



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: Cody E. Ames, D.V.M.
Docket No.: 04-09-A-1019VT
Document: Stipulation to Informal Disposition

Regarding your request for information about the above-named practitioner, certain information may have been withheld pursuant to Washington state laws. While those laws require that most records be disclosed on request, they also state that certain information should not be disclosed.

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
VETERINARY BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

In the Matter of the License to Practice as a Veterinarian of:)
) **Docket No. 04-09-A-1019VT**
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CODY E. AMES, D.V.M.)
License No. VT00004585) **STIPULATION TO INFORMAL**
) **DISPOSITION**
)
Respondent.)

Section 1: STIPULATION

The state of Washington and Respondent stipulate to the following:

1.1 Cody E. Ames, D.V.M., Respondent, is informed and understands that the Program Manager of the Veterinary Board of Governors (Board), on designation by the Board, has made the following allegations:

1.1.1 Cody E. Ames, D.V.M., Respondent, was issued a license to practice as a veterinarian by the state of Washington in July 1993

1.1.2 On or about March [REDACTED] 2003 Clients A and B brought their dog, [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] weighing approximately 185 pounds, to Respondent for treatment of an injured rear right knee ligament.

1.1.3 During this visit Respondent scheduled [REDACTED] for knee surgery on March [REDACTED] 2003. He sent the dog home pending surgery and prescribed 175mg of Rimadyl twice a day.

1.1.4 On or about March [REDACTED] 2003 the clients called Respondent and advised him that [REDACTED] had black, tarry stool. Respondent did not meet the standard of care for the state of Washington when he treated [REDACTED] because he did not discontinue Rimadyl when his clients advised him of this side effect,

even though such signs of intestinal bleeding are known to result from an adverse reaction to the drug.

1.1.5 On or about March [REDACTED] 2003 Respondent increased [REDACTED] dosage of Rimadyl to 200 mg twice a day.

1.1.6 Respondent did not advise Clients A and B regarding signs of [REDACTED] possible adverse reaction to Rimadyl.

1.1.7 Respondent failed to document or maintain adequate patient treatment charts because he failed to record the following:

- a. Instructions for home care;
- b. Telephone calls to and from the clients;
- c. Discussions and agreements with the clients regarding treatment;
- d. Patient tests performed, results and consequent diagnose(s) and treatment plan.

1.2 Respondent is informed and understands that the Board has alleged that the conduct described above, if proven, would constitute a violation of RCW 18.130.180 (4) and (7) based on WAC 246-933-320(7).

1.3 The parties wish to resolve this matter by means of a Stipulation to Informal Disposition pursuant to RCW 18.130.172(1).

1.4 Respondent agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Stipulation to Informal Disposition.

1.5 This Stipulation to Informal Disposition is of no force and effect and is not binding on the parties unless and until the Board accepts this Stipulation to Informal Disposition.

1.6 Respondent does not admit any of the allegations in the Statement of Allegations and Summary of Evidence or in paragraph 1.1. This Stipulation to Informal Disposition shall not be construed as a finding of unprofessional conduct or inability to practice.

1.7 This Stipulation to Informal Disposition is not formal disciplinary action.

1.8 This Stipulation to Informal Disposition is releasable to the public upon request pursuant to the Public Records Act, chapter 42.17 RCW. The Statement of Allegations Summary of Evidence and the Stipulation to Informal Disposition shall remain part of Respondent's file and cannot be expunged.

1.9 The Board agrees to forego further disciplinary proceedings concerning the allegations contained in paragraph 1.1.

1.10 Respondent agrees to successfully complete the terms and conditions of this Stipulation to Informal Disposition.

1.11 Respondent is advised and understands that a violation of the provisions of Section 2 of this Stipulation to Informal Disposition, if proved, would constitute grounds for discipline under RCW 18.130.180 and the imposition of sanctions under RCW 18.130.160.

Section 2: INFORMAL DISPOSITION

Pursuant to RCW 18.130.172 (2) and based upon the foregoing stipulation, the parties agree to the following Informal Disposition:

2.1 Respondent shall reimburse costs to the Board in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) which must be received by the Board within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Stipulation to Informal Disposition. The reimbursement shall be paid by certified or cashier's check, or money order, made payable to the Department of Health

and mailed to the Department of Health, Veterinary Board of Governors, and P.O. Box 1099, Olympia, WA 98507-1099. Failure to pay the reimbursement within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Stipulation to Informal Disposition shall constitute a violation of this Stipulation to Informal Disposition.

2.2 In addition to mandatory continuing education, Respondent shall subsequently provide evidence to the Board that he has completed sixteen and one half (16.5) hours in the following areas;

- 2.2.1 Ten hours (10) involving pharmacology and related therapeutics with a focus on non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs and adverse reactions thereto;
- 2.2.2 Four (4) hours involving pre-surgical evaluation of dogs;
- 2.2.3 Two and one-half (2.5) hours involving recording and maintenance of patient treatment charts.

Such course(s) must be approved in advance by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall complete said courses within twelve (12) months of the date of this Stipulation to Informal Disposition. Respondent shall submit proof of completion of any courses within thirty (30) days of completion of the course to the Department of Health, Veterinary Board of Governors, and P.O. Box 47868, Olympia, WA, 98504-7868.

2.3 Respondent shall obey all federal, state, and local laws and all administrative rules governing the practice of the profession in the state of Washington.

2.4 Respondent shall assume all costs of complying with this Stipulation to Informal Disposition.

2.5 If Respondent violates any provision of this Stipulation to Informal Disposition in any respect, the Board may take further action against Respondent's license.

2.6 Respondent shall inform the Board in writing, of changes in his residential address or business address. Changes shall be addressed to the Veterinary Board of Governors, Department of Health, P.O. Box 47867, Olympia, WA 98504-7867 and the Adjudicative Service Unit, Department of Health, P.O. Box 47879, Olympia, WA 98504-7879.

2.7 The effective date of this Stipulation to Informal Disposition is that date the Adjudicative Service Unit places the signed Stipulation to Informal Disposition into the U.S. mail. The Respondent shall not submit any fees or compliance documents until after the effective date of this Stipulation to Informal Disposition.

I, CODY E. AMES, D.V.M., Respondent, certify that I have read this Stipulation to Informal Disposition in its entirety; that my counsel of record, if any, has fully explained the legal significance and consequence of it; that I fully understand and agree to all of it; and that it may be presented to the Board without my appearance. If the Board accepts the Stipulation to Informal Disposition, I understand that I will receive a signed copy.



CODY E. AMES, D.V.M.,
Respondent

10-5-04
Date

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Attorney for Respondent

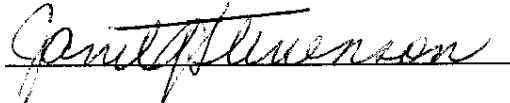
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Section 3: ACCEPTANCE

The Veterinary Board of Governors accepts this Stipulation to Informal Disposition. All parties shall be bound by its terms and conditions.

DATED: 12-6, 2004.

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Board Chair

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Department of Health Staff Attorney

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