

VETERINARY SURGEONS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE (Chapter 529)

ORDER MADE BY AN INQUIRY COMMITTEE OF THE
VETERINARY SURGEONS BOARD OF HONG KONG

It is hereby notified that on 25 October 2021 an Inquiry Committee of the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong (the 'Board'), after due inquiry in accordance with section 18 of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance, Chapter 529 of the Laws of Hong Kong (the 'Ordinance'), found Dr HU Jachin ('Dr HU') (Registration No.: R000179) guilty of the disciplinary offence of misconduct or neglect in a professional respect in that: (a) on or about 28 February 2016, when the complainant brought her rabbit to Dr HU for consultation and treatment, Dr HU failed to provide adequate or appropriate diagnosis to the medical condition of the rabbit, and/or failed to provide adequate or appropriate treatment therefor; (b) on or about the same day, Dr HU failed to provide adequate or appropriate advice to the complainant in respect of the risks associated with surgical drainage of an abscess in the said rabbit before undertaking the said procedure; and (c) on or about the same day, Dr HU failed to compile medical records of the said rabbit with sufficient clinical details.

Pursuant to section 19 of the Ordinance, the Inquiry Committee ordered on 25 October 2021 that: (1) Dr HU be reprimanded in writing with the reprimand not to be recorded on the register of registered veterinary surgeons (the 'Register'); (2) Dr HU be required to complete 20 hours of continuing professional development ('CPD') in courses in exotic animal medicine approved by the Board in advance within two years of the date of the order with such hours of CPD not to count towards any CPD recognition or requirement scheme of the Board; and (3) in the event that Dr HU fails to comply with paragraph (2), his name is to be removed from the Register and not restored unless and until he has completed the 20 hours of CPD so ordered and applied successfully to the Board for restoration of his name to the Register pursuant to sections 21(3) and 21(4) of the Ordinance.

Particulars of the Matter to Which the Order Relates

Dr HU pleaded guilty to each of the three charges and confirmed his agreement to a statement of facts of the case.

The Inquiry Committee gave due consideration to the statement of agreed facts of the case and the evidence in the hearing bundle, including the pages referred to in the statement and the evidence in the expert report. Having done so, the Inquiry Committee accepted that the agreed facts supported findings of misconduct or neglect in a professional respect for each of charges (a), (b) and (c). Accordingly, the Inquiry Committee found Dr HU guilty of charges (a), (b) and (c) on his own pleas of guilty.

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