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Board Changes...

The members of the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine and staff of the Board office would like to welcome Board member, Keri Cataldo, DVM. Dr. Cataldo practices in the West Monroe, Louisiana area (predominantly small animal practice). She has been appointed to serve through July 31, 2019, completing the term of Dr. J. Edwin Davis. We extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a productive team.



2018 Board Meeting Dates

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine will meet at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates:
Thursday, February 1, April 5, June 7, August 2, October 4, and December 6, 2018.

Disciplinary Cases

Case No. 16-0401 V- Consent Order was entered wherein the veterinarian failed to practice veterinary medicine within the acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, more specifically, failure to sedate a fractious patient during examination and strangulation death by the veterinary technician under his supervision. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.

Case No. 16-0620 V- Consent Order was entered wherein the veterinarian failed to meet the acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, more specifically, no written record of veterinary care on the patient. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.

Case No. 17-0708 V- Consent Order was entered wherein the veterinarian failed to meet the acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, more specifically, no written record of the glucose test and insulin injection on the patient. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.

Case No. 17-0722 V- Consent Order was entered wherein the veterinarian failed to meet the acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, more specifically, lack of proper communication by respondent personally with client, as well as patient was held in lieu of payment/billing dispute and failure to timely produce medical records. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.

Case No. 17-1104 V- Consent Order was entered wherein the veterinarian failed to meet the acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, more specifically, improper care in failing to do pre-surgery blood work to determine the severe kidney disease and post-surgery radiograph to confirm removal of all bladder stones. Respondent was assessed a fine, the payment of administrative costs and additional CE credit hours on proper surgery.

Case No. 17-0103 V- Consent Order was entered wherein the veterinarian failed to meet the acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, more specifically, failure to timely produce medical records after repeated requests by the client and the Board. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.

Case No. 17-0502 V- Consent Order was entered wherein the veterinarian failed to meet the acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, more specifically, failure to comply with legal and ethical obligation to client above interest of the sale barn. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.

Correction – Sedation/Blood Work Standard

In the Newsletter/Winter 2016 edition, the LBVM published an article regarding “Pre-Surgery/Anesthesia Blood Work and Consent Forms”. The substance and effect of the article regarding the requirement of pre-anesthetic blood work prior to general anesthesia, which must at least be explained and offered to the client prior to the general anesthesia, remains the proper standard of practice. However, the issue of blood work as required prior to sedation (or at least offered to the client) is hereby changed after factual scenarios presented and further consideration by the LBVM.

Therefore, sedation is not automatically included within the concept of general anesthesia with regards to requiring blood work or, at least, an offer to do so made to the client. Rather, the standard of care set forth in Rule 1023 is applicable to sedation and blood work scenarios. In short, the LBVM will look to the facts in a particular matter, including the professional judgment of the attending veterinarian, in determining if the conduct complies with the “same degree of care, skill, and diligence as are ordinarily used in the same or similar circumstances by average members of the veterinary medical profession.” Such also applies to the question of whether pre-sedation blood work must at least be offered to the client in a particular matter.

Of course, the offer for pre-sedation blood work and the recorded declination by the client, preferably in writing, would be best evidence of what factually occurred in a given matter should the question later arise.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ON
NEW CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR CURRENT RENEWAL PERIOD**

In accordance with Act 76 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature (effective August 1, 2017), a veterinarian or CAET with prescriptive authority who holds a controlled dangerous substances (CDS) license with the LA Board of Pharmacy shall obtain 3 CE hours for licensure or certification renewal which shall include drug diversion training, best practice of prescribing controlled dangerous substances, appropriate treatment for addiction, and any other matters that are deemed appropriate by the veterinary board. Successful completion of this requirement once shall satisfy the requirement in full. However, an exemption for the 3 CE hours is available for the veterinarian or CAET with prescriptive authority who holds a controlled dangerous substances (CDS) license if he timely submits an annual certification form as adopted by the veterinary board attesting that he has not prescribed, administered, or dispensed a controlled dangerous substance during the entire applicable reporting period. Such form will be included in the next renewal packet for the period of October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019. The required 3 CE hours set forth herein may be a component part of the annual 20 hours of DVM CE for licensure renewal and 6 hours of CAET CE for certification renewal for the 2018-2019 period, and may be part of the on-line allowance. The Board is also pursuing rule-making regarding this subject matter as required by Act 76 and is accepting public comment submitted prior to December 21, 2017. The Board will post the approved on-line CDS/CE courses on its website at www.lsbvm.org. You are also encouraged to submit your requests, with pertinent information, for approved courses to the Board office per established CE program protocol.

Please be advised that no license shall be renewed for a veterinarian, nor a certification for a CAET, on October 1, 2018, who fails to comply with this CE requirement, or the exemption, prior to midnight September 30, 2018 as set forth in Act 76.

Note: LBVM has approved the following online program for LA DVM & CAET CE credits for this item.

<https://www.scopeofpain.com/>

https://www.opioidprescribing.com/dental_landing

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License Renewal Statistics 2017-2018

Active DVM – 1474, Inactive DVM – 134, Faculty DVM – 79,
RVT – 227, CAET – 178, RED – 3

Note on Preceptorship Requirement for LA DVM Licensure – Approved sites are reminded that the Preceptee must fulfill the minimum of 40 hours per week during each and every week of the preceptorship. Additionally, a Preceptee cannot extend preceptorship beyond the required 8-week period.

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