

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Monday, December 21, 2020 at 12:00 noon
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

CALL TO ORDER

I. Office of Legal Compliance

- A. Amr Wasfi, DVM – Petition Nos. 2017-1239
Presentation of Motion for Summary Suspension – Brittany Petano, Staff Attorney, DPH

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SUMMARY SUSPENSION COVER SHEET

In re: Amr Wasfi, D.V.M.

Petition No. 2020-1173
Petition No. 2019-597
Petition No. 2019-500
Petition No. 2019-30
Petition No. 2019-594

1. Amr Wasfi of Bridgeport, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") was issued license number 001159 to practice veterinary medicine on January 11, 1977.
2. On April 17, 1996, the Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine (hereinafter "the Board") issued a Memorandum of Decision in Petition No. 930201-47-003 which revoked respondent's veterinary license, effective June 1996, based upon findings of unskillfulness.
3. On April 30, 2003, the Board issued a second Memorandum of Decision in Petition No. 930201-47-003 which reinstated respondent's veterinary license based on findings that respondent suffered from substance abuse issues during the underlying events that led to revocation of his license and was in a satisfactory state of recovery warranting reinstatement of his license.
4. In or around January 2019, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") began investigating initial complaints regarding the respondent's practice. The Department continued to receive complaints and information involving the respondent's practice, most recently on December 10, 2020 when the Department was made aware of the respondent's second arrest, which have been combined for this summary suspension request.
5. Respondent has been arrested and charged with cruelty to animals on two separate occasions: May 1, 2019 (involving the conduct alleged in Petition Nos. 2019-30 & 2019-500) and December 10, 2020 (involving the conduct alleged in Petition No. 2020-1173). Both criminal cases are still pending.
6. The underlying alleged conduct for each petition is as follows:
 - a. Petition No. 2020-1173 – During the course of approximately September 24, 2020 and/or September 25, 2020, respondent provided treatment to a dog, *Lyric*, that failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that he: failed to appropriately assess, manage, and/or treat the dog during and/or post surgery for ear cropping; misinformed and/or misrepresented the dog's condition and/or treatment performed; and/or inappropriately and/or negligently utilized a heating pad, leading to second-degree burns along the dog's thorax, abdomen and/or rib area and/or eventual cardiac failure.

- b. Petition No. 2019-597 – During the course of approximately March,22, 2019 and/or March 23, 2019, respondent provided treatment to a dog, *Athena*, that failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that he: failed to appropriately assess, manage, and/or treat the dog's pelvis, hip, and/or leg issues; failed to adequately inform the owner(s) of the dog's condition and/or prognosis; and/or failed to maintain adequate treatment records.
 - c. Petition No. 2019-500 – During the course of approximately February 14, 2019 through March 25, 2019, respondent provided treatment to a dog, *Monster*, that failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that he: failed to appropriately assess, manage, and/or treat the dog's hip and/or leg issues; misinformed and/or misrepresented the dog's condition and/or treatment performed; provided inappropriate and/or inadequate means of sedation and/or pain medications; performed surgery that was not medically necessary; failed to provide adequate post-operative care, including but not limited to providing proper healing time, nutrition, hydration, and/or medication; failed to provide appropriate referral to an emergency and/or twenty-four hour facility; and/or failed to maintain adequate treatment records.
 - d. Petition No. 2019-30 – On or about December 13, 2018, respondent provided treatment to a cat, *Luna*, that failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that he: handled the cat in an inappropriately aggressive physical manner; provided inappropriate and/or inadequate means of sedation; failed to provide appropriate pain medication; and/or failed to maintain adequate treatment records.
 - e. Petition No. 2019-594 – During the course of approximately November 13, 2015 through November 15, 2015, respondent provided treatment to a dog, *Peanut*, that failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that he: failed to appropriately assess, manage, and/or treat the dog's seizure disorder, cardiology issues, and/or sinus issues; failed to appropriately monitor and/or observe the dog during admission for overnight care; failed to adequately inform the owner(s) of the dog's condition, treatment, and/or prognosis; and/or failed to maintain adequate treatment records.
7. For the foregoing reasons, the Department believes that respondent's continued practice as a veterinarian represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety. The Department respectfully requests that this Board summarily suspend respondent's license until a full hearing on the merits can be held.

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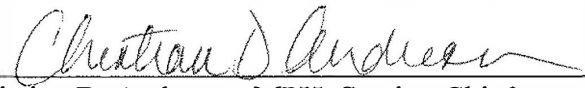
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MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") hereby moves in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut §§4-182(c) and 19a-17(c) that the Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine summarily suspend the license of Amr Wasfi to practice veterinary medicine in Connecticut. This motion is based on the attached Statement of Charges, Affidavits and on the Department's information and belief that the continued practice of veterinary medicine represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 14th day of December 2020.



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STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Amr Wasfi:

1. Amr Wasfi of Bridgeport, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut veterinary license number 001159.
2. During the course of approximately September 24, 2020 and/or September 25, 2020, respondent provided treatment to a dog, *Lyric*, that failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that he:
 - a. Failed to appropriately assess, manage, and/or treat the dog during and/or post surgery for ear cropping;
 - b. Misinformed and/or misrepresented the dog's condition and/or treatment performed; and/or
 - c. Inappropriately and/or negligently utilized a heating pad, leading to second-degree burns along the dog's thorax, abdomen and/or rib area and/or eventual cardiac failure.
3. During the course of approximately March 22, 2019 and/or March 23, 2019, respondent provided treatment to a dog, *Athena*, that failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that he:
 - a. Failed to appropriately assess, manage, and/or treat the dog's pelvis, hip, and/or leg issues;
 - b. Failed to adequately inform the owner(s) of the dog's condition and/or prognosis; and/or
 - c. Failed to maintain adequate treatment records.
4. During the course of approximately February 14, 2019 through March 25, 2019, respondent provided treatment to a dog, *Monster*, that failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that he:
 - a. Failed to appropriately assess, manage, and/or treat the dog's hip and/or leg issues;
 - b. Misinformed and/or misrepresented the dog's condition and/or treatment performed;

- c. Provided inappropriate and/or inadequate means of sedation and/or pain medications;
 - d. Performed surgery that was not medically necessary;
 - e. Failed to provide adequate post-operative care, including but not limited to providing proper healing time, nutrition, hydration, and/or medication;
 - f. Failed to provide appropriate referral to an emergency and/or twenty-four hour facility; and/or
 - g. Failed to maintain adequate treatment records.
5. On or about approximately December 13, 2018, respondent provided treatment to a cat, *Luna*, that failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that he:
- a. Handled the cat in an inappropriately aggressive physical manner;
 - b. Provided inappropriate and/or inadequate means of sedation;
 - c. Failed to provide appropriate pain medication; and/or
 - d. Failed to maintain adequate treatment records.
6. During the course of approximately November 13, 2015 through November 15, 2015, respondent provided treatment to a dog, *Peanut*, that failed to meet the standard of care in one or more of the following ways, in that he:
- a. Failed to appropriately assess, manage, and/or treat the dog's seizure disorder, cardiology issues, and/or sinus issues;
 - b. Failed to appropriately monitor and/or observe the dog during admission for overnight care;
 - c. Failed to adequately inform the owner(s) of the dog's condition, treatment, and/or prognosis; and/or
 - d. Failed to maintain adequate treatment records.
7. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-202, including but not limited to §20-202(2).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine, as authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§20-202 and 19a-17, revoke or order other disciplinary action against the license of Amr Wasfi as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 14th day of December 2020.

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