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DOCKETED COMPLAINT NO. 1997-05

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY	§	TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL
MEDICAL EXAMINERS	§	LICENSE NO. 7559
vs.	§	1996 RENEWAL CERTIFICATE
CHRISTINA ODOM, DVM	§	NUMBER 4951+P

#### COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for Texas, on this day personally appeared Charles Adkins, who after being duly sworn, did depose and say:

On or about January 11, 1995, Charles Adkins, being an employee of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, did in the course of such employment, make certain investigations into the professional conduct of one Christina Odom, D.V.M., 2500 Estes Parkway, Longview, Texas, 75602, Veterinary License Number 7559, 1996 Renewal Certificate Number 4951+P a practitioner of veterinary medicine in the State of Texas. As an employee of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, I, Charles Adkins, do hereby present the following complaint against Christina Odom, DVM.

#### I.

On or about December 15, 1995, Ms. Kandilyn K. Whittington, Longview, Texas, took her three and a half year old male cat, "Baby Brother", to the Longview Veterinary Hospital, Longview, Texas, suffering from vomiting and inability to eat.

#### II.

On or about December 15, 1995, an examination by Dr. Odom, Longview Veterinary Hospital, failed to disclose any abnormal conditions. The temperature and fecal test take appeared to be within normal limits. Blood was also taken and Dr. Odom recommended that the cat be admitted for observation until the results of the blood screen could be obtained. A view of the patient records failed to disclose a physical examination.

#### III.

On or about December 15, 1995, Ms. Whittington called the hospital on two occasions for a status on her cat. Due to a personality conflict, Dr. Odom indicated the hospital could no longer treat the cat.

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IV.

On or about December 16, 1995, Dr. Renn D. Johnson, South Green Animal Hospital, Longview, Texas examined "Baby Brother" for vomiting and anorexia for several days. A physical examination revealed that most parameters were within normal limits, however, the cat was obese and had a mass formed in it's abdomen. Further tests disclosed a megacolon with obstipation. Treatment was started immediately.

V.

On December 17, 1995, a lateral radiograph of the abdomen revealed that the obstipation was breaking up and shrinking in size. "Baby Brother" began passing stools and eating vigorously. The cat was released on December 21, 1995, and was to be observed for future signs of constipation.

VI.

Based on paragraph II, Dr. Odom violated, Rule 573.52 - Patient Record Keeping of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

VII.

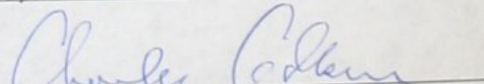
Based on paragraph VI, Dr. Odom violated Section 14 (a)(5) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, article 8890.

ARTICLE 8890, SECTION 14

(a) . . . the Board may revoke or suspend a license, impose a civil penalty, place a person whose license has been suspended on probation, or reprimand a licensee . . . if it finds that a licensee:

(5) has engaged in practices or conduct in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine which are violative of the standards of professional conduct as duly promulgated by the Board in accordance with the law;

The foregoing complaint is submitted to the Secretary of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on this the 20th day of DECEMBER 1996.  
Further, Affiant sayeth not.

  
Charles Adkins, Affiant

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SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me by the said Charles Adkins this the 20<sup>TH</sup> day  
of DECEMBER 1996



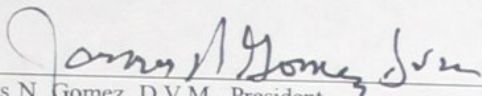
Mike Carroll  
Mike Carroll, Notary Public in and for Texas

The foregoing Complaint is hereby filed and docketed with the Texas State Board of Veterinary  
Medical Examiners and styled Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners vs. Christina  
Odom, D.V.M., under Docketed Number 1997-05 this the 27<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER 1996.

Michael J. McCulloch, DVM  
Michael J. McCulloch, DVM, Board Secretary  
Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

The foregoing Agreed Order, entered into between Dr. Christina Odom and/or legal counsel representing Dr. Odom, Board Secretary, and the Board's Executive Staff, and having been presented to the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners as a No Contest Plea, was accepted by the Board, and the Board, on the 29th day of January 29, 1997, ordered that all penalties and conditions as stated therein be complied with the same as if evidence had been heard and Findings and Orders issued.

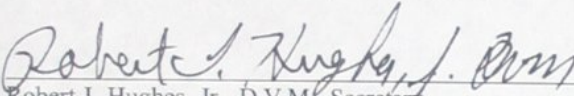
Executed this the 29th day of January, 1997.

  
James N. Gomez, D.V.M., President

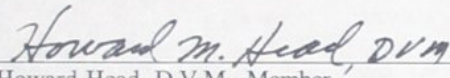
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Robert I. Hughes, Jr., D.V.M., Secretary

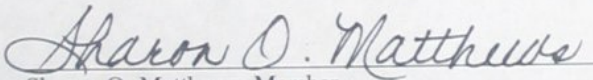
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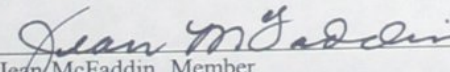
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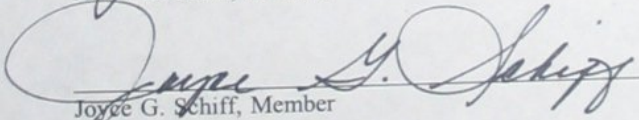
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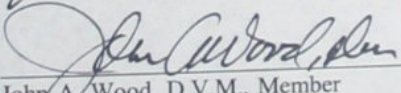
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Joyce G. Schiff, Member

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LICENSE NUMBER 7559

AGREED ORDER

This agreed order has been entered between Dr. Christina Odom and Ron Allen, the Executive Director of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, in concurrence with the Board Secretary. It is presented to the Board as a recommendation only. If the Board elects to reject or amend this agreed order, the defendant, Dr. Christina Odom, will be granted a continuance at her option.

Dr. Odom does not contest the allegations set forth in the Complaint, attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein for all purposes, and agrees that: (1) the Board may treat the allegations of fact and law as true, and (2) the findings shall have the same force and effect as if evidence and argument were presented in support of the allegations. Respondent understands and intends that by so stating, she is not admitting the truth of the allegations, but is merely agreeing that the Board may enter an Order treating the allegations as true without the necessity of receiving evidence in support thereof.

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES:**

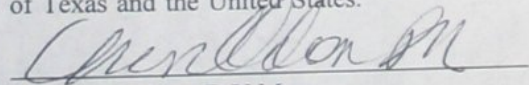
Dr. Christina Odom violated the Rule of Professional Conduct: 573.52 - Patient Record Keeping of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Dr. Odom is not subject to any prior disciplinary action by the Board.

**RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINARY ACTION:**

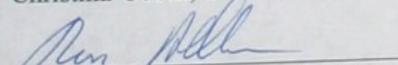
Official Reprimand.

**CONDITIONS:**

Agree to abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct, Texas Veterinary Licensing Act and the Laws of the State of Texas and the United States.

  
Christina Odom, D.V.M.

1/15/97  
Date

  
RON ALLEN, Executive Director  
TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

January 8, 1997  
Date