

**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
MARCH 24, 2015
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
RICHMOND, VA**

CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee (IFC) of the Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph May, DVM – Chair
Mark Johnson, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie Knachel, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Brandy Latvala, Administrative Assistant
Amanda Blount, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Thomas A. Kawasaki, DVM**
License No.: 0301001524
Case No.: 152933

DISCUSSION: Dr. Kawasaki was present in accordance with an Amended Notice of Informal Conference dated January 27, 2015. Dr. Kawasaki was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Kawasaki.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Johnson, the Informal Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Thomas Kawasaki, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Leslie Knachel and Amanda Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Based on the information in the investigative report and discussion with Dr. Kawasaki, the IFC voted to issue an Order with a \$500 monetary penalty and an unannounced inspection of Dr. Kawasaki's veterinary facility within six months of the Order becoming final,

to include a records inspection with five of the records being surgical records. If Dr. Kawasaki does not appeal the decision, the Order will become final in 33 days after the Order is mailed. The hearing adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Joseph A. May, DVM - Chair

Leslie Knachel, Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee (IFC) of the Board was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph May, DVM – Chair
Mark Johnson, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie Knachel, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Brandy Latvala, Administrative Assistant
Amanda Blount, Administrative Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Brenda Walsh

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Richard C. Walsh, DVM**
License No.: 0301002340
Case No.: 150799

DISCUSSION: Dr. Walsh was present in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated February 9, 2015. Dr. Walsh was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Walsh.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Johnson, the Informal Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Richard C. Walsh, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Leslie Knachel and Amanda Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Based on the information in the investigative report and discussion with Dr. Walsh, the IFC voted to issue an Order with a \$500 monetary penalty and an

unannounced inspection of Dr. Walsh's veterinary facility within six months of the Order becoming final, to include a records inspection with five of the records being surgical records. If Dr. Walsh does not appeal the decision, the Order will become final in 33 days after the Order is mailed. The hearing adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Joseph A. May, DVM - Chair

Leslie Knachel, Executive Director