

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 20 August 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 LEUNG Tak Leung Ivan ('Dr LEUNG') (Registration No.: R000271) guilty of the disciplinary offence of misconduct or neglect in a professional respect in that (a) during a period from about 30 November 2015 to 8 December 2015, while the complainant's cat was hospitalized at the Joy n Fun Veterinary Clinic under Dr LEUNG's treatment and care, Dr LEUNG failed to provide adequate or appropriate diagnosis of the then medical conditions of the said cat, and/or provide adequate or appropriate treatment therefor; and (b) during the same period, Dr LEUNG failed to compile medical records of the said cat with sufficient clinical details.

Pursuant to section 19 of the Ordinance, the Inquiry Committee ordered on 20 August 2021 that: (1) Dr LEUNG be reprimanded in writing with the reprimand not to be recorded on the register; (2) Dr LEUNG be required to undertake 30 hours of continuing professional education, comprising 10 hours in radiography, 10 hours in neurology and 10 hours in trauma management, with the courses 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 24 months from the date thereof; and (3) in the event that Dr LEUNG fails to complete the said hours of continuing professional education within the said period, the Secretary shall remove his name from the register and no application for restoration of his name to the register pursuant to section 21(3) of the Ordinance shall be approved unless and until he has completed the continuing professional education ordered therein.

*Particulars of the Matter to Which the Order Relates*

Dr LEUNG was represented by his solicitor in his absence and pleaded guilty to each of the charges. A statement of agreed facts of the case was read out and Dr LEUNG's solicitor confirmed Dr LEUNG's agreement to them.

Having given due consideration to the agreed facts, the Inquiry Committee accepted that they supported findings of misconduct or neglect in a professional respect for each of charge (a) and charge (b). Dr LEUNG failed to meet the standard expected of him on a number of levels. His medical records were clearly inadequate, including a failure to record basic physiological parameters or keep any anaesthetic records. His diagnosis of the cat's medical conditions was clearly inadequate and inappropriate. In particular, his failure to identify the cat's pelvic fracture was a clear and obvious misdiagnosis. Accordingly, the Inquiry Committee found Dr LEUNG guilty of charge (a) and charge (b) on his own pleas of guilty.

CHING Pak-chung *Chairperson, Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong*