK, D.V.M.
LICENSEE

Dated:

2/4/17



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