

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 30 March 2016 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 YIM Wai Fong ('Dr YIM') (Registration No.: R000497) guilty on her own plea of guilty of the disciplinary offence of misconduct or neglect in a professional respect in that during the period from about 22 June 2013 to 10 July 2013, when the complainant's cat 'Dan Dan' was under Dr YIM's treatment and care for urinary tract obstruction, she (i) failed to properly diagnose the cause of the said obstruction and improperly prescribed meloxicam to the cat, and (ii) she prescribed meloxicam of improper or inappropriate dose(s) and duration to the cat.

Pursuant to section 19 of the Ordinance, the inquiry committee ordered on 30 March 2016 that: (1) Dr YIM be reprimanded in writing with the reprimand to be recorded on the register; (2) Dr YIM be required to undertake 20 hours of continuing professional education within 24 months from the date of this order, 10 hours of which are to be in internal medicine and 10 hours in diagnostic imaging, such courses to be approved by the Board in advance with such courses not to count towards any continuing professional education certification scheme of the Board; and (3) in the event that Dr YIM fails to complete the said hours of continuing professional education within the said period, the Secretary shall remove her name from the register and no application for restoration of her name to the register pursuant to section 21(3) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance shall be approved unless and until she has completed the continuing professional education ordered herein.

*Particulars of the Matter to Which the Order Relates*

Having reviewed the relevant radiographs with the assistance of the expert witness called by the Secretary to the Board and discussed the case with him, the inquiry committee was satisfied that the agreed facts supported guilty findings on the charges of misconduct or neglect in a professional respect against Dr YIM set out above.

CHING Pak-chung *Chairman, the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong*