

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 27 March 2023 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 WONG Chi Sang ('Dr WONG') (Registration No.: R000727) guilty of the disciplinary offence of misconduct or neglect in a professional respect in that, on or about 31 March 2016, when the complainant brought his dog to Dr WONG for consultation, Dr WONG: (a) failed to adequately take note of the physical abnormalities of the said dog and the likelihood of the dog developing hydrocephalus; and (b) failed to compile adequate medical records of the said dog.

Pursuant to section 19 of the Ordinance, the Inquiry Committee ordered on 27 March 2023 that: (1) Dr WONG be reprimanded in writing with the reprimand not to be recorded on the register of registered veterinary surgeons (the 'Register'); (2) Dr WONG be required to complete 20 hours of continuing professional development ('CPD') in courses in medicine, including neurology, approved by the Board in advance within one year 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 WONG fails to comply with paragraph (2), his name 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 WONG pleaded guilty to each of charge (a) and charge (b) and confirmed his agreement to a statement of agreed facts of the case.

Having considered the facts set out in the agreed statement of facts and the documents referred to in them, the Inquiry Committee found Dr WONG guilty of misconduct or neglect in a professional respect on his own plea of guilty on each of charge (a) and charge (b) for the following reasons.

For charge (a), the Inquiry Committee found by a majority that Dr WONG had admitted in the agreed statement of facts that he failed to take adequate note of the physical abnormalities of the dog that is the subject of the charges and, by implication, the likelihood of the dog developing hydrocephalus. The majority of the Inquiry Committee considered this was a falling short of the standard expected of Dr WONG at the material time and, hence, amounted to misconduct or neglect in a professional respect as charged.

For charge (b), the Inquiry Committee found that Dr WONG's medical record in this case was inadequate, this was a falling short of the standard expected of Dr WONG at the material time and entered a finding of guilty on charge (b) accordingly.

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