



Oklahoma Veterinary Board Newsletter

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ABILITY OR ACCOUNTABILITY

For the past few months, the veterinary profession in Oklahoma has been under attack from individuals and groups who feel that the Veterinary Practice Act is attempting to establish a monopoly on any and all veterinary services provided in the state, and that this monopoly prevents capable individuals with certain skill sets from working in the state and making a living. The argument that these individuals can provide as good a service as veterinarians without being regulated is heated and has become quite contentious – but it is completely off target. This debate is not about ability – it is about accountability!!

If a town in Oklahoma were struck by a tornado, very few legislators would promote legislation allowing unlicensed and uninsured builders and roofers the ability to work with no accountability. Instead, they would push to assure that their constituents were protected from poor workmanship, shoddy construction materials, and unscrupulous business practices. They would insist that these builders would be capable and insured! Yet, when it comes to certain veterinary practices, the attitude appears to be that constituents – the people of Oklahoma – do not need the protection that regulation brings. Regulation does not inhibit practice – very simply, regulation promotes and ensures competence and accountability!! Regulation provides the people of Oklahoma – the very people legislators are elected to serve – a means of acquiring service in a competent manner and assurance that if the service is substandard, some form of recompense is ensured.

This issue is further complicated by the fact that many urban/suburban legislators defer to their rural counterparts on this topic due to the fact that the urban/suburban legislators have limited exposure to these practices. Therefore, it falls to those veterinarians in the larger metropolitan areas of the

state to contact our legislators and make our position known on this matter. Once the privileges are lost, we will never get them back! Remember – "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing".

As I write this column, Thanksgiving has just passed and I have been thinking of the many things I have to be thankful for in my life: a wonderful wife, good friends, good health, and my dogs!, a comfortable house and a profession that I love and take great pride in. As I reflect on my practice life, I cannot stop thinking of the many mentors that I have had that shaped the veterinarian I have become.

First, Drs. Charles Kelsey and Wayne Haney who took a high school student and introduced him to the daily wonder of being a veterinarian and helped guide me toward my educational goals.

Second, the many instructors at OSUCVM whose patience and wisdom were slowly (very slowly in some cases) passed on to me. In particular, Drs. Mary Bowles, John Hoover, Ken Bartels are veterinarians I take pride in calling friends.

Thirdly, I have had three wonderful mentors here in Oklahoma City – Drs. Gary Kubat, Mike Benham, and Roger Johnson – each of who have provided invaluable guidance and examples of how to practice quality medicine and lead a good life- values I try to practice on a daily basis.

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*Merry
Christmas!
From the OSBVME
Board and Staff*

ABILITY OR ACCOUNTABILITY continued

Finally, the other Board Members – both past and present – who have given of their time and experience to help protect this profession I love so much.

So as I reflect on my many blessings, I say thank you to all of you for your guidance, wisdom, patience, friendships, and support through all these years. I hope I have earned your respect!

Each of us has individuals in our lives that have guided, nudged, prodded, and pushed us on toward our goals, and whose guidance we call on daily to get us through our practice lives. Give them a call and tell them how important they are in your life and thank them for being there for you.

From my family to yours-Have a Great Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Jim Lee, DVM
Board President

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Frank Denney is one of the newest board members from District 3. He was raised in Vinita, OK. He graduated in the OSU CVM class of 1976. After graduation, Dr. Denney opened a mixed animal practice in Cushing, OK with his wife Lee. They have been married for 32 years; Lee is also a veterinarian and a State Representative. They have two children; Will who is an O.U. graduate and is presently a student in Tienjin, China completing a MBA program through O.C.U. Kate is a 3rd year Pharmacy student at O.U. Health Sciences Center. Dr. Denney has been a Cushing School Board member since 1984 and is an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Cushing. We welcome him aboard!

Ms. Tamara Ward is our newest lay board member appointed by Governor Henry this past spring. She was raised in Locust Grove, OK and completed her undergraduate in 1998 from N.S.U. and graduated with a law degree from O.U. Law School in 2001. After graduation from law school, she practiced as an Assistant District Attorney for Garvin County. She is currently an Administrative Law Judge for DHS Child Support Division. Ms. Ward is married to Jim and they have two children, Remington who is 9 and Emily who is 6. She is a Girl Scout Leader and a Team Leader for Cure Search Children's Oncology Group. They have 5 dogs, 6 horses, a herd of Boer goats and numerous barn cats. We welcome her aboard!

UPCOMING DATES

January 8, 2010 4pm
Board Meeting at Board Office

January 29, 2010
OVMA Convention - Clarion Hotel OKC

DUTIES PERFORMED WITHOUT DIRECT SUPERVISION

Did you know that a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) can perform certain procedures as directed by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian without the continuing physical presence of the licensed veterinarian? At the present time there are seventeen procedures allowed, but the RVT must comply with the general record keeping requirements.

- ▶ Euthanasia of animals;
- ▶ Thoracocentesis;
- ▶ Abdominocentesis;
- ▶ Ocular Tonometry;
- ▶ Animal Massage Therapy;
- ▶ Vaccinations; and
- ▶ Dental Scaling and Polishing
- ▶ Suturing existing skin incisions made by a veterinarian
- ▶ Microchipping or tattooing for identification purposes
- ▶ Pregnancy checking of farm animals with or without diagnostic equipment, rectal palpation, artificial insemination, correcting of uterine prolapse, uncomplicated fetal extractions excluding fetotomies and c-sections
- ▶ Flotation or dressing of equine teeth
- ▶ Gavage
- ▶ Ear flush
- ▶ EKG, Ultrasound or other diagnostic imaging or monitoring
- ▶ Administration and management of anesthetic and analgesic agents
- ▶ Application of splints and bandages
- ▶ Wound management and care

OPEN RECORDS REQUESTS

Did you know that the some of the information provided on the annual renewal form is subject to the open records law? If requested, we must provide any information included in the Clinic/Employment area of the renewal form along with the Continuing Education, Clinical Practice and Discipline.

When we receive requests from various organizations asking for a "Mailing list", we only provide the information listed in the Clinic/Employment area of the form (Name, Clinic name, Address, Phone and E-mail). The information listed in the Home portion is not considered an open record.

OUR SINCERE THANKS!

Dwight Olson, DVM completed his second five-year term as a Board member on May 9, 2009.

The Board and staff acknowledge his commitment to the Board's mission and greatly appreciate his leadership, devotion and many contributions as a Board member. We will all miss his valuable knowledge. THANK YOU DR. DWIGHT OLSON!!

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 animal 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 is once again conducting an investigation on a random basis throughout the state to determine if it is a common practice to sell veterinary prescription drugs without a valid VCPR. Fifty (50) percent of the practices contacted illegally sold prescription medications by not having a valid VCPR. The Board currently is offering to these practices a one-time amnesty and requesting a refund for the drugs purchased. Due to the high percentage of these sales of prescription drugs a more severe action will be take after the first of the year. Please educate yourself and your staff about the importance of a VCPR.

LICENSING STATISTICS AS OF NOVEMBER 2009

DVM	1807
SDVM	4
EMERITUS	138
FACULTY	46
RVT	280
CAET	115

BOARD HEARINGS

May 2009 – November 2009

Carla Gathright, CAET

VSJ - Agreed Order: Possessing and using marijuana for personal use. Her license as a Euthanasia Technician shall be suspended during the period of time her termination of employment with the Norman Police Department is being reconsidered by the Norman City Manager or further appealed by Respondent but in no event shall the suspension last longer than the period of probation; license as a Euthanasia Technician shall be automatically reinstated upon re-employment with the Norman Police Department or another appropriate law enforcement agency, animal control agency or animal shelter; and if not employed as a Euthanasia Technician at or prior to the end her probation, license shall automatically terminate. 2 Yrs Probation.

PROPER LABELING SAMPLES CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

ACE ANIMAL HOSPITAL
P.O. Box 1234 Hometown, OK 73100
(405) 123-4567

11/30/2009 I.C. Animals, DVM
00456 Joe Brown
9989 North 99th, Hometown OK 73100

Rx# 5503 Pierre Canine Poodle
Directions: Give ½ tablet every 12 hours

Quantity: 10 Torbutrol 5mg Tablet Refills: 0
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
FOR VETERINARY USE ONLY

FOOD ANIMAL PRESCRIPTION

ACE ANIMAL HOSPITAL
P.O. Box 1234 Hometown, OK 73100
(405) 123-4567

11/30/2009 I.C. Animals, DVM
00100 Big Buck's Beef Cattle

Rx# 5502 Bovine Angus
Directions: Use at the rate of 6cc/ 100 lbs bw for a four day treatment level. May be repeated. Withdrawal for meat is 38 days. Not for lactating cows. Give SubQ. 10cc/inj. site

Quantity: 200 Nufloor Refills: 0
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
FOR VETERINARY USE ONLY

PRESCRIPTIONS

If you have pre-printed scripts that you use in your clinic/hospital, please include on the script that it is only valid at an Oklahoma Licensed Pharmacy.

DRUG IMPAIRMENT CAN BE DEFEATED

Effective help is available. If you know someone we encourage you to get involved and if you personally have a problem, seek drug treatment assistance.

Call ExecuCare at 405-271-2474 to arrange a confidential telephone interview with one of their doctors.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

OK Dept of Agriculture

2800 N Lincoln OKC
405-521-3864
State Veterinarian

USDA APHIS

12304 Market Dr OKC (New)
405-751-1701 (New)
Federal Accreditation & Health certificates

OK Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA)

3200 E Memorial Edmond OK
405-478-1002

OK Bureau of Narcotics (OBN)

440 NE 39th OKC
405-530-3131
Registration for administering/dispensing
CDS in OK

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

9900 N Broadway Ext OKC
405-475-7500
Registration for ordering/storing CDS

REPORT SUSPECTED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY TO FDA

If you wish to report suspected criminal activity relating to FDA regulated products, please describe in detail the suspected criminal activity online at the following FDA's Office of Criminal Investigation's website address: www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/email/oc/oci/contact.cfm

SOLICITATIONS FOR OTC MEDS

Occasionally, you may receive solicitations from the various organizations that ask you to "participate" in their program of purchasing large amounts of OTC veterinary medications that will be re-sold to non-traditional outlets. First you should ask yourself if this practice is ethical. You also must wonder, why can't these outlets purchase the OTC products on their own? Why do they need a middleman (DVM) to facilitate this transaction? Why should you facilitate this to make these products available outside of a clinic setting thereby taking business away from your peers and yourself? With everything that is going on and the attacks on our profession, we must strive to do everything we can to protect our profession from any appearances of back ally shady dealings. Again is this practice ethical?

If you receive any solicitations, we are requesting that you fax a copy of this solicitation to our Board office at (405) 524-9012. Please also fax a copy to the Pharmacy Board at (405) 521-3758 and FDA at (405) 609-8741. Note at the top of your fax "Complaint" to ensure it is routed to the right department. This will also keep these agencies in the know about unscrupulous practices.

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