

**Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board**  
**March 10, 2000 Teleconference**  
**Portland, Oregon**  
**FINAL MINUTES**

Present

by phone: Dr. Vera Rogers (Chair), Dr. Jonathan Betts, Dr. Martha DeWees  
JoAnn Dewey, Don Hagglund: Public Members  
Lori Makinen, Executive Officer  
Carol Parks, Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. The agenda was adopted. Pending business other than the agenda items were deferred to the next meeting.

**AMENDMENT OF PROPOSED NOTICE OF DISCIPLINE**

Dr. Betts moved, Ms. Dewey seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to amend the Proposed Notice of Discipline for Dr. Heidi Smith.

**NEW COMPLAINTS**

99-32—Complaint alleges that the veterinarian misdiagnosed and made misleading statements about a puppy's reproductive potential in a prepurchase examination. The veterinarian's record did not substantiate the complainant's claim. Dr. DeWees moved, Dr. Rogers seconded and the Board voted unanimously to propose no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

99-37—Complaint alleges that an emergency veterinarian provided misleading information on the phone about reaction to possible ingestion of a pesticide, resulting in the complainant's failure to properly assess a dog's condition. Within 10 minutes, the dog went into convulsions. Complainant phoned ER veterinarian again and was told to bring dog to clinic immediately. Dog died enroute. Complainant asked ER veterinarian to dispose of remains. Complaint filed with Board following complainant's receipt of a bill for ER visit and disposal. Dr. Betts moved, Dr. DeWees seconded and the Board voted unanimously to propose no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

**BOARD VACANCY**

Ms. Makinen reported that the Governor's Executive Appointments staff have received one application to fill the vacancy. Members discussed contacting the OVMA and potential candidates who have large-animal experience and geographical suitability. The Board may notify the Executive Appointments staff of their preference.

**AMENDED MEETING DATE**

The meeting scheduled for June 29, 2000 in Ashland, Oregon was rescheduled for May 7-8, 2000 in Portland at the Portland State Office Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.