

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 2 June 2017 an inquiry committee of the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong (the 'Board'), after due inquiry on 12 December 2016, 3 February 2017 and 2 June 2017 in accordance with section 18 of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance, Chapter 529 of the Laws of Hong Kong (the 'Ordinance'), found Dr LAM Kee Chee Jacqueline ('Dr LAM') (Registration No.: R000732) guilty of the disciplinary offence of misconduct or neglect in a professional respect in that Dr LAM failed to keep in proper custody or control, and/or to provide to the Board upon its request by the letter dated 1 April 2014, the radiographs and ultrasound images taken of the complainant's cat on 29 March 2013.

Pursuant to section 19 of the Ordinance, the inquiry committee ordered on 2 June 2017 that: (1) Dr LAM be reprimanded in writing with the reprimand not to be recorded on the register; (2) Dr LAM be required to undertake 5 hours of continuing professional education in record keeping and/or communication skills, 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 to be completed within 24 months from the date thereof; and (3) in the event that Dr LAM 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 Ordinance shall be approved unless and until she has completed the continuing professional education ordered therein.

Particulars of the Matter to Which the Order Relates

As per paragraph 18.1.4 of the Code of Practice for the Guidance of Registered Veterinary Surgeons (the 'Code'), Dr LAM was required to keep medical records secure and fully accessible. The inquiry committee found that Dr LAM failed to do this in relation to the medical images of the complainant's cat. Further, as per paragraph 18.2 of the Code, Dr LAM had an obligation to assist the Board by providing medical records on request. Dr LAM's failure to properly store the medical images in this case precluded both the expert witness and the inquiry committee from better understanding the clinical decision making.

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