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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINER

IN THE MATTER OF : Administrative Action
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MAMDOUH MECHEAL, D.V.M. : INTERIM CONSENT ORDER
License No.29VI00449000 : :
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LICENSED TO PRACTICE VETERINARY : :
MEDICINE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY: :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiner ("Board") upon receipt of information from the Bergen County Department of Health ("BCDH") that Lyndhurst Animal Hospital ("LAH"), owned and maintained by Mamdouh Mecheal, D.V.M. ("Respondent"), located at 620 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst, New Jersey, was observed to be cluttered, dirty, unsanitary and unkempt for an animal hospital. Specifically, a Report of Inspection dated July 20, 2015 indicated that numerous expired medications were observed; no temperature measuring device nor temperature log was present in the vaccine/medication refrigeration unit; vials of medications were spilled out onto the floor; all shelves, cabinets, drawers and storage areas were cluttered with disorganized

medications, and other items; all veterinary equipment had hair and dirt over them; gowns kept in storage were covered with heavy stains; post-surgical pet collars were covered with hair and dirt; the x-ray room was cluttered with boxes and items on the floor preventing access to the rear of the facility; and dust, hair, dirt and debris accumulated on floors throughout the facility.

On July 23, 2015, two investigators from the Enforcement Bureau, Division of Consumer Affairs ("DCA"), and accompanied by REHS conducted an inspection of the facility. The inspection revealed that numerous expired medications were found throughout the facility including the surgical and examination/treatment room, numerous expired medications and cat food were found inside a refrigeration unit, other expired and opened medications including expired anesthetic medications were observed in the surgical room while other expired medications were found in the examination room and cabinets and inside of another refrigeration unit.

Additionally, expired prescription foods were mixed in with unexpired foods in the basement which was extremely cluttered and dirty. The basement, which is used for storage and where the autoclave is located, was cluttered with supplies, medications, food, papers and other items from floor to ceiling. Broken glasses were scattered on the basement floor.

The reception area was dirty, disorganized and cluttered with patient charts, papers, dirt, hair and other debris. There were no

paper towels at hand sink and the laundry area floors were covered in hair, dirt and debris.

Respondent was unable to produce a vaccine log and claimed that he was unable to log a software program. Respondent was also unable to produce a CDS log or purchase record. Further, the x-ray equipment does not bear an inspection label. Respondent's State License and CDS Registration were not displayed. Respondent could not provide proof of DEP Regulator Medical Waste Generator Registration or an identification number. Though Respondent provided a Medical Waste Tracking form dated March 20, 2015 for a pick up of two (2) seventeen (17) gallon sharps container with a State Permit or ID No. 0272676, upon verification of the DEP Medical Waste Generator database, permit or ID No. 0272676 appears to be invalid and no registration was issued under LAH and Respondent's name. Further, the x-ray equipment does not bear an inspection label.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the photographs of Respondent's practice taken on July 23, 2015, as well as the DCA report of inspection on that date and an updated BCDH report, it appears that Respondent has failed to maintain his professional practice in a clean and sanitary condition in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:16-8.2. These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) in that Respondent has engaged in professional misconduct by failing to maintain LAH in a clean and sanitary condition.

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter on an interim basis and without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 12th DAY OF AUGUST, 2015

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. No later than seven (7) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall cease and desist practice and close LAH located at 620 Ridge Road, Lyndhurst, New Jersey. Immediately upon signing this Order, Respondent shall take no new clients/pets and refer clients with pets in need of immediate attention to other licensed practitioners. LAH must remain closed until such time as Respondent can demonstrate, and the Board is satisfied after reviewing documents submitted by Respondent and reviewing an inspection to be performed by the Enforcement Bureau of the Division of Consumer Affairs and BCDH, that Respondent's office premises are clean and sanitary and that the practice will be conducted in a clean and sanitary manner.

2. Specifically, Respondent must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that the facility is clean and sanitary and his practice will conform with the following requirements:

a) Respondent shall provide proof that he employs an office cleaning service which cleans the office and building on a regular basis, no less than once per week;

- b) Respondent shall properly dispose of all expired medications and prescription foods;
- c) Respondent shall install a temperature measuring device in the vaccine/medication refrigeration unit;
- d) Respondent shall maintain a temperature log for vaccine/medication refrigeration unit;
- e) Respondent shall keep all veterinary equipment including centrifuge, anesthesia mask, tubing, and basic exam tools in a clean and sanitary condition and free of hair, debris and contaminants;
- f) Respondent shall ensure that gowns are kept in clean condition free from stains;
- g) Respondent shall ensure that post-surgical pet collars are kept in a clean container free from hair and dirt;
- h) Respondent shall ensure that the x-ray room is not cluttered with items on the floor preventing access to the rear of the facility;
- i) Respondent shall ensure that the floors throughout the facility are free from stains and accumulation of dust, hair, dirt and debris;
- j) Respondent shall have a dedicated refrigeration unit for medications only;

- k) Prescription food shall be stored in vermin-proof containers;
 - l) Respondent shall ensure easy access to the autoclave in the basement;
 - m) Respondent shall ensure that the basement/storage area is organized and clean.
 - n) Respondent shall ensure that the reception area is clean and shall properly store all patient records and charts in order to maintain patient confidentiality and the integrity of radiographs; and
 - o) Respondent shall provide paper towels or appropriate hand drying equipment at hand sinks.
3. Respondent shall provide a vaccine log/print out of vaccine lot numbers and expiration dates of purchases made since January 1, 2015 to the date of closure of the office prior to reopening of the facility.
4. Respondent shall provide a CDS log or purchase record of purchases made since January 1, 2015 to the date prior to reopening of the facility.
5. Respondent shall provide a current inspection label of the x-ray equipment.
6. Respondent shall display his license to practice and CDS Registration in the office.

7. Respondent shall properly and timely dispose of all regulated medical waste including obtaining a medical waste registration number with the Department of Environmental Protection. Respondent shall maintain a contract with a proper medical waste disposal company and maintain all records pertaining to the disposal of medical waste including, but not limited to, medical waste tracking sheets.

8. Respondent shall provide proof of a current DEP Regulator Medical Waste Generator Registration or identification number for the facility prior to reopening of his office.

9. Respondent shall clean all surfaces that may have been in contact with blood borne pathogens or saliva with Environmental Protection Agency registered intermediate level disinfectant.

10. Respondent shall keep all food items separate from the surgical room, treatment room and work areas of the office.

11. Respondent shall rectify the situation concerning clutter found in and around the premises including, but not limited to the reception area and dirty and blood stained instruments in the drawer in the surgical room.

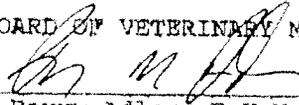
12. Respondent shall hereafter maintain his office premises in conformance with this Order.

13. The Board reserves the right to impose sanctions, including but not limited to suspension of license, penalties, costs and

continuing education for the conduct set forth in this order.

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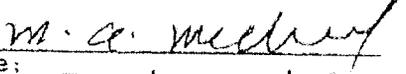
By:



Barry Adler, D.V.M.
Vice Board President

I have read and understand this Interim Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Mamdouh Mecheal, D.V.M.



Date:

08-10-15