

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 January 2022 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 YING Ngar Ting Denise ('Dr YING') (Registration No.: R000618) guilty of the disciplinary offence of misconduct or neglect in a professional respect in that: on 3 March 2015, Dr YING failed to provide adequate care and attention to the complainant's cat, when the complainant brought the said cat to Dr YING for consultation and treatment, in that: (i) Dr YING failed to properly consider and/or make the differential diagnoses of congestive heart failure, and/or cardiogenic pulmonary oedema; (ii) Dr YING failed to follow the standard practice, including administration of a diuretic, frusemide, by injection, admission to hospital and/or monitoring the response to frusemide in view of the clinical signs of the cat presented to Dr YING; and (iii) Dr YING improperly discharged the cat on oral antibiotics.

Pursuant to section 19 of the Ordinance, the Inquiry Committee ordered on 25 January 2022 that: (1) Dr YING be reprimanded in writing with the reprimand not to be recorded on the register; (2) Dr YING be required to undertake 10 hours of continuing professional education in radiology to be approved by the Board in advance, not to count towards any continuing professional education certification scheme of the Board and to be completed within 12 months from the date thereof; and (3) in the event that Dr YING fails to complete the said hours of continuing professional education within the said period, the Secretary shall remove her name from the register and no application for restoration of her name to the register pursuant to section 21(3) of the Ordinance shall be approved unless and until she has completed the continuing professional education ordered therein.

*Particulars of the Matter to Which the Order Relates*

Dr YING pleaded guilty to charges (i), (ii) and (iii) and confirmed her agreement to a statement of agreed facts of the case.

The Inquiry Committee considered the statement of agreed facts and the documents in the hearing bundle, including in particular the expert report. Having done so, the Inquiry Committee was of the view that the statement of agreed facts supported findings that Dr YING's conduct in charges (i), (ii) and (iii) fell short of the standard expected of a veterinary surgeon in general practice in Hong Kong at the material time. Accordingly, the Inquiry Committee entered findings of guilty of misconduct or neglect in a professional respect on each of charges (i), (ii) and (iii) on Dr YING's own pleas of guilty.

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