

**THE OHIO VETERINARY MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 4, 2009**

- **Public Rules Hearing**

Dr. Roger Redman, President of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board called the Public Rules Hearing to order at 8:32 a.m. in the Board room located at 77 South High Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio to Amend Rules 4741-3-01, 4741-3-04, and 4741-3-05 OAC, Rescind Rule 4741-1-24 OAC, and file as No Change rules 4741-1-03, 4741-2-01, 4741-2-02, 4741-2-03, 4741-2-04, 4741-3-02 and 4741-3-03 OAC. There was no public comment on the proposed rule.

Dr. Redman concluded the Public Rules Hearing at 8:37 a.m.

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- **Call to Order:**

Dr. Roger Redman, President of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board called the November 4, 2009 meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. in the Board room located at 77 South High Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio.

- **Acknowledge Staff, AAG & Guests:**

Dr. Redman acknowledged the attendance of Barry McKew, Assistant Attorney General, Theresa Stir, Executive Director and Angela Mann, Licensure Coordinator taking minutes for the Board.

- **Roll Call:**

Geoffrey Smith, Public Member	absent (arrived at 09:29 a.m.)
Dr. Lisa Mach, DVM	present
Dr. Janet Small, DVM	present
Dr. Darrell Gitz, DVM	present
Dr. James Hearst, DVM	present
Renee Jessen, RVT	present
Dr. Roger Redman, DVM	present

In deference to Mr. McKew's time, Dr. Redman asked the Board's permission to go out of order of the agenda in order to go into Executive Session. The Board agreed by general consensus.

- **Executive Session:**

Dr. Gitz moved to go into Executive Session at 8:38 a.m. to discuss the Assistant Attorney General Reports and Investigative Reports. Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

Dr. Redman announced the Board meeting back in public session at 9:20 a.m. Mr. McKew left the meeting.

- **Investigative Reports:**

- A. 09-09-009, complainant Tessa Blanton – Dr. Mach moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing. Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- B. 09-09-055, complainant Teresa Sliney – Dr. Gitz moved to table the case and send the investigator back to the facility. Dr. Hearst seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- C. 09-09-061, complainant Janell E. Fatheree – Dr. Hearst moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- D. 09-10-069, complainant Jennifer Day – Dr. Hearst moved to table the case and send the investigator back to the facility. Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- E. 09-10-076, complainant Todd & Joan Meyer – Dr. Gitz moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Mach seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **October 2009 Minutes Approved:**

Dr. Mach moved to accept the October board meeting minutes as submitted. Dr. Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **President's Report:**

There was no report from the President.

- **Secretary's Report:**

There was no report from the Secretary.

- **OVMA Liaison:**

There was no report from the OVMA liaison.

- **OAVT Liaison:**

There was no report from the OAVT liaison.

- **Executive Director Report:**

Ms. Stir reported that OVMA has provided a copy of the Farm Management Rule to the Board which will be discussed at the December Board meeting. Dr. Brad Garrison, DVM and Michelle Holdgreve plan to be in attendance. Ms. Stir provided a brief description of legislation introduced (HB 343) which would create an “efficiency study” panel to assess all state governmental agencies.

- **FYI:**

The Board acknowledged the following without comment:

- A. Position Statement of the American Association of Rehabilitation Veterinarians (AARV)

- **Requests for Licensure:**

- A. Veterinarians (addendum 1) – Ms. Jessen moved to approve the following requests for veterinarian licenses:

John D. Talmadge, DVM; Alison L. Crocker, DVM; Janet K. Ranney, DVM; Eric D. Shreves, DVM; Mark L. Storch, DVM; Jennifer J. Sexsmith, DVM; Kelly L. Giunta, DVM; Stanley Szostek, DVM; Joanna E. Hartiz, DVM; Heather M. Skaggs, DVM.

Dr. Mach seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- B. Registered Veterinary Technicians (addendum 2) – Ms. Jessen moved to approve the following requests for registered veterinary technician licenses:

Kelly J. McCafferty, RVT; Martha V. Hutton, RVT; Stephanie L. Box-McGrain, RVT; Shannon L. Beck, RVT; Lindsay C. Donaldson, RVT; Jenna M. Goodwin, RVT; Tammy S. Moriarity, RVT; Angela M. White, RVT; Amber N. Brobst, RVT; Nicole F. Porter, RVT; Meredith A. Anders, RVT; Jessica K. Haffa, RVT; Carolyn C. King, RVT; Lindsay A. Strapp, RVT; Arielle C. Lucius, RVT; Brittney R. Thomas, RVT; Amy M. Klein, RVT; Lesley A. Langhals, RVT; Carly A. Taft, RVT; Keri L. Chapman, RVT; Brittany N. Davis, RVT; Whitney R. Clarke, RVT; Jennifer B. Moran, RVT; Christine L. Pryor, RVT; David A. Denovchek, RVT; Joshua V. Smith, RVT; Beatrice Landolt, RVT; Jessica D. Ziegler, RVT; Autumn R. Miller, RVT; Tiffany R. Blankenship, RVT.

Dr. Mach seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- C. Limited Licenses (addendum 3) – Ms. Jessen moved to approve the following requests for limited licenses:

Ann T. Kommedal, DVM.

Dr. Mach seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

• **Consideration of:**

The Board acknowledged the following hearings scheduled:

- A. 09-09-025 Abbott P. Smith, DVM
- B. 09-09-035, Jamie Lindstrom, DVM

[Mr. Smith arrived at 9:29 a.m.]

• **New Complaints (no responses yet requested):**

- A. 09-10-106, complainant Dr. Z – Dr. Gitz moved to send a letter to each veterinarian. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- B. 09-10-107, complainant Paula Daley – Ms. Jessen moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Gitz seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- C. 09-10-108, complainant Michael Ford – Dr. Gitz moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Mach seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- D. 09-10-109, complainant William Summers – Dr. Mach moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

• **Complaint Responses Received:**

- A. 09-10-094, complainant Kay Grass – Dr. Gitz moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC and to send a copy of the Board’s policy regarding intracardiac euthanasia. Dr. Hearst seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- B. 09-10-100, complainant Thea Smillie – Dr. Hearst moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- C. 09-10-102, complainant Lavern Kettler – Dr. Gitz moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Mach seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- D. 09-10-103, complainant Mark & Cindy Gatgens – Dr. Gitz moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.
- E. 09-10-105, complainant C. Linda Slater – After review of the X-rays, Dr. Gitz moved to find no violation but directed Ms. Stir to provide an advisory letter to the veterinarian stating that he is not permitted to withhold medical records. Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

[The Board took a break from 9:56 a.m. until 10:04 a.m.]

- **Continuing Education Requests - Veterinarians**

Dr. Hearst moved to approve the following continuing education requests for veterinarians as follows:

- A. MedVet Associates, Ltd. –
  - 1.) Feline Pancreatitis Testing: 8/27/09 = 1 hour
  - 2.) Feline Vaccine Associated Sarcomas: 9/2/09 = 1 hour
  - 3.) Osteosarcoma: 9/23/09 = 1 hour
  - 4.) Fall Camp: 10/11/09 = 4 hours
  - 5.) Pimobenden and PDA's, Feline Cardiomyopathies: 10/14/09 = 2 hours
  - 6.) Advances in Pathophysiology Treatment and Prognosis of IMHA: 10/14/09 = 1 hour
- B. Dr. Conan Crocker, DABVP – Review Normal Dentition Dental Fractures and Treatment: 10/6/09 = 2 hours

Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **Continuing Education Requests – RVT's**

Dr. Hearst moved to approve the following continuing education requests for registered veterinarian technicians as follows:

- A. MedVet Associates, Ltd. – Internal Medicine: 5/20/09 = 1 hour
- B. American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) – Addressing Issues and Prevention of Canine Lymes Disease: 9/24/09 = 1 hour

- C. Cincinnati Animal Referral & Emergency Center –
  - 1.) Nutrition: Why the Sick Patient Needs to Eat: 10/20/09 = 1 hour
  - 2.) GIFB for the RVT: 10/20/09 = 1 hour
- D. Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital – Bandaging Techniques: 11/19/09 = 1 hour

Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **Continuing Education Requests – Veterinarians and RVT’s:**

Dr. Hearst moved to approve the following continuing education requests for veterinarians and registered veterinarian technicians as follows:

- A. MedVet Associates, Ltd. –
  - 1.) Epilepsy and Vertigo: 9/10/09 = 2 hours
  - 2.) Summer Camp: 9/13/09 = 4 hours
  - 3.) Latest Treatment Options: 9/17/09 = 2 hours
  - 4.) GI Symposium: 9/20/09 = 4 hours
- B. Otterbein College Department of Equine Science – Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue Awareness: 4/9/2010 & 4/10/2010 = 15 hours
- C. Cincinnati Animal Referral & Emergency Center – Wound Management and Bandaging: 11/10/09 = 2 hours
- D. Lima Area Academy of Small Animal Medicine – Patella Luxation & Bandaging Fractures: 10/13/09 = 1.5 hours

Ms. Jessen seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Mach-aye, Mr. Smith-aye, Dr. Small-aye, Dr. Gitz-aye, Dr. Hearst-aye, Ms. Jessen-aye.

- **Correspondence Received:**

- A. The Board reviewed correspondence from Diana Downes regarding spay/neuter procedures. The Board directed Ms. Stir to provide Ms. Downes with a written response to relay that the Board does not regulate the issue of when “spaying or neutering” procedures are performed or the pros or cons of the procedure. That issue of when to spay or neuter an animal should be between the veterinarian and client.
- B. The Board reviewed correspondence from Susan Woodhouse requesting an outline of the Ohio guidelines for veterinarians in regards to declawing of cats. The Board directed Ms. Stir to provide Ms. Woodhouse with a reference to the Veterinary Practice Act and to emphasize that the Board does not regulate the issue of “declawing” or the pros and cons of the procedure.

- **Old Business: NONE**

- **New Business: NONE**

- **Next Board Meeting:**

Dr. Redman acknowledged that the next Board meeting will be held December 9, 2009, 8:30 a.m. in the Board room located at 77 South High Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio.

- **Adjournment:** 10:17 a.m.

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Dr. Roger Redman, President

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Attested to by:

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Theresa Stir, Esq.  
Executive Director