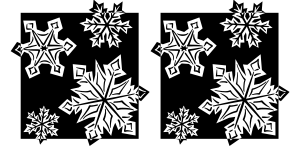


# Report to Licensees of the



## LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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### **Board Changes...**

The Board will miss departing member, Patrick R. Bernard, DVM, whose term with the Board expired October 7, 2016. The Board appreciates his service and wishes him well with future endeavors. During his second full term, resulting in a total of 11 years of service, Dr. Bernard shared experience pertinent to veterinary medicine and the regulatory functions of the Board.

The Board also wishes health and success to departing member, J. Edwin Davis, DVM, who served again as Board member from August 2014 through October 2016.

The members of the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine and staff of the Board office would like to welcome Board member, James R. Corley, DVM. Dr. Corley practices in the Lafayette, Louisiana area (equine practice). He has been appointed to serve through July 31, 2021. We extend a warm welcome back, and best wishes for a productive team.



### **2017 Board Meeting Dates**

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine will meet at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates:  
Thursday, February 2, April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5, and December 7, 2017.

### **Disciplinary Cases**

**Case No. 16-0708V- Consent Order** was entered wherein the veterinarian failed to practice veterinary medicine within the acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, more specifically, the spay procedure was improperly performed by failing to remove an entire ovary resulting in complications. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.

**Case No. 16-0917V- Consent Order** was entered wherein the veterinarian failed to meet the acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, more specifically, the surgical procedure to remove bladder stones found in the urethra was improperly performed by failure to remove gauze resulting in complications. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.

### **Pre-Surgery/Anesthesia Blood Work and Consent Forms**

A question has been submitted to the LBVM regarding the "requirements for pre-surgery/anesthesia blood work and the owner's option to refuse it, by signing a form." After careful consideration, the following is the LBVM response to the inquiry.

Pre-anesthetic blood work prior to general anesthesia is the required proper standard of veterinary practice. However, the decision to have such performed, or not, rests with the informed client. Accordingly, pre-anesthetic blood work prior to general anesthesia must be explained and offered to the client prior to the general anesthesia. Such can be accomplished by a simple form which when signed by the client, either accepting or denying the pre-anesthetic blood work, properly documents the medical record if the matter is later raised by the client and then questioned by the LBVM. It is suggested that you review LBVM Rule 1039.B, C, and D which addresses Anesthesia Consent Forms in emergency and non-emergency situations, and further defines an emergency situation. Rule 1039 may be found on the LBVM's website at [www.lsbvm.org](http://www.lsbvm.org).

Furthermore, sedation (for example: Dexdomitor and Butorphanol) is included within the concept of general anesthesia thereby requiring a signed consent form by the client prior to administration. In comparison, a topical or local anesthetic does not require such a signed consent form.

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This is to also advise you that the online capability to renew a DEA registration after the expiration date will no longer be available. You will have to complete an application for a new DEA registration if you do not renew by midnight Eastern Time of the expiration date. The original DEA registration will not be reinstated.

Paper renewal applications will not be accepted the day after the expiration date. If DEA has not received the paper renewal application by the day of the expiration date, mailed in renewal applications will be returned and the registrant will have to apply for a new DEA registration.

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## License Renewal Statistics 2016-2017

Active DVM – 1443, Inactive DVM – 150, Faculty DVM – 62,  
RVT – 194, CAET – 173, RED – 3



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