



## **State Board of Veterinary Medicine Issues Warning about Formerly Licensed Veterinarian Continuing to Practice**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 17, 2019

*Contact: Geraldine Betts, Board Administrator Phone: 207 624-8625*

*Gardiner* – The Maine State Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) within the Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation issues this notice to the public that Cynthia Cole Teer is not licensed by the Board as a veterinarian.

Dr. Teer has not been licensed by the Board since January 2018, when her renewal application was denied due to her failure to comply with the terms of probation imposed against her license pursuant to a Decision and Order by the Board dated January 15, 2014. As outlined in the attached Consent Agreement, signed by Dr. Teer on October 25, 2018, Dr. Teer has continued to practice veterinary medicine at Machias Animal Hospital, located in Machias, Maine, since January 2018, in violation of multiple Board statutes.

As discipline for these violations, Dr. Teer agreed to accept a reprimand, a \$10,000 civil penalty, and a 5-year period of probation during which Dr. Teer is required to, among other things, obtain a Board-approved Maine-licensed veterinarian to monitor her veterinary practice, as a prerequisite to being issued a license to practice veterinary medicine. In addition, the Office of the Attorney General obtained the attached preliminary and permanent injunctions, which ordered Dr. Teer to immediately cease any acts that constitute the practice of veterinary medicine, unless and until licensed to do so.

The Board has not approved any practice monitor for Dr. Teer’s practice, and as a result, no veterinary license has been issued to Dr. Teer. The Board is concerned about potential ongoing practice of veterinary medicine by Dr. Teer and encourages anyone who has any information regarding the practice of veterinary medicine by Dr. Teer since January 2018 to contact the Board’s administrator as noted above.

While the Board regrets having to take the unusual step of issuing a public notice, after multiple communications, the Board has become increasingly concerned about the health and safety of animals that are still being entrusted to her care.

STATE OF MAINE  
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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 CYNTHIA COLE TEER, D.V.M. )  
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 2018-VET-14396      )

INTRODUCTION

This document is a Consent Agreement concerning disciplinary action against the license of Cynthia Cole Teer to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Maine. The parties to the Consent Agreement are: Cynthia Cole Teer (“Dr. Teer”); the State of Maine Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”); and the Office of the Maine Attorney General (“Attorney General”). The Consent Agreement is entered into pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A).

FACTS

1. In 2002, Dr. Teer became licensed by the Board as a veterinarian, license no. VT1533.
2. Dr. Teer practices at Machias Animal Hospital located in Machias, Maine.
3. On January 15, 2014, the Board issued a Decision and Order following an adjudicatory hearing, which resolved Complaint Nos. 2012-VET-7939, 2012-VET-8037, and 2012-VET-8053 filed against Dr. Teer’s license.
4. Pursuant to the Decision and Order, the Board found that Dr. Teer committed gross negligence and incompetence, and, as discipline for these violations, the Board ordered

Dr. Teer to pay a civil penalty of \$1,500.00 and placed Dr. Teer's license on probation for a period of five years, during which Dr. Teer was required to submit four patient records to the Board every three months and to complete continuing education.

5. Although Dr. Teer paid the \$1,500.00 civil penalty and completed the continuing education, Dr. Teer failed to submit four patient records to the Board every three months.
6. On September 22, 2017, Dr. Teer filed an application for the renewal of her license.
7. Due to her failure to comply with the terms of her probation, Dr. Teer's application for renewal was preliminarily denied on December 11, 2017.
8. On December 11, 2017, Board staff sent Dr. Teer notification of this preliminary denial via certified and first-class mail. The notification informed Dr. Teer that she could request a hearing on the preliminary denial, but if she did not request a hearing within 30 days, the preliminary denial would become final.
9. On December 19, 2017, Board staff received confirmation that Dr. Teer received the notice of preliminary denial via certified mail.
10. Dr. Teer did not request a hearing, and the denial became final on January 24, 2018.
11. On January 24, 2018, Board staff sent a final denial notice to Dr. Teer via certified and first-class mail.
12. On January 24, 2018, Board staff member Jessica Gowell had a telephone conversation with Dr. Teer during which she communicated to Dr. Teer that her license was denied effective January 24, 2018.
13. Dr. Teer continued to practice veterinary medicine.
14. On February 7, 2018, Board staff member Jessica Gowell had another telephone conversation with Dr. Teer during which she communicated to Dr. Teer that her license

was denied, that she no longer had a license to practice veterinary medicine, and that she would need to submit an application for licensure.

15. Dr. Teer continued to practice veterinary medicine.
16. On March 26, 2018, investigator Thomas Avery visited Dr. Teer's practice and explained to Dr. Teer that she was not licensed to practice veterinary medicine.
17. On April 2, 2018, investigator Thomas Avery filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14189, alleging that Dr. Teer was continuing to practice veterinary medicine without a license.
18. On April 19, 2018, Dr. Wilhelmina Pryor, a veterinarian in Gouldsboro, Maine, filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14225, alleging that Dr. Teer was continuing to practice veterinary medicine without a license.
19. On May 1, 2018, Dr. William Newcomb, a veterinarian in Perry, Maine, filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14256, alleging that Dr. Teer was continuing to practice veterinary medicine without a license.
20. On May 2, 2018, Dr. Erin Libby, a veterinarian in Beals, Maine, filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14279, alleging that Dr. Teer was continuing to practice veterinary medicine without a license and alleging that Dr. Teer had failed to include the producer, serial number, and lot number on rabies vaccination certificates.
21. On May 9, 2018, Dr. Teer filed an application for licensure with the Board.
22. Dr. Teer continued to practice veterinary medicine.
23. On May 13, 2018, Dr. Wilhelmina Pryor filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14388, alleging that in early 2017 Dr. Teer

prescribed prednisone to a patient with a leg fracture. Dr. Pryor further alleged that a splint Dr. Teer had put on the patient's leg did not contain padding over the forelimb or stirrups to maintain the splint's placement.

24. On May 13, 2018, Dr. Wilhelmina Pryor filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14389, alleging that Dr. Teer was continuing to practice veterinary medicine without a license.
25. On May 13, 2018, Dr. Wilhelmina Pryor filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14392, alleging that Dr. Teer was continuing to practice veterinary medicine without a license.
26. On May 14, 2018, Dr. Michelle Hagar, a veterinarian in Perry, Maine, filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14384, alleging that in mid-2017 Dr. Teer vaccinated a patient younger than the minimal age specified by the vaccine manufacturer. The Board's review of this patient's record revealed that Dr. Teer failed to properly fill out a rabies certificate.
27. On May 14, 2018, Dr. Michelle Hagar filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14385, alleging that in 2014 Dr. Teer conducted an exploratory surgery of an intact female cat, during which Dr. Teer was unable to locate the cat's uterus. In late 2017, the cat delivered four stillborn kittens. Dr. Newcomb subsequently removed the cat's uterus. The Board's review of this patient's record revealed that Dr. Teer failed to include a description of the exploratory surgery she performed in the record.
28. On May 22, 2018, Dr. Anabel Newcomb, a veterinarian in Perry, Maine, filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14396,

alleging that Dr. Teer was continuing to practice veterinary medicine without a license and alleging that in April 2018 Dr. Teer prescribed dexamethasone to a canine patient who was vomiting and defecating blood.

29. On May 26, 2018, Tanya Millay, the owner of a patient Dr. Teer saw in May 2018, filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14410, alleging that Dr. Teer was continuing to practice veterinary medicine without a license. The Board's review of this patient's record revealed that Dr. Teer administered a rabies vaccination to a sick patient, and failed to document the patient's name and birth date in the record.
30. On May 28, 2018, Teresa Hall, a pharmacy technician in Machiasport, Maine, filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14409, alleging that Dr. Teer was continuing to practice veterinary medicine without a license.
31. On May 29, 2018, Dr. William Newcomb filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14411, alleging that in 2015 Dr. Teer took a patient off rimadyl and prescribed prednisone without a sufficient washout period. The Board's review of this patient's record revealed that Dr. Teer failed to document the patient's weight in the record.
32. On May 29, 2018, Elizabeth Miller, the owner of a patient Dr. Teer saw in February 2018, filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14413, alleging that Dr. Teer was continuing to practice veterinary medicine without a license and alleging that Dr. Teer had failed to discuss alternative treatments for the patient's diabetes with the patient's owner and failed to provide the patient's records to the owner despite the owner's request for the records.

33. On May 29, 2018, Dr. Anabel Newcomb filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14470, alleging that Dr. Teer was continuing to practice veterinary medicine without a license. The Board's review of this patient's record revealed that Dr. Teer administered a rabies vaccination to a sick patient and failed to document a description of her physical examination of the patient in the record.
34. On May 30, 2018, the Board preliminarily denied Dr. Teer's application, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14435, based on her continuing to act in a capacity requiring a license under the governing law of the Board after expiration of that license.
35. On May 31, 2018, Board staff sent to Dr. Teer a letter directing Dr. Teer to submit to the Board by July 3, 2018 all diagnostic and treatment records pertaining to the patients described in Complaint Nos. 2018-VET-14383, 14386, 14393, and 14411, and a copy of the x-ray and blood panel referred to in treatment records relating to the patient described in 2018-VET-14390. Dr. Teer did not submit these records by July 3, 2018.
36. On June 1, 2018, Janet Robertson, the owner of a patient Dr. Teer scheduled an appointment to see in May 2018, filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14473, alleging that Dr. Teer was continuing to practice veterinary medicine without a license.
37. On June 28, 2018, Dr. Michelle Hagar filed a complaint with the Board, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14622, alleging that Dr. Teer was continuing to practice veterinary medicine without a license and alleging that Dr. Teer failed to provide to Dr. Hagar and the patient's owner the records of a patient Dr. Teer had seen in April 2018.

38. By letter dated July 6, 2018, Dr. Teer requested a hearing on the preliminary denial of her application.
39. On August 6, 2018, the Kennebec County Superior Court granted the Attorney General's motion for a preliminary injunction, Docket No. CV-18-108, and ordered that Dr. Teer immediately cease any acts that constitute the practice of veterinary medicine as defined by 32 M.R.S. § 4853(7), unless and until licensed to do so.
40. On August 9, 2018, Board staff sent to Dr. Teer a letter stating that she had not submitted the records related to Complaint Nos. 2018-VET-14383, 14386, 14390, 14393, and 14411 and directed her to submit these records by August 24, 2018. As of September 19, 2018, Dr. Teer had not submitted these records.
41. On September 19, 2018, Board staff filed a complaint, which was docketed as Complaint No. 2018-VET-14882, alleging that Dr. Teer failed to provide documents requested by the Board related to Complaint Nos. 2018-VET-14383, 14386, 14390, 14393, and 14411.
42. On September 26, 2018, the Board issued a subpoena directing Dr. Teer to submit the records related to Complaint Nos. 2018-VET-14383, 14386, 14390, 14393, and 14411.
43. On September 28 and October 12, 2018, Dr. Teer submitted the records.
44. On October 17, 2018, following a presentation of the complaints, the Board voted to offer Dr. Teer this Consent Agreement in order to resolve Complaint Nos. 2018-VET-14189, 14225, 14256, 14279, 14384, 14385, 14388, 14389, 14392, 14396, 14409, 14410, 14411, 14413, 14435, 14470, 14473, 14622, and 14882.
45. Absent acceptance of this Consent Agreement by signing and dating it and returning it to Cathy Neumann, Complaint Coordinator, Office of Professional and Occupational

Regulation, 35 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0035 by November 25, 2018, the Board will resolve these matters by holding an adjudicatory hearing.

COVENANTS

46. Dr. Teer admits to the facts as stated above and admits that such conduct constitutes grounds for imposing discipline against her license as follows:

- a. With respect to Complaint Nos. 2018-VET-14189, 14225, 14256, 14279, 14389, 14392, 14396, 14410, 14409, 14413, 14470, 14473, and 14622, pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(4) for violating 32 M.R.S. § 4860 by practicing veterinary medicine when not a licensed veterinarian or the holder of a permit for the performance of relief veterinary service issued by the Board;
- b. With respect to Complaint Nos. 2018-VET-14189, 14225, 14256, 14279, 14389, 14392, 14396, 14410, 14409, 14413, 14470, 14473, and 14622, pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(7) for continuing to act in a capacity requiring a license under the governing law of an office, board or commission after expiration of that license;
- c. With respect to Complaint Nos. 2018-VET-14388, 14384, 14256, 14279, 14385, 14396, 14410, 14411, 14413, 14470, and 14622, pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(2) for gross negligence, incompetence, misconduct, or violation of an applicable code of ethics or standard of practice while engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine as follows:
  - i. With respect to Complaint No. 2018-VET-14388 by prescribing prednisone to a patient with a leg fracture, which can result in delayed healing or non-union of the fracture, and by applying a splint on the

- patient's leg that did not contain padding over the forelimb or stirrups to maintain the splint's placement;
- ii. With respect to Complaint No. 2018-VET-14384 by vaccinating a patient younger than the minimal age specified by the vaccine manufacturer;
  - iii. With respect to Complaint Nos. 2018-VET-14256 and 14279 by failing to include the producer, serial number, and lot number on the rabies vaccination certificates;
  - iv. With respect to Complaint No. 2018-VET-14385 by failing to locate the uterus of an intact female cat while conducting exploratory surgery;
  - v. With respect to Complaint No. 2018-VET-14396 by prescribing dexamethasone, which is contraindicated for a bleeding patient, to a canine patient who was vomiting and defecating blood;
  - vi. With respect to Complaint No. 2018-VET-14410 by administering a rabies vaccination to a sick patient;
  - vii. With respect to Complaint No. 2018-VET-14411 by taking a patient off rimadyl and prescribing prednisone without a sufficient washout period;
  - viii. With respect to Complaint No. 2018-VET-14413 by failing to discuss alternative treatments for the patient's diabetes with the patient's owner and by failing to provide the patient's records to the owner;
  - ix. With respect to Complaint No. 2018-VET-14470 by administering a rabies vaccination to a sick patient; and
  - x. With respect to Complaint No. 2018-VET-14622 by failing to provide the patient's records to Dr. Hagar and the patient's owner.

- d. With respect to Complaint Nos. 2018-VET-14384, 14385, 14410, 14411, and 14470 pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(5) for violating Board Rules, Chapter 5, Section 2 by failing to maintain adequate medical records, including the patient's chief presenting complaint, findings of physical examination, results of laboratory, radiographic, or any other diagnostic procedures, differential diagnosis, and treatment given, including any surgical procedures, drugs with route of administration, and dosage; and
- e. With respect to Complaint No. 2018-VET-14882, pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(10) for failing to provide documents requested by the Board, by the dates requested by the Board, related to Complaint Nos. 2018-VET-14383, 14386, 14390, 14393, and 14411.

47. As DISCIPLINE for the conduct admitted to in paragraph 46 above, Dr. Teer agrees to accept the following DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

- a. A REPRIMAND;
- b. A CIVIL PENALTY in the amount of \$10,000.00, payment of which shall be by certified check or money order made payable to "State of Maine Treasurer" and shall be due on the date Dr. Teer signs the Consent Agreement; and
- c. PROBATION for a minimum period of five (5) years, beginning on the date Dr. Teer signs the Consent Agreement. The conditions of probation are as follows:
  - i. Continuing Education. Dr. Teer shall complete a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education in the practice of veterinary medicine within one (1) year of the date Dr. Teer signs the Consent Agreement. The continuing education completed pursuant to this subparagraph must

include, but need not be limited to, the following topics: accurate recordkeeping and record retention, diagnostic methods, pharmacology, radiology, vaccine protocols and guidelines for felines and canines, compliance with Drug Enforcement Administration requirements, effective communication with clients regarding patients' conditions, treatment options, and prognoses, and the importance of providing records to patients' owners and other veterinarians when requested. Dr. Teer agrees to submit the proposed continuing education course(s) to the Board's Complaint Officer for his prior approval no later than 30 days before the date of the course. Dr. Teer further agrees to submit to the Board's Complaint Officer proof of completion immediately upon completion of each course. Dr. Teer agrees that these continuing education hours will be in addition to those required for the standard licensure renewal eligibility requirement and that she will be responsible for all costs associated with the continuing education hours.

- ii. Records. Dr. Teer must submit to the Board's Complaint Officer six (6) records on a quarterly basis for a period of five (5) years beginning on the date Dr. Teer signs the Consent Agreement. Dr. Teer agrees that the Board Investigator, Complaint Officer, or other Board designee will have the sole authority to determine which records will be selected for review, and that the Board Investigator, Complaint Officer, or other Board designee will have the authority to enter Dr. Teer's practice premises at any time during regular business operation hours without advance notice for the purpose of

selecting records as determined by the Board Investigator, Complaint Officer, or other Board designee pursuant to this subparagraph.

- iii. Monitoring. Prior to engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine, Dr. Teer must engage a veterinary practice monitor who shall monitor her veterinary practice. In complying with this requirement, Dr. Teer shall submit to the Board's Complaint Officer for his prior approval the name of a Maine licensed veterinarian as a proposed veterinary practice monitor. The Board's Complaint Officer has the sole discretion to approve or reject the veterinary practice monitor. Dr. Teer understands that the veterinary practice monitor is an agent of the Board pursuant to 24 M.R.S. § 2511. The veterinary practice monitor shall observe in person Dr. Teer performing examinations, radiographs, treatment, and/or surgery on patients for one full (8 hour) day at least once per month for a period of five (5) years. The veterinary practice monitor shall provide the Board with quarterly reports regarding Dr. Teer's practice beginning the first day of the month following the date on which Dr. Teer begins practicing veterinary medicine and by the first day of the month quarterly thereafter. The reports shall include the veterinary practice monitor's observations of Dr. Teer's practice and a discussion of any issues related to medical knowledge, judgment, clinical skills, or documentation. Dr. Teer must provide a copy of this Consent Agreement, together with any amendments hereto, to her veterinary practice monitor. Dr. Teer may submit, no earlier than January 1, 2021, a written request to modify the

requirements of this subparagraph. Upon receipt of such request, the Board shall review all information, and in its sole discretion, may maintain, modify, or eliminate the requirements of this subparagraph for the remaining period of probation. Dr. Teer shall be responsible for all costs associated with monitoring. The practice monitor and the Board's Complaint Officer may communicate and cooperate regarding any matter related to this Consent Agreement.

iv. Appearance. Dr. Teer agrees to appear in person before the Board on meeting dates to be determined by the Board, not to exceed two (2) times per calendar year, to report as to her practice performance and her compliance with the Consent Agreement.

48. The Board agrees that upon receipt of the signed Consent Agreement, payment of the civil penalty, and the Board Complaint Officer's approval of a practice monitor, the Board will issue Dr. Teer's veterinary license contingent upon Dr. Teer meeting all eligibility criteria.

49. Dr. Teer agrees that, in the event that she violates the conditions of licensure imposed by this Consent Agreement, **her license will be immediately and automatically suspended pending further review by the Board**. Dr. Teer understands and agrees that her license shall remain suspended pending a hearing, which will be held within 60 days of the automatic suspension, unless both Dr. Teer and the Board agree to hold the hearing at a later date.

50. This Consent Agreement is not appealable and is effective until modified or terminated by the parties hereto.

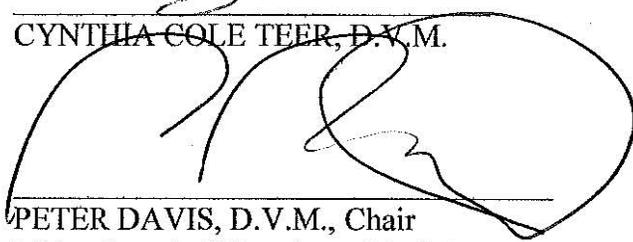
51. This Consent Agreement may be modified or terminated only pursuant to a written agreement signed by all the parties to this Consent Agreement.
52. The Board and the Attorney General may communicate and cooperate regarding any matter related to this Consent Agreement.
53. This Consent Agreement is a public record within the meaning of 1 M.R.S. § 402 and will be available for inspection and copying by the public pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 408-A.
54. Nothing in this Consent Agreement shall be construed to affect any right or interest of any person not a party hereto.
55. This Consent Agreement becomes effective on the date of the last necessary signature below.
56. The Board and Dr. Teer agree that no further agency action will be initiated against her license by the Board based upon the specific violations admitted to herein, except or unless she fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement. The Board may however consider the conduct described above as evidence of a pattern of misconduct in the event that other allegations are brought against Dr. Teer, and this Consent Agreement may be introduced as evidence at any future adjudicatory hearing involving Dr. Teer. The Board may also consider the fact that discipline was imposed by this Consent Agreement in determining appropriate discipline in any further complaints against Dr. Teer.
- 57. Dr. Teer acknowledges by her signature hereto that she has read this Consent Agreement, that she has had an opportunity to consult with an attorney before executing this Consent Agreement, that she executed this Consent Agreement of her**

own free will, and that she agrees to abide by all terms and conditions set forth herein.

Dated: 10-25-18

  
CYNTHIA COLE TEER, D.V.M.

Dated: 12/3/2018

  
PETER DAVIS, D.V.M., Chair  
Maine Board of Veterinary Medicine

Dated: 12/11/18

  
SAMANTHA Y. MORGAN  
Assistant Attorney General

STATE OF MAINE  
KENNEBEC, ss

SUPERIOR COURT  
DOCKET NO. AP-18-108

CV

STATE OF MAINE

Plaintiff,

v.

CYNTHIA C. TEER

Defendant.

ORDER ON MOTION FOR  
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

Upon consideration of the Attorney General's motion for preliminary injunction, the Affidavit of Thomas Avery and accompanying exhibits, and any opposition and reply, the Court finds that:

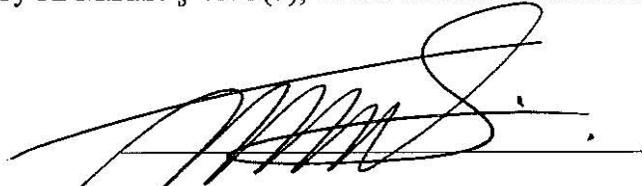
(1) Defendant Teer has not had a license to practice veterinary medicine since January 24, 2018 and

(2) Defendant Teer, despite lacking such a license, has engaged in multiple acts constituting the practice of veterinary medicine pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 4853(7) since January 24, 2018.

The Court therefore GRANTS the Attorney General's motion for a preliminary injunction and ORDERS that Defendant Teer immediately cease any acts that constitute the practice of veterinary medicine as defined by 32 M.R.S. § 4853(7), unless and until licensed to do so.

Dated:

8/6/18



Justice, Superior Court

STATE OF MAINE  
KENNEBEC, ss

SUPERIOR COURT  
DOCKET NO. CV-18-108

STATE OF MAINE	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	JUDGMENT AND ORDER ON
	)	MOTION FOR PERMANENT
v.	)	INJUNCTION
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CYNTHIA C. TEER	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

Upon consideration of the Attorney General and Dr. Teer's joint motion for a permanent injunction, and the affidavit of Thomas Avery and accompanying exhibits, the Court finds that:

1. Dr. Teer was first licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medicine ("Board") as a veterinarian in 2002.
2. Dr. Teer practices veterinary medicine in Machias, Maine, at the Machias Animal Hospital
3. On January 15, 2014, the Board issued a Decision and Order following an adjudicatory hearing, which resolved three complaints and found grounds for discipline against Dr. Teer's license.
4. As discipline for these violations, the Board, among other sanctions, placed Dr. Teer's license on probation for a period of five years. During this probationary period, Dr. Teer was required to submit four patient records to the Board every three months for review. Dr. Teer repeatedly failed to provide the required patient records in a timely manner.
5. On September 22, 2017, Dr. Teer filed an application for the renewal of her veterinary license with the Board.
6. On December 11, 2017, Dr. Teer's application was preliminarily denied based on noncompliance with the terms of her probation.

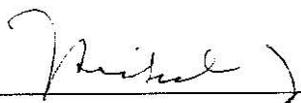
7. Also on December 11, 2017, Board staff sent Dr. Teer notification of this preliminary denial via certified and first class mail. The notification informed Dr. Teer that she could contest the preliminary denial by requesting a hearing, but that failure to request a hearing within 30 days would result in the preliminary denial becoming final.
8. On December 19, 2017, Board staff received confirmation that Dr. Teer received the certified mail.
9. Dr. Teer did not request a hearing.
10. On January 24, 2018, Board staff sent to Dr. Teer a letter via certified mail informing her that as of January 24, 2018, she no longer had a license to practice veterinary medicine.
11. Dr. Teer continued to practice veterinary medicine as defined by 32 M.R.S. § 4853(7) at Machias Animal Hospital after January 24, 2018.
12. Between April 2, 2018 and May 29, 2018, the Board received numerous complaints alleging that Dr. Teer was continuing to practice without a license.
13. On May 30, 2018, the Board voted to refer this matter for review by the Attorney General in accordance with 10 M.R.S. § 8003-C(2).
14. On June 19, 2018, the Attorney General filed a complaint with this Court seeking an injunction prohibiting Dr. Teer from continuing to practice veterinary medicine without a license.
15. On July 18, 2018, the Attorney General and Dr. Teer filed a joint motion for entry of a preliminary injunction, which this Court granted on August 6, 2018.
16. On November 8, 2018, the Attorney General and Dr. Teer filed a joint motion for entry of a permanent injunction.

The Court therefore GRANTS the Attorney General and Dr. Teer's motion for a permanent injunction and ORDERS that Defendant Teer immediately cease any acts that constitute the practice of veterinary medicine as defined by 32 M.R.S. § 4853(7), unless and until licensed to do so.

The Court hereby enters judgment in this matter in favor of the State, without costs or fees to any party.

Dated:

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Justice, Superior Court