NEWSLETTER

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Oklahoma Veterinary Board

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FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Greetings! By the time you get this, you should have also received your license renewal form. I urge you to complete it YOURSELF and mail it back. The deadline is June 30 and you will have well over 45 days to fill out the form and send it in. Don't wait until the last day. The office always receives 20 – 30 renewals after June 30th with insufficient fees. The penalty is $100.00 after June 30th, in addition to the $175.00 license fee.

I also want to remind you that 20 hours of continuing education must be reported each year. If you find you are deficient, the OVMA/OSU Summer Seminar will be held in Stillwater on June 9-10 and 15 hours can be obtained.

If you have any questions please call us or check out our website for answers.

Dwight Olson DVM
President

RENEWAL SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

- **MANDATORY QUESTIONS:** All 4 of these questions must be answered.
- **MANADATORY REVIEW OF CDS LAWS (under CE):** This section must be completed.
- **SIGNATURE:** Before returning the form, please be sure you have signed and dated it.
- **RENEWAL MUST BE MAILED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2006.**

FROM THE BOARD SECRETARY

The Board has had several violations of record keeping lately. It is very important not only to be sure in hospital use of Rx and controlled substances, but it is easy to overlook when a script is refilled by on outside pharmacy. Those oversights include simply being too busy and CDS refills are not written in the client/patient record, and therefore a loss of proper patient monitoring is not achieved.

A reminder that even though the DEA and OBNDD only requires 2 year retainer of your CDS records, the Pharmacy Board requires 5 years. The Board also requires retention of continuing education in a readily retrievable file for a 5-year period. The bottom line is to keep all your records for 5 years to avoid any confusion.

The Board has also had a few complaints of DVM's becoming lax on quality care and not using gloves in surgery or just cutting too many corners on costs. Honestly, it often will come back to you in post treatment complications. Do a quality job and keep up your professional levels. Client perceptions are everything. When your quality of care goes down then their perceived value or desire to compensate you becomes questioned.

Dan G. Danner, DVM
Board Secretary/Treasurer

If you have any information on illegal pharmaceutical sales, contact the Board office.

LICENSING STATISTICS AS OF APRIL 2006

DVM	1745
SDVM	4
EMERITUS	92
FACULTY	30
RVT	212
CAET	47

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Effective June 1, 2006

The Board has been very busy this legislative session proposing changes to the Veterinary Practice Act. As you are probably aware, effective last November changes were made to the Abandoned Animals section that included reducing the number of days to hold an animal after written notice from ten to three. This session we are including in the language that a written notice can be given by registered or certified mail, return receipt, receipted or refused, or by actual hand-delivery, to the owner or owner's agent last known address.

Also proposed is addition of language to the Confidentiality of Information section that will allow the sharing of information with law enforcement that is necessary to conduct or complete a pending investigation of a crime not covered by the Oklahoma Veterinary Practice Act.

Thus far these proposed language changes have passed the House and Senate. It is now awaiting approval by the Governor.

2006 BOARD MEETINGS AND EVENTS

May 19-20	7pm Fri/8:30am Sat Board Meeting
June 16	National/State Tech Exams @ OSU-OKC
June 30	Renewal due date
July 14-15	7pm Fri/8:30am Sat Board Meeting
Sept 22-23	7pm Fri/8:30am Sat Board Meeting
Nov 17-18	7pm Fri/8:30am Sat Board Meeting

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS APRIL 2005 – MARCH 2006

John Kloeckler, "Certified Equine Dentist"
Citation and Fine of $500 issued for holding himself out to the public as a Certified Equine Dentist, even though there is no such certification in Oklahoma. Mr. Kloeckler had previously received two Cease and Desist letters informing him to cease the practice of veterinary medicine. The Board received a complaint from a member of the public stating Mr. Kloeckler had performed a dental procedure where he floated teeth in two of their horses and extracted a blind wolf tooth in one horse.

Sherry Ross, Pharmacist
Citation and Fine of $250 issued to Sherry Ross owner and pharmacist of Sherry's Pharmacy for selling Heartguard to the public without a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

C. Earnest Wyatt, DVM
Violation (Voluntary Submission To Jurisdiction And Agreed Order): Negligent in the practice of veterinary medicine. Doctor disputes this allegation but for the purpose of resolving this matter, Doctor admits that if this matter went to hearing, the Board Staff would present evidence supporting this allegation; Doctor did not keep and maintain adequate patient records as required, Doctor disputes this allegation, but does admit with respect to his records that there is room for improvement and that more detail could be added; Doctor failed to practice veterinary medicine with reasonable skill and safety as required, Doctor disputes this allegation but for the purpose of resolving this matter, admits if this case went to hearing, the Board Staff would present evidence supporting the allegation.
Board Action: Shall submit copies of four different case files each month for a period of six months; shall within thirty (30) days, reimburse the owner of the puppy, the sum of $600.00, representing reimbursement of $100.00 for fees paid for services and $500.00 for the purchase price paid by the owner for puppy; shall volunteer 20 hours of community service at a local animal shelter by performing or assisting in spay/neuters and related veterinary services, free of charge; shall within sixty days from the date of this Order, prepare a five page written report on Parvo-Corona treatment protocol.

If you have any information on unlicensed activity, please don't hesitate to contact the Board office.