## DOCKET NO. 2002-53

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS STATE BOARD OF

THE LICENSE OF §

JIMMIE E. GILL, D.V.M. § VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

## AGREED ORDER

On this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002 came on to be considered by the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") the matter of the license of Jimmie Gill, D.V. M. ("Respondent"). Pursuant to Section 801.408, Texas Occupations Code and Board Rule 575.27, an informal conference was held on July 25, 2002. The Respondent attended without counsel. The Board was represented at the conference by the Board's Enforcement Committee.

Respondent, without admitting the truth of the findings and conclusions set out in this Agreed Order, wishes to waive a formal adjudicative hearing and thereby informally dispose of the issues without a formal adjudication. Respondent agrees to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in this Order. In waiving an adjudicative hearing, Respondent acknowledges his understanding of the alleged violations and the adequacy and sufficiency of the notice provided to him.

Upon the recommendation of the Enforcement Committee and with Respondent's consent, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters this Agreed Order as set forth below.

## **Findings of Fact**

- 1. On July 27, 2001 Debra K. Franklin, Haltom City, Texas took her cat "Tiger Bear" to the Broadway Animal Clinic, Haltom City, Texas for a haircut. Jimmie E. Gill, D.V.M., administered one cc of Ketaset/ace to calm the cat before the cat was clipped. Ms. Franklin did not, orally or in writing, authorize Dr. Gill to anesthesize "Tiger Bear." Following the morning clipping, the cat was put back in his cage. Upon returning from lunch, the clinic staff found that the cat had died.
- 2. Dr. Gill's patient records for "Tiger Bear" do not contain information on the treatment of the cat. Individual records were not maintained for each animal owned by Ms. Franklin and treated at the clinic. Names, dosages, concentration, and routes of administration of the anesthesia are lacking. Other details necessary to substantiate the treatment and procedure performed do not appear to be complete. Details about the anesthetic procedures are not included.
- 3. The controlled substances records produced by Dr. Gill do not contain, for each drug listed,

the date of acquisition; quantity purchased; date administered or dispensed; quantity administered or dispensed; name of client and patient receiving the drug; diagnosis; and balance on hand. Invoices for drug purchases do not match quantities on hand in the controlled substances records. On May 16, 1990, Board inspectors visited Dr. Gill's clinic and found deficiencies in patient record keeping and controlled substances records.

## Conclusions of Law

- 1. Respondent is required to comply with the provisions of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Chapter 801, Texas Occupations Code, and with the Board's Rules.
- 2. Based on Finding of Fact 1, Respondent has violated Rule 573.20, RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF MEDICAL CARE, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct which requires a client be advised of treatment to be provided to the client's pet.
- 3. Based on Finding of Fact 2, Dr. Gill has violated Rule 573.52, PATIENT RECORD KEEPING, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 4. Based on Finding of Fact 3, Dr. Gill has violated Rule 573.50, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES RECORDS KEEPING FOR DRUGS ON HAND.
- 5. Based on Findings of Fact 1 through 3 and Conclusions of Law 1 through 4, Respondent has violated Section 801.402 (6) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code, and is subject to disciplinary action by the Board:

801.402. GENERAL GROUNDS FOR LICENSE DENIAL OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION. A person is subject to denial of a license or to disciplinary action under Section 801.401 if the person:

- (6) engages in practices or conduct that violates the board's rules of professional conduct;
- (12) performs or prescribes unnecessary or unauthorized treatment.
- 6. Based on Conclusions of Law 1 through 5, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 801.401 of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code:

801.401. DISCIPLINARY POWERS OF BOARD. (a) If an applicant or license holder is subject to denial of a license or to disciplinary action under Section 801.402, the Board may:

- (1) refuse to examine an applicant or to issue or renew a license;
- (2) revoke or suspend a license;
- (3) place on probation a license holder or person whose license has been

suspended;

- (4) reprimand a license holder; or
- (5) impose a civil penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD AND RESPONDENT AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

The Board ORDERS that Jimmie E. Gill, D.V.M., be officially REPRIMANDED.

The Board further ORDERS that Respondent pay a CIVIL PENALTY of Two Thousand Five-Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00) within forty-five (45) days of the Board's approval of this Order.

The Board further ORDERS that Respondent take and pass the Board's JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION within thirty (30) days of the Board's approval of this Order.

The Board further ORDERS that Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Texas be SUSPENDED for thirty (30) days of the date of the Board's approval of this Order. If Respondent takes and passes the JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION within thirty (30) days of the Board's approval of this Order, the SUSPENSION will be lifted at the end of the 30-day period. If Respondent does not take and pass the JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION within 30 days of the Board's approval of this Order, the SUSPENSION will continue for successive 30-day periods until Respondent takes and passes the JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION. Respondent may take the JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION once every 30 days.

Each 30-day suspension remains in effect for the full 30 days regardless of when during the 30-day period the JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION is taken and passed. For example, if the Board adopts this Order on October 17, 2002, the first 30-day suspension period will begin on October 17 and remain in effect until November 16, 2002. If Respondent takes and passes the JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION on October 25, 2002, the suspension will still remain in effect until November 16, 2002.

The Board further ORDERS that during the period(s) of suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any activities constituting the practice of veterinary medicine. If Respondent does engage in the practice of veterinary medicine during a period of suspension, the Board will prosecute Respondent to the fullest extent of the law.

The Board further ORDERS that:

1 Respondent shall abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct, the Texas Veterinary Licensing Act, and the laws of the State of Texas and the United States.

- Respondent shall cooperate with the Board's attorneys, investigators, compliance
  officers and other employees and agents investigating Respondent's compliance with this Order.
- 3. Failure by Respondent to comply with the terms of this Agreed Order or with any other provisions of the Licensing Act or the Board Rules, may result in further disciplinary action.

Respondent, by signing this Agreed Order, acknowledges his understanding of the Agreed Order, the notice, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein set forth, and agrees that he will satisfactorily comply with the mandates of the Agreed Order in a timely manner or be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the Board.

Respondent, by signing this Agreed Order, waives his right to a formal hearing and any right to seek judicial review of this Agreed Order. Respondent acknowledges that he had the right to be represented by legal counsel in this matter.

RESPONDENT WAIVES ANY FURTHER HEARINGS OR APPEALS TO THE BOARD OR TO ANY COURT IN REGARD TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREED ORDER. NOTHING IN THIS ORDER SHALL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF RESPONDENT'S RIGHTS UNDER STATUTE OR UNDER THE UNITED STATES OR TEXAS CONSTITUTIONS TO APPEAL AN ORDER OR ACTION OF THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO THIS AGREED ORDER EXCEPT AS RESPONDENT MAY HAVE OTHERWISE AGREED TO HEREIN. RESPONDENT AGREES THAT THIS IS A FINAL ORDER.

The effective date of this Agreed Order shall be the date it is adopted by the Board.

I, JIMMIE E. GILL, D.V.M., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED ORDER. I UNDERSTAND BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS ORDER CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.

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Date

STATE OF TEXAS
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BEFORE ME, on this day, personally appeared Jimmie E. Gill, D.V.M., known to me as the

person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes stated therein.

Given under the hand and seal of office this 3 day of Sept. , 2002.

CONNIE PERRITT
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
May 20, 2004

Notary Public

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the 17th day of 00 tober, 2002.

Martin Garcia, D.V.M., President