

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**August 23, 2006 Board Meeting**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, August 23, 2006, at the Professional Licensing Boards, in Macon Georgia.

**The following Board members were present:**

Needham Bateman, DVM, President  
Jim Brett, DVM  
Hugh Hill, DVM  
Jan Hines, DVM  
Beckey Malphus, DVM  
Charles Lance

**Others Present:**

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director  
Susan Hewett, Board Secretary  
Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General/Board Attorney  
Lynn Reece, GVTAA  
Melanie Parham, GVTAA

President Bateman established that a quorum was present, and the Public Hearing that was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:30 a.m.

**Board Rule 700-14:** Verbal responses were received from Lynn Reece, GVTAA. Written responses were received from Lynn Reece, GVTAA, Mark Mosher, DVM, Edward Mahaffey, DVM, GVMA, and George McCommon, FVSU.

**Board Rule 700-15:** Verbal responses were received from Lynn Reece, GVTAA. Written responses were received from Lynn Reece, GVTAA, Mark Mosher, DVM, Edward Mahaffey, DVM, GVMA, and George McCommon, FVSU.

The Public Hearing was **adjourned** at 9:53 a.m. and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:35 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:53 a.m.

The **Investigative Interview** that was scheduled for 11:00 a.m. with L.M.B., DVM was **rescheduled** for October 4, 2006.

**Minutes from the June 13, 2006 meeting:** Dr. Hines made a motion, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

**Ratify list of newly issued licenses:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following list of newly issued licenses.

| <b>License Number</b> | <b>Name</b>             | <b>License Type</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| VETF000483            | Cruse, Ashley Marie     | Veterinary Faculty  |
| VETF000484            | Allman, David Andrew    | Veterinary Faculty  |
| VETF000485            | Halbert, Kimberly Kay   | Veterinary Faculty  |
| VETF000486            | McCracken, Megan Jill   | Veterinary Faculty  |
| VETF000487            | Spiess, Amelie Katrin   | Veterinary Faculty  |
| VETF000488            | Whitman, Katherine J.   | Veterinary Faculty  |
| VETF000489            | Overton, Michael Wayne  | Veterinary Faculty  |
| VETF000490            | Hicks, Merrin Alexandra | Veterinary Faculty  |

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| VETF000491 | Knowles, Susan                 | Veterinary Faculty    |
| VETF000492 | Reiss, Catherine Wakefield     | Veterinary Faculty    |
| VETF000493 | Burger, Diana O                | Veterinary Faculty    |
| VETF000494 | Ortved, Kyla Frances           | Veterinary Faculty    |
| VETF000495 | Parsons-Doherty, Melissa       | Veterinary Faculty    |
| VETF000496 | Geisen, Vera                   | Veterinary Faculty    |
| VETF000497 | Saba, Corey F.                 | Veterinary Faculty    |
| VETF000498 | Perchick, Jonathan P           | Veterinary Faculty    |
| VETF000499 | Grumbles, Janice Sue           | Veterinary Faculty    |
| VETF000500 | Bauer, Cynthia L.              | Veterinary Faculty    |
|            |                                |                       |
| VETT000757 | Massey, Jeremy Steven          | Veterinary Technician |
| VETT000758 | Vandernet, Mary C.             | Veterinary Technician |
| VETT000759 | Peres, Stephanie Martinez      | Veterinary Technician |
| VETT000760 | Rae, Lana Lee                  | Veterinary Technician |
|            |                                |                       |
| VET007508  | Cary, Kimberly Schieffer       | Veterinarian          |
| VET007509  | Cannon, Kelly J                | Veterinarian          |
| VET007510  | Franz, Kelley Suzanne          | Veterinarian          |
| VET007511  | Mindedahl, Mary Ann Hastings   | Veterinarian          |
| VET007512  | Parker, Kristen Leigh          | Veterinarian          |
| VET007513  | Maddux, Michael Albert         | Veterinarian          |
| VET007514  | Redman, Jeffrey Michael        | Veterinarian          |
| VET007515  | Bailey, Brandi Lynn            | Veterinarian          |
| VET007516  | Collier, Mary Elizabeth        | Veterinarian          |
| VET007517  | Langley, Martha Ann            | Veterinarian          |
| VET007518  | Taylor, Kelly N.               | Veterinarian          |
| VET007519  | Turner, Bradley Jordan         | Veterinarian          |
| VET007520  | Jones, Jay Howard              | Veterinarian          |
| VET007521  | Campbell-Kimber, Monica Marye  | Veterinarian          |
| VET007522  | Phillips, Bradford Curtis      | Veterinarian          |
| VET007523  | Duncan, Catherine Roberts      | Veterinarian          |
| VET007524  | Lee, Rikke Hogholm Christensen | Veterinarian          |
| VET007525  | Hawthorne, Jennifer Small      | Veterinarian          |
| VET007526  | Bird, Sarah Lynn               | Veterinarian          |
| VET007527  | Dunagin, Ryan Matthew          | Veterinarian          |
| VET007528  | Hadley, Tarah Louise           | Veterinarian          |
| VET007529  | Caldwell, James Marcus         | Veterinarian          |
| VET007530  | Rozell, Tori Glisson           | Veterinarian          |

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| VET007531             | Collura, Lynn A.         | Veterinarian |
| VET007532             | Mallicote, Martha Forre  | Veterinarian |
| VET007533             | Wilcox, Elizabeth Grace  | Veterinarian |
| VET007534             | Mayo, Christie Ellen     | Veterinarian |
| VET007535             | Thompson, Sarah Tennant  | Veterinarian |
| VET007536             | Folsom, Sharon Elizabeth | Veterinarian |
| VET007537             | Gaudry, Erin Stephanie   | Veterinarian |
| VET007538             | Stose, Lori Lynn         | Veterinarian |
| VET007539             | Clark, Jessica Erin      | Veterinarian |
| VET007540             | Dulaney, David Burnett   | Veterinarian |
| VET007541             | Hale, Christa Renee      | Veterinarian |
| VET007542             | Kaplan, Ray M.           | Veterinarian |
| <b>REINSTATEMENTS</b> |                          |              |
| VET006011             | Clark, Shawn C.          | Veterinarian |
| VET005750             | Hayes, ridget Maureen    | Veterinarian |
| VET006749             | Langs, Lisa Lynn         | Veterinarian |
| VET005865             | Haight, Susan Usher      | Veterinarian |
| VET004527             | Street, William D.       | Veterinarian |

**Board Rule 700-14 – Consider vote to adopt:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **not adopt** the rule. Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted to **post the rule as amended**.

**Chapter 700-14**

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR VETERINARY TECHNICIANS**

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**700-14-.01 Immediate Supervision.**

**(1) Immediate Supervision means that the duly licensed veterinarian is in audible and in visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.**

**(2) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under immediate supervision:**

**(a) Surgical assistance.**

**700-14-.02 Direct Supervision.**

**(1) Direct supervision means that the duly licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been**

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**examined by a licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.**

**(2) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under direct supervision:**

**(a) Euthanasia;**

**(b) Administration of blood or blood components to animal patients;**

**(c) Application of splints and slings;**

**(d) Dental procedures including, but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth;**

**(e) Non-emergency intubations;**

**(f) Induce anesthesia;**

**(g) Maintenance of anesthesia;**

**(h) Assisting any duly licensed veterinarian in the measuring of quantities of medication, but excluding the dispensing, compounding, or mixing of drugs;**

**(i) Dental extraction not requiring sectioning of the tooth or the resectioning of bone;**

**(j) Perform central venous; and**

**(k) Perform arterial catherization/arterial collection.**

**700-14-.03 Indirect Supervision.**

**(1) Indirect supervision means the duly licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.**

**(2) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under indirect supervision:**

**(a) Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral, parenteral and injectable routes, excluding rabies vaccine for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law;**

**(b) Initiation of parenteral fluid administration;**

**(c) Intravenous catheterizations;**

**(d) Radiography including settings, positioning, processing, and safety procedures;**

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**(e) Collection of blood for diagnostic purposes; collection of urine by expression, cystocentesis, or catheterization; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods for diagnostic purposes;**

**(f) Routine laboratory test procedures;**

**(g) Supervision of the handling of biohazardous waste materials; and**

**(h) Blood or blood component collection and preparation for transfusion.**

**(3) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following emergency animal patient care under indirect supervision:**

**(a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;**

**(b) Resuscitative procedures;**

**(c) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues;**

**(d) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases; and**

**(e) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.**

**(4) Grooming procedures and non-invasive skin (topical) treatment; and**

**(5) Handling of biohazardous waste materials.**

**700-14-.04 Restrictions.**

**(1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit a veterinary technician to do the following:**

**(a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;**

**(b) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;**

**(c) Perform surgery; or**

**(d) Administer a rabies vaccine to any official vaccinate.**

**O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-3, 43-50-21, and 43-50-54.**

**Board Rule 700-15 – Consider vote to adopt:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **not adopt** the rule. Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted to **post the rule as amended**.

**Chapter 700-15**

**SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITIES OF VETERINARY ASSISTANTS.**

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**700-15-.01 Immediate Supervision.**

**(1) Immediate Supervision means that the duly licensed veterinarian is in audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.**

**(a) A duly licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by Veterinary Assistants is under immediate supervision:**

**1.Surgical assistance;**

**2. Maintenance of anesthesia; and**

**3. Application of splints and slings.**

**700-15-.02 Direct Supervision.**

**(1) Direct supervision means that the duly licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a duly licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.**

**(a) A licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by Veterinary Assistants is under direct supervision:**

**1. Intravenous catheterizations,**

**2. Collection of blood for diagnostic purposes; collection of feces; collection of urine by expression; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods except when in conflict with government regulations;**

**3. Dental procedures including, but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth;**

**4. Routine laboratory test procedures;**

**5. Radiology assistance; and**

**6. Assisting any duly licensed veterinarian in the measuring of quantities of medication, but excluding the dispensing, compounding, or mixing of drugs;**

**700-15-.03 Indirect Supervision.**

**(1) Indirect supervision means the duly licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a duly licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.**

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**(a) A duly licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by Veterinary Assistants is under indirect supervision:**

**1. Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral, parenteral and injectable routes (subcutaneous, intramuscular, and patent intravenous catheter), excluding rabies vaccine for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law;**

**2. Grooming procedures and non-invasive skin (topical) treatment;**

**3. Handling of biohazardous waste materials.**

**(2) Under conditions of an emergency, Veterinary Assistants may render the following life-saving aid and treatment after identifying himself/herself as Veterinary Assistants:**

**(a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;**

**(b) Administration of parenteral fluids shall only be performed after direct communication with a duly licensed veterinarian, and such veterinarian is either present or enroute to the location of the distressed animal;**

**(c) Resuscitative procedures;**

**(d) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues; and**

**(e) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases;**

**(f) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases**

**700-15-.04 Restrictions.**

**(1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit Veterinary Assistants to do the following:**

**(a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;**

**(b) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;**

**(c) Perform surgery.**

**(d) Administer a rabies vaccine to an official vaccinate.**

**(e) Identify himself/herself as a Veterinarian Technician.**

**O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-3, 43-50-21, and 43-50-62.**

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

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The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

**Correspondence from Ryan Cheek requesting approval of continuing education hours for vet techs:** The Board requested that this matter be **tabled** and referred to the Board attorney for advice.

**Correspondence from Hugh Mainzer, DVM regarding e-mail solicitation to purchase non-prescription products for re-sale:** The Board requested that a letter be sent to Dr. Maizer that the **Board does not issue legal advice**, and **refer** the matter to the **Florida Board of Veterinary and the Florida Board of Pharmacy**.

Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Hill, Dr. Malphus and Mr. Lance. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

**S.D.K. – Vet applicant –** Dr. Malphus made a recommendation to uphold the board's previous decision to deny.

**C.F.U. – Vet applicant:** Recommendation to **approve** upon receipt of documentation of meeting the terms of condition of probation.

**S.E.H. – Vet Tech applicant:** Recommendation to **approve**

**F.R.C.S. – Vet reinstatement applicant:** Recommendation to **request additional information**

**L.M.S. – Vet applicant:** Recommendation to **approve**

**J.A.B. – Vet applicant:** Recommendation to **approve**

**D.T.W., DVM – reinstatement applicant:** Dr. Brett made a recommendation to **reinstate** license under a **Public Consent Order** citing the Florida Board sanctions.

Dr. Malphus made a motion, Mr. Lance seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations regarding applications. Dr. Brett voted in opposition to the recommendation concerning Vet applicant S.D.K. Drs. Hill and Hines voted in opposition to the recommendation concerning Vet applicant D.T.W.

**D.I.K., DVM - Non-compliance with consent order:** Recommendation to have Board attorney follow up on matter

**REPORTS:**

**Anita O. Martin, Executive Director's Report:**

- Discussed upcoming renewals
- Provided statistics from the June 2006 Vet Tech exam

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- **Presented Voluntary Surrender from Dr. Billie Ann Boyd for consideration:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Mr. Lance seconded and the Board voted to **deny** acceptance of the voluntary surrender.
- Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **accept a private consent order** on C.W., DVM.
- Dr. Hines made a motion, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted to **deny** a request from Vet applicant K.H. to have work experience be considered substantially equivalent to ECFVG for consideration of licensure.
- Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **release the investigative file information** on case #VET050073 to the DeKalb County DA's office.

**Jim Brett, Cognizant Report:** Dr. Hines made a motion, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Cognizant member.

| <u>Case #</u>    | <u>Recommendation</u>               |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>VET050030</b> | <b>Close with letter of concern</b> |
| <b>VET050042</b> | <b>Refer to AG's office</b>         |

**Needham Bateman, Cognizant Report:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Cognizant member.

| <u>Case #</u>    | <u>Recommendation</u>                           |
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| <b>VET060103</b> | <b>Close</b>                                    |
| <b>VET060111</b> | <b>Close</b>                                    |
| <b>VET060073</b> | <b>Deny request for investigative interview</b> |
| <b>VET060074</b> | <b>Deny request for investigative interview</b> |
| <b>VET060075</b> | <b>Deny request for investigative interview</b> |
| <b>VET060067</b> | <b>Board upholds previous decision</b>          |
| <b>VET060052</b> | <b>Refer to AG for consent order</b>            |
| <b>VET060053</b> | <b>Refer to AG for consent order</b>            |
| <b>VET060047</b> | <b>Close with letter of concern</b>             |
| <b>VET060059</b> | <b>Close</b>                                    |
| <b>VET060060</b> | <b>Close with letter of concern</b>             |
| <b>VET060061</b> | <b>Close</b>                                    |
| <b>VET060062</b> | <b>Close</b>                                    |
| <b>VET060066</b> | <b>Refer to AG for consent order</b>            |
| <b>VET060081</b> | <b>Close</b>                                    |
| <b>VET060082</b> | <b>Close</b>                                    |
| <b>VET060084</b> | <b>Close with letter of concern</b>             |
| <b>VET060085</b> | <b>Close with letter of concern</b>             |
| <b>VET060086</b> | <b>Close with letter of concern</b>             |
| <b>VET060087</b> | <b>Close with letter of concern</b>             |
| <b>VET060088</b> | <b>Close</b>                                    |
| <b>VET060098</b> | <b>Close</b>                                    |

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| <b>VET060099</b> | <b>Close</b>                        |
| <b>VET060104</b> | <b>Close</b>                        |
| <b>VET060105</b> | <b>Close</b>                        |
| <b>VET060113</b> | <b>Close with letter of concern</b> |
| <b>VET060114</b> | <b>Close</b>                        |
| <b>VET060115</b> | <b>Close</b>                        |

**Hugh Hill, Cognizant Report:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Cognizant member.

| <b>Case #</b>    | <b>Recommendation</b>                        |
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| <b>VET060007</b> | <b>Refer back to Enforcement</b>             |
| <b>VET060117</b> | <b>Refer to AG for amended consent order</b> |
| <b>VET060089</b> | <b>Close</b>                                 |
| <b>VET060029</b> | <b>Close</b>                                 |

**Amelia Baker, Board Attorney Report**

- Updated on cases in her office

**Lynn Eason, Enforcement Report:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Enforcement section.

| <b>Case #</b>      | <b>Recommendation</b>                     |
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| <b>VET060078</b>   | <b>Additional investigation requested</b> |
| <b>Carol Kight</b> | <b>Close with Cease &amp; Desist</b>      |

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2006 at 9:30 A.M. at the Professional Licensing Boards in Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

**Minutes recorded by:** Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary

**Minutes edited by:** Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

***These minutes were approved at the October 4, 2006  
Board meeting.***