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Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Suspends License of Michael A. Schmurr, D.V.M. of Orange, TX

A panel of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners suspended the license of Michael A. Schmurr, D.V.M., of the North Orange Veterinary Clinic, 3758 16th St., Orange, Texas, License No. 7458, following a determination that Dr. Schmurr's continuation of the practice of veterinary medicine presented a continuing and imminent threat to the public welfare.

The temporary suspension hearing took place on Thursday, January 8, 2009, pursuant to Texas Occupations Code §§801.401-409 (the Veterinary Licensing Act) which grants the Board the authority to suspend a license if it determines that the veterinarian's practice constitutes a continuing or imminent threat to the public welfare. Dr. Schmurr's suspension is effective immediately.

The action was based on a finding by the Board's Enforcement Committee that Dr. Schmurr is unable to safely practice veterinary medicine due to use of drugs and/or alcohol, and for the use of succinylcholine chloride in the euthanasia of animals, which the Board considers below the accepted standard of humane treatment.