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# Newsletter

## OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

The year is moving right along with several changes that are occurring to the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act. This year Gov. Fallin signed into law the Non-veterinary Reproduction Tech Act expansion that will become effective November 1, 2011. The essence of the HB 1310 is that non veterinary lay persons with a Masters and Certified with the American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists or Ph.D. in Animal Husbandry with a focus in animal reproduction and maintains over 8 hours in specific Animal Husbandry courses would be available to do certain levels of food and game animal reproduction work. An examination is being created utilizing at least three areas of expertise. The OSU Veterinary Health Center, the OSU Animal Science Department, and the American Embryo Transfer Association are in partnership to create areas that cover Biosecurity, Physiology, and Embryo Cryopreservation to name a few. There will be a disclaimer from the OSBVME for the AETA as they cannot directly endorse this test but have been instrumental in assisting in a high quality exam needed to protect the public. HB 1310 also cleaned up the issue of the Animal Husbandry definition and reinserted "consisting of" which returned the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act to two years ago and the ability to enforce violations.

To date we have had 125 public complaints filed for 2011 with 38 in the active file. The general frustration seems to be again in the poor communication areas. When the economy gets tough then more public complaints are made in an attempt to try and get out of the payments. This is nothing new and the OSBVME does not get into fee disputes. What we are seeing is too many veterinarians are taking short cuts and "shot gun" approaches to medical care and circumventing proper diagnostic workups to confirm medical needs. It is also a concern that inconsistent information is being given to the clients when they call in from the veterinary staff and then the DVM gives a different update later. It is not up to the support staff to give their interpretation on a case and can lead to misgivings. The Board is also seeing an increase in substandard levels of patient care, so please think through your efforts, confirm your dosages or protocols if you are not familiar with them and be sure that you document the quality of care.

Ongoing violations of the VCPR can cost you up to \$500 in fines as this is also a continuing issue that

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year*



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The Board  
Of Veterinary  
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is not getting better. We are enforcing this important rule and have Violations of the Pharmacy Act certificates suitable for framing and putting behind your receptionist to assist you. This helps you in the VCPR discussion with the public who just does not understand your position.

There are increasing requests for a time extension for Continuing Education that is not acceptable. 99% plus of the DVMs are doing it right but an increasing number of individuals have been procrastinating and not making this a priority at the first of the year. Many have chosen hunting trips and other "I just could not get around to it" excuses. The part of the "Right to Practice Veterinary Medicine" means that you have standards and benchmarks that must be achieved or those individuals are telling us that their license renewal is just not that important. This is your livelihood. The State of Oklahoma requires certain levels of achievement and these standards are in the Oklahoma Practice Act for your review. It has become so bad that there is now a \$100 fee request to review these extensions. You have one full year and a deadline of June 30th to achieve these requirements so there should be no surprises. We are aware that there are over 10,000 DVMs nationwide that have been deployed overseas and the Board voted unanimously to automatically waive the time allowed for their CE requirements. If this is your situation then please call the office for details.

As always, if you have any questions, please call the OSBVME office and we will help you in any way we can.

Dan G. Danner DVM  
OSBVME President

## DISCIPLINED DOCTORS

December 2010 – November 2011

**Sherman Hadley, DVM** (VSJ and Agreed Order) - Self Medicating; Diversion of Drugs for personal use; Habitual use and addiction of CDS.

Sanctions included: Suspended from practice while attending treatment; ordered to attend a recovery program and must attend weekly meetings and participate in aftercare program; random drug screens; for first 6 months can not work more than 32 hours per week; surrendered OBN and DEA registrations; 10 year probation; \$20,000 fine including costs, \$10,000 will be deferred and if he has successful completion of probation the deferred \$10,000 will be waived; \$50 per month for probation fee.

**Tim Forwoodson, DVM** (VSJ and Agreed Order) - Fabrication of a lab report; Failing to properly label and prescribe medications and failing to establish a valid VCPR; Failed to properly maintain patient records.

Sanctions included: Provide community service within 25 miles radius of clinic for the Pet Breeders Board and provide assistance with local law enforcement on animal cruelty cases; 6 additional CE hours on jurisprudence, labeling and record keeping; take jurisprudence exam; must submit large animal patient/client reports monthly; client usage reports from drug distributors for prescription drugs sent monthly; \$15,000 fine including costs, \$7,500 will be deferred and if he has successful completion of probation the deferred \$7,500 will be waived; 3 years probation and \$50 per month probation fee.

## NOTIFY US

If you have made changes in your employment, home address, or phone numbers, please inform the Board in writing as soon as possible. You can fax or email the information.

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## LICENSED, REGISTERED, AND CERTIFIED

As of November 1, 2011

DVM	1840
Provisional	3
SDVM	1
Faculty	54
Emeritus	169
RVT	339
CAET	119
NonVet Equine Dental Care Provider	11

## VCPR AND SALE OF RX DRUGS

A valid VCPR is one in which a veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of an animal or group of animals and the need for medical treatment, the client (the owner of the animal or animals or other caretaker) has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian, there is sufficient knowledge of the animal or group of animals by the veterinarian to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal or group of animals and the practicing veterinarian is readily available for follow-up in case of adverse reactions or failure of the regimen of therapy. Such a relationship can exist only when the veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal or group of animals by virtue of examination of the one or more of the animals and/or by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal or group of animals are kept.

The OSBVME has issued several Field Citations to veterinarians that are selling veterinary prescription drugs without a valid VCPR. The Board has seen an up rise in this illegal practice and is taking a no tolerance stance and several Field Citations have been issued to the veterinarian for \$500 each. Please educate yourself and your staff about the importance of a VCPR and put an end to the invalid VCPR regarding prescription drugs, it is time to take a stand and do what is right by upholding a valid Veterinary Client Patient Relationship.

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