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Re: **I/M/O JAIME RIDER, D.V.M.**
Complaint Number: 09-017

Offer of Settlement In Lieu of Disciplinary Proceeding

Dear Dr. Rider:

This letter is to advise you that the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") has had an opportunity to review a complaint it received concerning the professional services you rendered to "Izzy" Patrick-Danley, then a four (4) year old dog, at the Pennsville Veterinary Hospital ("Hospital"), in February of 2009.

Specifically, the information reviewed by the Board included, but is not limited to, the following documents

1. A complaint filed by Amy Patrick-Danley with the Board on or about February 27, 2009, as well as any and all attachments and exhibits;
2. A correspondence from Jaime C. Rider, D.V.M., as well as any and all attachments and exhibits; and
3. Medical records of "Izzy" Danley.

Upon review of all available information, the Board has found that probable cause exists to support a finding that you violated, as well as failed to comply with, the statutes governing the practice of veterinary medicine and the accompanying regulations, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h), in that you failed to maintain adequate medical records contrary to N.J.A.C. 13:44-4.9(a).

The Board's review into this matter revealed that Izzy was presented to you, by Dr. Patrick-Danley, on February 24, 2009 for teeth cleaning. Later that day, Izzy was placed under anesthesia and the procedure was performed. While, according to you, Izzy took some time to fully recover from the anesthesia, he was able to walk out of the Hospital on his own. Later in the evening, the owner called your office with concerns over Izzy's behavior, specifying that the dog seemed disoriented and was having trouble standing. She was advised that the dog was likely just taking longer to recover from the anesthesia and to contact you or the emergency clinic if Izzy continued to decline. The owner did not call back. Unfortunately, Izzy died sometime during the night.

The Board, following its review of the submitted documents, has concluded that there is insufficient evidence to initiate any formal disciplinary action against you relative to the veterinary care rendered to Izzy. However, the Board, in its review of the matter, had the opportunity to review the patient records you submitted for review. The Board has concluded that you violated its patient record regulation by failing to create and maintain medical records for Izzy, contrary to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) and N.J.A.C. 13:44-4.9(a).

Specifically, the Board found that your records failed to contain important and required information relative to the veterinary services provided to Izzy as required by N.J.A.C. 13:44-4.9(a). The Board concluded that the records did not contain the following required information: 1) a separate record for each animal, as two dogs' medical histories were maintained in one record; 2) the name of your facility and the identification of the treating licensee; 3) the notation of physical examination findings performed prior to the February 24th dental cleaning procedure; 4) notation of the type of anesthesia used or the dosage administered on February 24th; and 5) the name or initials of the licensee or agent making an entry in the patient record. The Board has concluded that your failure to include the above requisite information in your patient records constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:44-4.9(a) 1, 5, 8, 9, and 10.

At this juncture, the Board has determined that the above violation is sufficient to warrant the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings against you. Notwithstanding that determination, however, the Board has determined that it will first offer you an opportunity to settle this matter, and thereby avoid the initiation of disciplinary proceedings, should you consent to:

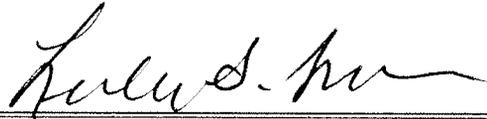
1. Cease and desist from violating the mandates of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h), specifically N.J.A.C. 13:44-4.9(a), by maintaining records for your patients that accurately reflect the treatment or services you rendered;
2. Pay a civil penalty in the aggregate amount of **\$2,500.00**, to be paid immediately upon your signing of the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter, for your violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) and the record keeping regulation, N.J.A.C. 13:44-4.9(a).

If you are willing to settle this matter on the offered settlement terms, you may do so by signing the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter, and returning it to the Board office. In such event, this letter will be a matter of public record.

In the event you are unwilling to settle this matter on the offered terms, it will be referred to the Attorney General's office for the initiation of appropriate disciplinary action. In such event, you will be afforded an opportunity to defend against the alleged violations. If an evidentiary hearing is deemed warranted, the Board will either conduct that hearing at a date and time to be scheduled or refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Law. You are advised, however, that in the event formal charges are filed, the Board may assess civil penalties in an amount greater than that herein offered in settlement should any charges against you be sustained. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts are found to so warrant, enter an order requiring you to reimburse certain monies and/or requiring you to pay costs incurred by the Board. Should you have any questions concerning this letter or the settlement offer herein, I suggest that you contact Deputy Attorney General Olga E. Bradford, who may be reached at (973) 648-3696.

If you elect to settle this matter presently, you should sign the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter and return it to the Board within fifteen (15) days following your receipt of this letter. In the event that the Board receives no response from you within fifteen (15) days, the Board's settlement offer will be withdrawn, and the matter will be referred to the Attorney General's Office for the initiation of the appropriate disciplinary action.

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By: 
LESLIE G. ARONSON
Executive Director

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: I, **JAIME C. RIDER, D.V.M.**, hereby acknowledge that I have read and reviewed the settlement proposal set forth in the above letter. I acknowledge the conduct that has been charged. I am aware that, by signing this acknowledgment, I am waiving any rights I may have to defend myself against any charges of wrongdoing at an administrative hearing. I am also aware that the action taken against me by the Board herein is a matter of public record, and that this letter is a public document. I hereby agree to pay a civil penalty in the total amount of **\$2,500.00**. I also agree to adhere to the other provisions enumerated in this settlement letter.


JAIME C. RIDER, D.V.M.

DATED: 4-9-10

cc: Olga E. Bradford, Deputy Attorney General

