

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 28 February 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 WU Hai Jui ('Dr WU') (Registration No.: R000247) guilty of the disciplinary offence of misconduct or neglect in a professional respect in that: during a period from about 9 June 2017 to 13 June 2017, when the complainant's dog was under Dr WU's treatment and care, (a) Dr WU failed to provide adequate or appropriate diagnosis to the medical condition(s) of the said dog; and/or (b) he failed to provide adequate or appropriate treatment(s) therefor.

Pursuant to section 19 of the Ordinance, the Inquiry Committee ordered on 28 February 2023 that: (1) Dr WU be reprimanded in writing with the reprimand not to be recorded on the register of registered veterinary surgeons (the 'Register'); (2) Dr WU be required to complete 20 hours of continuing professional development ('CPD') in courses in imaging, internal medicine and/or surgery 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 WU 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 section 21(3) of the Ordinance.

*Particulars of the Matter to Which the Order Relates*

Dr WU 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 WU 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 that the dog that is the subject of the charges did not have an identifiable clinical problem or pathological condition following the ingestion of pet food bones. Failure to recognise this was a falling short of the standard expected of Dr WU at the time and the Inquiry Committee found him guilty of charge (a) on his own plea of guilty.

For charge (b), in the absence of clinical findings consistent with a clinical problem or pathological condition following the ingestion of pet food bones by the dog, the Inquiry Committee found that Dr WU's undertaking of surgery and failure to advise conservative management to the owner of the dog were also a falling short of the standard expected of a veterinary surgeon in general practice at the time. Accordingly the Inquiry Committee entered a finding of guilty on charge (b) on Dr WU's own plea of guilty.

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