

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

In the Matter of  
William G. Winter, D.V.M.  
License No. 06375 (Suspended)

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

TO: William G. Winter, D.V.M. ("Respondent"), 3116 Holmes Avenue, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota 55409-2629.

1. 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.

2. Minnesota Statutes section 156.12, subdivision 1, defines the practice of veterinary medicine as follows:

The practice of veterinary medicine . . . 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.

Pursuant to the above-referenced statutes, the Board, by its Complaint Review Committee ("Committee"), has determined as follows:

3. Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine was suspended as of August 1, 1999. Respondent is not currently authorized to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Minnesota and is not otherwise exempt from the licensure requirements set forth in Minnesota Statutes chapter 156.

4. On May 21, 2010, the Board received a complaint that Respondent represents to the public that he is a “holistic” veterinarian.

5. Respondent is a co-owner of Restoration Raw Pet Food. On his company Web site, Respondent claims he is a practicing veterinarian. For example, his Web site claims that “over the past 20 years of his holistic veterinary practice our staff veterinarian, Will Winter, has observed and effectively treated his client’s pets with a natural diet of raw meat and greens”; and “Will Winter, D.V.M., an area veterinarian who has practiced holistic veterinary medicine for over 30 years.”

6. Respondent, by the conduct described above, has engaged in or threatened to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in Minnesota without authorization, in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 156.10, and has violated an order of suspension that the Board is authorized to enforce 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, 2829 University Avenue SE, Suite 540, Minneapolis, MN 55414, 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 4, 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. Questions concerning the issues raised in this Order, informal disposition of this proceeding, or discovery may be directed to Daphne A. Lundstrom, Assistant Attorney General, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2131, telephone (651) 757-1391.

Dated: July 9, 2010

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
Complaint Review Committee

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