

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JANUARY 10, 2008 IRC MEETING

IRC Recommendation: DISMISS

Case #	Issue Description	IRC Logic
2006-55	Allegation that Respondent allowed unlicensed staff member to screen calls after hours and this constituted Practicing Veterinary Medicine.	Dismiss-Investigation revealed complaint was based on hearsay and no evidence was found to support the allegations.
2007-22	Client alleges Respondent has a pattern of removing spleens from ferrets unnecessarily.	Dismiss-Respondent did not advise removing spleen from client's ferret but advised this was a possibility in the future if other course of treatment did not work.
2007-33	Client alleges 2 dogs left for boarding were without water, food, or air conditioning for at least 24 hours.	Dismiss-Investigation revealed that a staff member did not show up for work on a Sunday when scheduled. Respondent has taken appropriate action against the staff member and made changes in scheduling to ensure this does not happen again. New AC unit installed.
Total Cases: 3		

IRC Recommendation: DISMISS - CEASE AND DESIST

Case #	Issue Description	IRC Logic
2007-49	Anonymous complainant alleges improper identification on a business card by Respondent, who operates a kennel, as a Certified Veterinary Technician although Respondent is not licensed.	Dismiss with Cease and Desist issued to Respondent to make changes in misleading advertising.
2007-51	Anonymous complainant alleges unlicensed Practice of Veterinary Medicine based on an advertisement. Companion case to 2007-52, husband and wife team.	Dismiss with Cease and Desist issued directing Respondent to refrain from using misleading advertising.
2007-52	Anonymous complainant alleging unlicensed Practice of Veterinary Medicine based on an advertisement. Companion case with 2007-51, husband and wife team	Dismiss with Cease and Desist issued directing Respondent to refrain from using misleading advertising.
Total Cases: 3		

IRC Recommendation: FORMAL COMPLAINT

Case #	Issue Description	IRC Logic
2007-5	Substandard care. Client alleges Doctor was not properly prepared to perform surgery, resulting in death of the dog.	Formal Complaint. Reviewed by Doctor Adrienne Otto and violations were documented.

2007-6	Incompetence-Advised client procedure to repair broken leg was routine and presented no chance of complications. The dog died during surgery.	Formal Complaint-Reviewed by Doctor Adrienne Otto and violations were documented.
2007-13	Substandard Care-Gave oral antibiotics to nauseous dog, did not start IV fluids soon enough to severely injured dog.	Formal Complaint-Reviewed by Doctor Adrienne Otto and violations were documented.
Total Cases: 3		

IRC Recommendation: LETTER OF CAUTION

Case #	Issue Description	IRC Action
2006-38	Negligence-Veterinarian working for mobile clinic failed to properly ensure rabies vaccination certificates and tags met guidelines as dictated by statute.	Dismiss-Letter of Concern advising Respondent to be cognizant of requirements of Rabies Control Act.
2006-39	Negligence-Veterinarian working for mobile clinic failed to properly ensure rabies vaccination certificates and tags met guidelines as dictated by statute.	Dismiss-Letter of Concern advising Respondent to be cognizant of requirements of Rabies Control Act.
2007-29	Unprofessional conduct-Respondent failed to euthanize dog after accepting a check, which was cashed, and did not notify the client.	Letter of Caution advising Respondent that when accepting monies to perform procedure it is a contractual matter and should be honored or client should be notified immediately.
Total Cases: 3		