



Report to Licensees of the



LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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Board Changes... The Board will miss departing member, William H. Green, DVM, whose terms with the Board expired July 31, 2014. During his terms, resulting in 9 years of service, Dr. Green has shared insight and experience pertinent to veterinary medicine and regulatory functions of the Board. The Board appreciates his service and wishes him well with future endeavors.

The members of the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine and staff of the Board office would like to welcome back Board member, J. Edwin Davis, DVM. Dr. Davis has practiced in the Ruston area (mixed animal practice) and has been appointed to serve through July 31, 2019. We extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a productive team.

2015 Board Meeting Dates

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine will meet at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates:
Thursday, February 5, April 2, June 4, August 13, October 1, and December 3, 2015.



Disciplinary Cases

Case No. 13-009 V - Consent Order was entered into wherein veterinarian dispensed an expired drug for use on a patient. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.

Case No. 14-0822 V - Consent Order was entered into wherein veterinarian did not meet the acceptable standard of practice for testing/radiograph and discharge under the facts of this case. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.

Cases Nos. 14-0207 V, 14-0722 V, and 13-0926 V - Consent Order was entered into regarding veterinarian's lack of proper medical records in the three cases; lack of signed anesthesia consent forms in the three cases; the non-ambulatory discharge and sub-standard spay in one case; and an unsanitary veterinary facility (wooden crates). Respondent surrendered his license to practice veterinary medicine, with no right to future renewal/reinstatement in Louisiana, and the payment of the administrative costs in this matter.

Through its impairment program, the Board enters into a consent agreement with a licensee/certificate holder regarding impairment issues whereby the participant will maintain licensure/certification status and is allowed to practice under certain conditions. There have been recent successful completions of the program and the Board thanks these particular persons for their cooperation and wishes them much success in their continued recovery. The identities of these professionals/para-professionals and specifics with regards to these matters, as well as any other prior or pending cases with the same subject matter, are confidential and will remain so as required by law.

Please keep in mind that the Board can lawfully support the recovery and practice of those professionals/para-professionals who are cooperative and willing to help themselves (whether self-reported or reported by a third party), and still properly discharge its duty of protecting the public. If you have, or any veterinary professional/para-professional you suspect has, a problem with a controlled substance and/or alcohol, please report this to the Board office. The Board will continue to approach the matter in good faith with the hope of reciprocal cooperation to address the issue.

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License Renewal Statistics 2014-2015

Active DVM – 1354, Inactive DVM – 176, RVT – 154, CAET – 166, RED – 3

RULE PROMULGATION

The Board is financially autonomous from the State coffer receiving no government funds to operate. Due to the increase in the costs of discharging its lawful obligations of regulating the practice of veterinary medicine to insure the health, welfare, and protection of the animals and the public, it must minimally increase certain annual renewal licensing fees, including application, state board examination, and original license which are one-time costs associated with initial licensure, all within the caps established by the Legislature in the LA Veterinary Practice Act. It has been approximately ten years since a fee increase has occurred in this profession. Also, please note the amended Rules, reproduced below, were officially promulgated November 20, 2014, however, they do not take effect until the 2015-2016 renewal period, and annually thereafter.

The Board, in keeping with its jurisdiction, has promulgated Rules 501 and 505 (Fees) effective November 20, 2014 for the Renewal Period 2015-2016, and annually thereafter:

DVM Licenses		DVM Exams	
Annual renewal-active license	\$250	Clinical Competency Test (CCT)	\$190
Annual renewal-inactive license	\$125	National Board Exam (NAVLE)	\$215
Annual renewal faculty license	\$100	State board exam	\$200
Duplicate license	\$ 25		
Original license fee	\$250		
Temporary license	\$100		
		DVM Exam and/or License Application	
		Application fee	\$100