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C. Thomas-Dowd
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Re: Case #91-87

Dear Dr. Thomas:

The Board reviewed your testimony given at the investigative inquiry held November 20, 1991 together with your records of treatment of "Tanya", a dog owned by Eileen and James Laidislaw. The Board's initial review disclosed what appears to be gross malpractice within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (a), namely:

On July 16, 1991 you examined and radiographed "Tanya". A pneumothorax is seen on lateral view in the radiograph you took. This disease is characterized by free air in the pleural space and partial collapse of lung lobes. On the lateral view, the pneumothorax is most prominent ventral to the heart and cranial to the diaphragm. The diaphragm, ribs and other structures appear normal, but numerous artifacts are present. These artifacts are probably from the intensifying screens and development process, and are particularly prominent on the ventrodorsal view. On the ventrodorsal view, the artifacts obscure visualization of the disease as well as some normal structures. You failed to properly read the radiographs, diagnosis the animal's condition, and treat the dog.

You are hereby offered the opportunity to settle this matter and avoid the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings by signing the enclosed certification and paying a civil penalty in the amount of \$1000.00, administrative costs of \$232.00 and making restitution to the consumer in the amount of \$184.48 within ten (10) days from receipt of this letter. The penalty is to be remitted by check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey.

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Alternatively, you may waive your right to a hearing and submit a written statement or explanation to the Board. The Board will consider this statement and render a final decision thereon. You may also request a hearing in which case the matter will be scheduled and this notice will serve as a complaint. At the hearing you may, either personally or with assistance of an attorney, submit such testimony or other evidence as you may deem necessary in order for the Board to finally determine whether the unlawful acts set forth herein have been proven.

Very truly yours,


Maurice W. McQuade
Executive Director

MWM/sr

Enclosure(s)

c.r.r.

CERTIFICATION

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Complaint of Eileen & James Ladislav vs C. Thomas-Down DVM Case No. 91-87

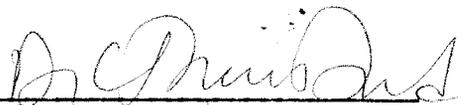
I have received the Board's letter dated 6-9-92
regarding alleged violations.

Please Check One:

The allegations set forth therein are acknowledged and
I enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$ 1416 ⁴⁸
payable to the "State of New Jersey". Further, I waive
any right which I may have to a hearing in this matter
and agree to cease and desist from the conduct alleged
in the notice.

I waive my right to a hearing and submit a written
statement or explanation in lieu thereof.

A hearing on this matter before the Board is hereby
requested.


Signature

Dated: 6-16-92