

March 30, 2023

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Via Email: allison@eklund-law.com

Allison Eklund, Esq. Eklund Law, PC 2333 Roselawn Ave W Roseville, MN 55113

Re: In the Matter of Amber Webber, Unlicensed

Dear Ms. Eklund:

On behalf of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine, enclosed herewith and served upon you is a Cease and Desist Order and Notice of Right to Hearing directed toward your client Amber Webber.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

s/Rebecca Huting REBECCA HUTING Assistant Attorney General

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Attorney for the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine Complaint Review Committee

Enclosure cc: Complaint Review Committee

STATE OF MINNESOTA

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

In the Matter of Amber Webber, *Unlicensed*

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO HEARING

TO: Amber Webber, Unlicensed ("Respondent"), 20005 Beroun Crossing Road, Hinkley, Minnesota 55037.

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 research, 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 chapter 156.

2. On December 27, 2017, a Cease and Desist Order and Notice of Hearing was issued to Respondent on the basis of multiple reports of unlicensed practice of equine dentistry. Respondent was ordered, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 156.15, to cease and desist from engaging in any act or practice in Minnesota that constitutes the practice of veterinary medicine as defined in Minnesota Statutes 156.12, subdivision 1. Respondent did not request a hearing nor desist from performing equine dentistry.

3. In May of 2022, the Board received complaints alleging Respondent was again engaged in the unlawful practice of veterinary medicine. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Board initiated an investigation into Respondent's unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine and found continued evidence of Respondent's unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine.

4. On August 10, 2022, Respondent was interviewed by representatives of the Office of the Attorney General on behalf of the Board. Respondent was represented by Allison Eklund, Esq. Respondent reviewed evidence of Respondent's continued unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine provided by the investigator. Respondent acknowledged that she understood the

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requirements for a lay person to perform equine teeth floating in Minnesota and that she had failed to meet those requirements.

5. On February 20, 2023, the Board received evidence that Respondent has continued to perform equine dental services until at least March of 2022. Additionally, the Board received evidence that as of February 2023, Respondent had responded to posts recommending her services, stating she was presently "too busy" to perform equine teeth floating but that she appreciated the positive praise concerning hiring her to perform this work.

6. On March 30, 2023, Respondent, through counsel, provided evidence that Respondent had posted a "PSA" (Public Service Announcement) on Facebook that she does not practice equine dentistry and recommended parties contact a local veterinarian for dental services.

7. Respondent, by the conduct referenced in paragraphs 3 and 5 above, has engaged 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 55105, whereupon

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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: March 30, 2023

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE Complaint Review Committee

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

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: In the Matter of Amber Webber, Unlicensed

STATE OF MINNESOTA)) ss. COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

SUZANNE ROBBINS, verifies by oath or affirmation that on March 30, 2023, at the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey, and State of Minnesota, she served the attached CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO HEARING, by forwarding email addressed to the following named individual(s) or entities at the addresses indicated below:

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Via Email: allison@eklund-law.com

Allison Eklund, Esq. Eklund Law, PC 2333 Roselawn Ave W Roseville, MN 55113

> /s/ Suzanne Robbins SUZANNE ROBBINS