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LICENSE RENEWALS

Renewal Notices:

As with prior renewal years, the agency will send out postcard renewal reminders on or about January 4th for renewal year 2013. **All veterinary licensees should renew their license on-line at www.tbvme.state.tx.us (unless you are delinquent for renewal year 2012) by March 1, 2013.** Equine Dental Provider (EDP) license holders cannot renew on-line. A renewal packet will be mailed on or about January 4, 2013 to the mailing address on file with us. See page 12 for renewal fee amounts.

Practicing With An Expired License Is Illegal:

All licensees should be aware that if they have not renewed their license by March 1, 2013, **they must cease practicing until the license has been renewed.** The law requires that all licensees not practice without a current license. Penalties for practicing with an expired license can include a reprimand, a \$1,000 per day fine, or other disciplinary measures.

Renewal Year 2013 Continuing Education Requirements:

Veterinarians must have attained 17 hours of acceptable continuing education during calendar year 2012 (January 1 through December 31). Of those 17 hours, seven must have been obtained from personal attendance at live seminars. EDP licensees do not have to submit proof of CE for their 2013 license renewal but are required to earn 6 hours of CE during calendar year 2013.

Individuals who were unable to attain the 17 hours due to circumstances beyond their control may apply to the agency's executive director for a hardship extension. Requests for the hardship extension must be received by **December 15, 2012**. Each request should list the number of hours attained, the number of hours needed and the reason the licensee was unable to meet the requirement. If an extension is granted, the number of hours lacking must be made up the following year.

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Warning Signs of Substance Abuse/Dependence and Depression

Symptoms of Depression and Substance Abuse often mirror each other, and it is important to understand the significance of both. Additionally, it is not uncommon for individuals to have both diagnoses. It can be difficult to tell whether or not an individual suffering from depression sought out substances to self-medicate and alleviate the associated pain or if the use of substances induced a state of depression. Both situations require careful attention to diagnose and treat appropriately.

Warning Signs of Depression (lasting at least 2 weeks):

- Depressed mood most of the day, nearly every day
- Diminished interest or pleasure in all, or almost all, activities
- Isolation
- Significant weight loss or weight gain
- Insomnia
- Agitation
- Fatigue or loss of energy
- Feelings of worthlessness or excessive or inappropriate guilt
- Diminished ability to think or concentrate
- Suicidal ideation or suicide attempt

Warning Signs of Substance Abuse or Dependence

- Failure to fulfill major role obligations at work
 - ◆ Repeated absences
 - ◆ Poor work performance
- Secretive behavior
- Unexplained weight loss or gain
- Slurred speech
- Isolation
- Tremors or shakes
- Using substances in physically hazardous situations (i.e. driving while under the influence)
- Legal problems related to substance use
- Continued use of substances despite persistent or recurrent social or interpersonal problems

Helpful Tips for Healthcare Practitioners

- Most importantly, do not ignore the warning signs! Pretending a problem doesn't exist only allows more time for the issue to worsen.
- If the problem has led to a disruption at work that has resulted in patients receiving less than optimal care, the time to act is NOW.
- Trained staff at the **Professional Recovery Network** are available to answer any questions regarding potential impairment due to substance abuse/dependence or a mental health condition. We can listen to the information you have anonymously and help determine whether or not an evaluation is warranted.

LICENSING EXAM DATES

2013 STATE BOARD EXAMINATION (SBE) SCHEDULE

All State Board Exams, **with the exception of the April exam**, will be administered at participating ACT testing centers. Please read the deadline dates carefully. An application must be submitted to TBVME for **ALL** exams to determine eligibility for veterinary licensure in Texas.

April 2013

Date of Exam: **April 15, 2013**
 Deadline for application to be received by TBVME: **March 1, 2013**
 Location: **Texas A&M University, College Station, TX**

Only approved applicants will be able to purchase and schedule the exam.

June 2013

Deadline for application to be received by TBVME: **April 26, 2013**
 Window for purchasing and scheduling exam: **May 13—24, 2013**
 Window for taking the exam: **June 10—June 21, 2013**

August 2013

Deadline for application to be received by TBVME: **June 28 2013**
 Window for purchasing and scheduling exam: **July 15—July 26, 2013**
 Window for taking the exam: **August 12—23, 2013**

October 2013

Deadline for application to be received by TBVME: **August 30, 2013**
 Window for purchasing and scheduling exam: **September 16—27, 2013**
 Window for taking the exam: **October 14—25, 2013**

December 2013

Deadline for application to be received by TBVME: **October 25, 2013**
 Window for purchasing and scheduling exam: **November 11—22, 2013**
 Window for taking the exam: **December 9—20, 2013**

Board Meeting Dates*

March 5, 2013
 July 16, 2013

*These dates are not official until posted with the Secretary of State.

ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following veterinarians have had disciplinary action taken against their licenses. If you would like to receive additional information regarding these or other disciplinary actions that have been imposed, please send your written request to the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, ATTN: Open Records, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-810, Austin, TX 78701 or by email to vet.board@tbvme.state.tx.us.

Name	License #	City	Discipline	Date of Action
Scott Bagwell, DVM	5690	Lubbock	Formal reprimand, restitution of \$819.50, additional 3 hours of CE in soft tissue surgery	October 30, 2012
Kimberly Boone, DVM	6780	San Antonio	Formal reprimand, \$1,000 administrative penalty	October 30, 2012
Chad Dickson, DVM	7634	Aubrey	Formal reprimand, \$80 restitution	October 30, 2012
Claude Jernigan, DVM	3275	Tyler	Formal reprimand, enter into a peer assistance contract	October 30, 2012
Kimberly Klein, DVM	7362	Helotes	Formal reprimand, \$500 administrative penalty, take and pass jurisprudence exam	October 30, 2012
Terry Litsey, DVM	6468	Watauga	Formal reprimand	October 30, 2012
Bill McGehee, Jr., DVM	5528	San Antonio	Formal reprimand, \$1,000 administrative penalty	October 30, 2012
Michael Mixon, DVM	7859	San Antonio	Formal reprimand, take and pass jurisprudence exam	October 30, 2012
Frank Moffett, DVM	2265	Dilley	Formal reprimand, 5 year probation, \$5,000 administrative penalty, take and pass jurisprudence exam	October 30, 2012
Michael Paalik, DVM	2797	Austin	Formal reprimand, additional 3 hours of CE in animal restraint, evaluation by peer assistance coordinator	October 30, 2012

CEASE & DESIST ORDERS

The following Cease & Desist Orders have been signed and approved by the Board. If you would like to receive additional information regarding these or other disciplinary actions that have been imposed, please send your written request to the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, ATTN: Open Records, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-810, Austin, TX 78701 or by email to vet.board@tbvme.state.tx.us.

Name	City	Violation	Date of Action
Lori Myers	Frisco	Diagnosing and administering vaccinations	October 30, 2012
Joseph Parrish	Forney	Performing chiropractic and musculoskeletal treatments	October 30, 2012
Jennifer Blackson	Boerne	Diagnosing and administering vaccinations	October 30, 2012
Susan Moore	Dallas	Practicing dentistry	October 30, 2012

Disciplinary Actions continued...

In addition to the formal reprimands listed previously there were an additional 20 actions taken against veterinarians. If you would like to receive additional information regarding these or other disciplinary actions that have been imposed, please send your written request to the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, ATTN: Open Records, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-810, Austin, TX 78701 or by email to

Number of Licensees Disciplined	Violation Type	Sanction
7	Continuing Education	Administrative penalties and additional continuing education
9	Misuse of DEA/DPS Registration	Administrative penalties
1	Patient Record Keeping	Informal reprimand, additional CE in record keeping and administrative penalty
1	False information provided on license application	Informal reprimand
1	Honesty, Integrity and Fair Dealing	Informal reprimand
1	Negligence/Malpractice	Informal reprimand

CE EXTENSION OFFERED FOR CANCELLED CE VENUES DUE TO HURRICANE SANDY

It has come to the Board's attention that the 2012 ACVS Veterinary Symposium to be held October 31, 2012 through November 3, 2012 had to be cancelled by ACVS due to Hurricane Sandy.

We received dozens of phone calls and e-mails from licensees who registered for this symposium and intended to earn their required continuing education hours at this venue.

Board Rule 573.64 states, in part, that a licensee may request a hardship extension if the licensee was prevented from completing the required continuing education hours due to circumstances beyond the licensee's control. The rule further states that your request must be submitted in writing and **MUST** be received in the Board office no later than December 15, 2012. In this particular case, you must also attach a copy of your ACVS registration receipt.

If the request is received in a timely manner along with a copy of the receipt, an extension will be granted. We will respond with a letter (to be kept in the licensee's CE file) explaining that he/she must earn a total of 34 hours during calendar year 2013. Laws and rules do not allow us to waive the requirement altogether.

In Memoriam...

“Let us hold our lives up to the light of those who walked before us, remembering the footprints they left behind and preserving the pathways they created.”

Jack Fritts, 'Texas A&M Class of '53

<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Vet. School/Grad. Year</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Hannis Stoddard, DVM	Chiefland, FL	TAMU/1947	February 10, 2012
Clyde Odom, DVM	Laurel, MS	TAMU/1954	October 4, 2012
Charles Barnes, DVM	Georgetown, TX	TAMU/1944	October 4, 2012
Fredrick Hander, DVM	Fort Smith, AR	TAMU/1957	October 9, 2012
Angus MacDonald, DVM	Dallas, TX	TAMU/1968	October 10, 2012
Howard Cargill, DVM	Bryan, TX	TAMU/1950	November 11, 2012

CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFERINGS

Information on available CE may be obtained through the following sources. Additional offerings may be available through other sources.

RACE

(Registry of Approved Continuing Education)

Search for Available CE:

<http://www.aavsb.org/RACE/RaceSearch.asp>

RACE requires approved providers to issue signed certificates of completion, maintain attendance records for four years and provide qualification of instructors and CE personnel who develop and implement courses.

Texas A&M

Phone: (979) 845-9102

Fax: (979) 862-2832

Email: ceoffice@cvm.tamu.edu

Texas Veterinary Medical Association

www.tvma.org

8104 Exchange Dr.

Austin, TX 78754

Phone: (512) 452-4224

Fax: (512) 452-6633

UPCOMING OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Date(s)

December 24—26, 2012

December 31, 2012 (*beginning at noon*)

January 1, 2013

January 21, 2013

Holiday

Christmas

New Year's Eve

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Our Mission:

The mission of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is to establish and enforce policies to ensure the best possible quality of veterinary services for the people of Texas.

Our Goals:

The Board and its staff will ensure that Texans are effectively and efficiently served by quality veterinary professionals by setting clear standards for professional conduct, by assuring compliance with the rules of professional conduct and the community standard of care, and seeking solutions to issues that strengthen the profession and protect the public.



EMAIL RENEWAL REMINDERS

Over the years, numerous licensees have commented that it would be nice to receive an email reminder about their renewal either in place of or in addition to the postcards that we send out in January of each year. Up until now, we have not had the capability to do this, but we are happy to announce that with the 2013 renewals, we will begin sending an email reminder to all licensees who provide us with an email address. This will be in addition to the postcards that will be mailed out at the same time.

We will also use this new feature to send a link when a new issue of the newsletter, *Board Notes*, is available. For any other important information that licensees should be made aware of, an email will also be sent. Please make sure that we have a current email address for you so that you will receive these email notifications.

<p style="text-align: center;">DID YOU KNOW???</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unless you owe for more than the current year, all licensees can renew their license online through our website. 	<p style="text-align: center;">PEER ASSISTANCE</p> <p>If you or someone you know has a substance abuse problem, it is far better to voluntarily participate in the Peer Assistance Program than to run the risk of disciplinary action, up to and including license revocation. The toll free hotline number is 1-800-727-5152.</p>
<p><i>The TBVME does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in employment or in the provision of services, programs or activities. Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations should contact the agency's ADA Coordinator at 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-810, Austin, TX 78701-3998, or call (512) 305-7555 or 1-800-877-8973 (TDD). This document may be requested in alternative formats by contacting the Board offices.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ADA ACCOMODATIONS</p> <p>Individuals seeking ADA accommodations should contact the Board's ADA Coordinator, Loris Jones, at 512/305-7555 or by email at loris.jones@tbvme.state.tx.us.</p>

BOARD ADOPTS CHANGES TO RULES

At the October 30, 2012 Board meeting, the Board voted to adopt the following rules.

Rule §573.10 Supervision of Non-Licensed Persons

The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) adopted an amendment to §573.10, concerning Supervision of Non-Licensed Persons.

The Board adopts amendments to §573.10 to correct errors in subsection (h) to clarify the duties and practice limitations of Registered Veterinary Technicians.

The Board also adopts the amendments to §573.10 to create cross-references and remove redundancies with new adopted §573.19, regarding dentistry, which is also printed in this issue of the *Texas Register*. In the adopted amendment to §573.10, the subsection that previously described the scope of practice for licensed equine dental providers has been removed from §573.10 and relocated to adopted new §573.19, so that all of the Board's rules regarding dentistry are consolidated to appear together in new proposed §573.19.

Rule §573.19 Dentistry

The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) adopted an amendment to §573.19, concerning Dentistry.

The Board adopts a new rule defining dentistry, a term which is used in §801.002(7) of the Veterinary Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, in the definition of "veterinary medicine" as "veterinary surgery, reproduction and obstetrics, dentistry, ophthalmology, dermatology, cardiology, and any other discipline or specialty of veterinary medicine." Under §801.251 of the Veterinary Practice Act, "a person may not practice, or offer or attempt to practice, veterinary medicine unless the person holds a license to practice veterinary medicine issued under this chapter." Thus, the Veterinary Licensing Act holds that an unlicensed person may not practice dentistry on an animal in Texas. The Veterinary Licensing Act does not, however, define "dentistry," so the Board adopts new §573.19 to provide that definition.

The Board adopts the definition of dentistry with the intention to allow unlicensed individuals who are not under veterinary supervision to brush teeth of animals and superficially clean the teeth of animals with gauze, cotton swabs, or dental floss, while preventing unlicensed individuals who are not under veterinary supervision from performing any other more invasive treatment on an animal's teeth or gums, including but not limited to using a periodontal scaler on animal teeth to remove plaque or tartar. The new rule does not change that an unlicensed person under veterinary supervision can perform dental treatments other than invasive dental procedures, a term which is defined under §573.80, regarding definitions, as "exposing the dental pulp, or performing extractions." The new rule also does not change that no unlicensed person can perform invasive dental procedures, as defined under §573.80, even when under veterinary supervision.

The Board also adopts new §573.19 to consolidate the Board's rules regarding dentistry into a single rule for clarity and ease of reference for both licensees and the general public. New adopted §573.19 therefore includes a subsection describing the scope of practice for equine dental providers that previously appeared in §573.10, regarding the supervision of non-licensed persons. The Board has adopted a parallel amendment to §573.10, which is also published in this issue of the *Texas Register*, to remove the subsection on the scope of practice for equine dental providers and to create cross-references to new §573.19. In the interests of clarity, new §573.19 also references the prohibition that previously appeared in §573.10 forbidding unlicensed persons from performing any invasive dental procedure as defined under §573.80.

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Rule §573.43 Controlled Substances Registration

The Board has recently encountered situations in which veterinarians were exempt from the requirement to obtain a controlled substance registration under either Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) or United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) rules and laws, but were concerned that they still had to obtain a controlled substance registration nevertheless in order to comply with §573.43. The Board does not intend its controlled substances registration requirements to be more stringent than that of DEA or DPS. The Board therefore proposes an amendment to §573.43 to clarify that a veterinarian does not need to have a controlled substances registration from either DPS or DEA if that registration is not required by other state or federal law.

The Board also adopts an amendment to §573.43 to correct an error in subsection (b), adding the word "substances" where it was inadvertently not included, so that the phrase now reads "to dispense controlled substances." This is not intended to alter the meaning of the rule.

Rule §573.71 Operation of Temporary Limited-Service Veterinary Services

In recent years, the Board has requested additional information from veterinarians applying to operate a temporary limited-service veterinary service, beyond the categories of information required under §573.71. The Board proposes an amendment to §573.71 to make this additional requested information required by rule, and thereby to make the rule accurately reflect current Board procedure.

Rule §573.80 Definitions

The Board proposes the amendment to §573.80 to correct a typographical error in paragraph (10), adding the prefix "non" to "veterinarian" so that the sentence reads: "Immediate Supervision--a veterinarian required to immediately supervise a non-veterinarian must be within audible and visual range of both the animal patient and the person under supervision." This change does not alter the Board's interpretation of the meaning of "Immediate Supervision."



J. Todd Henry, DVM
TBVME Vice-President

NEW BOARD OFFICERS

During the October 30, 2012 meeting the Board elected J. Todd Henry, D.V.M. as Vice-President and Joe Mac King, D.V.M. as Board Secretary.



Joe Mac King, DVM
TBVME Secretary

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Rule §577.15 Fee Schedule

The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) adopted an amendment to §577.15, concerning the Fee Schedule.

The adopted amendments to §577.15 reformat the fees to make them easier to read, adjust veterinarian renewal fees lower to match current legislative appropriations for the 2013 fiscal year, correct a calculation mistake in the fee for provisional veterinary licenses, add inactive equine dental provider fees necessitated by rule changes that created inactive status for equine dental provider licensees, and consolidate all the fixed fees that the Board charges into one schedule.

In the adopted amended rule, the application processing fees and examination fees, which appeared as separate line items for each initial license in the previous version of the rule, have been consolidated into the respective initial licenses, and no longer appear as separate fees. The Board adopted this change to clarify the cost of becoming initially licensed in Texas as either a veterinarian or an equine dental provider.

With regard to veterinary licenses, the adopted amended rule decreases veterinary license renewal fees to match the appropriations granted to the agency. The adopted rule increases the fee for provisional veterinary licenses to make the provisional license \$50 more expensive than a regular veterinary license, to more accurately reflect the costs and staff time involved in processing and administering the two separate examinations that provisional licensees take on their way to becoming full licensees.

With regard to the new inactive fees for equine dental providers, the adopted amended rule adds renewal fees and inactive status fees to the fee schedule so that in fiscal year 2013, equine dental providers who became licensed for the first time in fiscal year 2012 will have the option to renew their licenses or put their licenses on inactive status. These fees cover the estimated expected costs of regulating licensed equine dental providers.

The adopted amended rule also includes several fees in the fee schedule that previously appeared in other rules, such as the fee for duplication of license, and the reactivation fees for both veterinary and equine dental provider licenses. With the addition of these fees, the Board intends for this rule to reflect all of the fixed fees that the Board charges. It does not, however, reflect variable fees that the Board has set, such as the fees for transcripts and records of administrative hearings before the State Office of Administrative Hearings as set forth in §575.10 of this title (relating to Costs of Administrative Hearings).

Rule §573.71 Operation of Temporary Limited-Service Veterinary Services

The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) adopted an amendment to §573.71, concerning Operation of Temporary Limited-Service Veterinary Services.

In recent years, the Board has requested additional information from veterinarians applying to operate a temporary limited-service veterinary service, beyond the categories of information required under §573.71. The Board adopts an amendment to §573.71 to make this additional requested information required by rule, and thereby to make the rule accurately reflect current Board procedure.

Rule §573.80 Definitions

The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) adopted an amendment to §573.80, concerning Definitions.

The Board adopts the amendment to §573.80 to correct a typographical error in subsection (10), adding the prefix “non” to “veterinarian” so that the sentence reads: “Immediate Supervision—a veterinarian required to immediately supervise a non-veterinarian must be within audible and visual range of both the animal patient and the person under supervision.” This change does not alter the Board’s interpretation of the meaning of “Immediate Supervision.”

BOARD PROPOSES CHANGES TO RULES

At the October 30, 2012 Board meeting, the Board directed staff to post the following proposed changes and corresponding rule review in the *Texas Register* for comment, the full text of the changes can be found on the agency website.

Rule §575.10 Costs of Administrative Hearings

The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) proposes an amendment to §575.10 concerning Costs of Administrative Hearings. The proposed amendment to §575.10 more specifically defines the costs that the Board assesses against opposing parties that lose a hearing at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (“SOAH”) or choose to appeal a SOAH ruling, to make the rule follow more closely to §2001.059 of the Administrative Procedure Act. While the current rule allows the Board to assess all hearing costs against a party who loses at SOAH, under the proposed amended rule, the Board may assess only transcript costs against the losing party at SOAH or the party that chooses to appeal a SOAH decision. The proposed amendment also includes other changes to make the rule apply to individuals appealing cases at SOAH involving licensure eligibility.

Rule §575.20 Board Proceedings Relating to Licensure

The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) proposes new §575.20 concerning Board Proceedings Relating to Licensure. The proposed new rule provides an informal process to decide licensure eligibility issues that cannot be determined by a rule waiver from the Board. The process parallels the informal process the Board uses to determine disciplinary issues, allowing a subcommittee of the Board to determine whether an applicant is eligible for licensure and to offer agreed licensure orders. If an applicant is determined ineligible for licensure or fails to sign an agreed licensure order offered by the subcommittee, the licensee is scheduled for a hearing before SOAH. The full Board reviews and approves all agreed licensure orders. If a licensee is denied licensure by a final order of the Board following a SOAH hearing, the proposed new rule states that the licensee may not reapply for licensure for two years from the date of that order.

Rule §575.28 Complaints—Investigations

The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) proposes an amendment to §575.28 concerning Complaints—Investigations. The proposed amendment to removes the requirement that the board secretary review disciplinary cases involving medical issues, and instead allows any veterinarian member of the Board to serve on the committee that reviews the cases involving medical issues. This allows the board president more flexibility in making appointments to the committee, and increases the number of board members eligible to review the medical cases. Medical case review requires a significant time commitment from the veterinarian board members, and this change will allow the board president to spread the burden more evenly among the veterinarian members.

Rule §575.29 Informal Conferences

The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) proposes an amendment to §575.29 concerning Informal Conferences. The proposed amendment removes the requirement that the board secretary sit on the Enforcement Committee that reviews disciplinary cases during informal settlement conferences to determine whether a violation of either the Board’s rules or the Veterinary Licensing Act has occurred. This allows the board president more flexibility in making appointments to the committee, and increases the number of board members eligible to sit on the Enforcement Committee. The veterinarian board members who sit on the Enforcement Committee also perform all medical case reviews, and the proposed amendment to §575.29 makes that connection explicit by including a reference to §575.28.

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Rule §575.30 Contested Case Hearings at SOAH

The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) proposes an amendment to §575.30 concerning Contested Case Hearings at SOAH. The proposed amendment creates the process by which the Board will schedule and conduct hearings before SOAH to include individuals who have been found ineligible for licensure. The proposed amendment also makes changes to the rule to replace references to modernize it by replacing references to a complaint affidavit, which the Board used as part of its orders prior to the advent of SOAH, with the notice of hearing used under current SOAH procedure.

The proposed amendment also adds a new subsection (h), to require that when a party to a contested case offers proposed findings of fact, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will rule on each proposed finding, in keeping with §2001.141(e) of the Administrative Procedure Act. By requesting a ruling on each proposed findings of fact, the Board seeks more insight into the ALJ's reasoning behind his holding, and give the ALJ an opportunity to reflect on what the Board believes it has proved prior to making a proposal for decision.

Rule §575.50 Criminal Convictions

The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) proposes an amendment to §575.50 concerning Criminal Convictions. The proposed amendment adds a reference to equine dental providers to ensure that the crimes listed in the rule are considered "related to the practice" for both equine dentistry as well as veterinary medicine for purposes of determining whether a licensee should be disciplined by the Board for having committed one of the listed crimes.

REVISED LICENSING FEES

During the October 30, 2012 meeting, the Board voted to adopt the following fees for 2013:

Veterinarians:

- Renewals—\$369
- Delinquent Renewals (90 days or less)—\$449
- Delinquent Renewals (90 days or more)—\$529
- Inactive Renewals—\$169
- Delinquent Inactive Renewals (90 days or less)—\$249
- Delinquent Inactive Renewals (90 days or more)—\$329
- Special License Renewal—\$364
- Delinquent Special License Renewal (90 days or less)—\$444
- Delinquent Special License Renewal (90 days or more)—\$524

The \$200 Professional Tax is included in all renewals except Inactive.

Equine Dental Providers:

- Renewals—\$200
- Delinquent Renewals (90 days or less)—\$300
- Delinquent Renewals (90 days or more)—\$400
- Inactive Renewals—\$100
- Delinquent Inactive Renewals (90 days or less)—\$150
- Delinquent Inactive Renewals (90 days or more)—\$200

Equine Dental Providers are not subject to the \$200 Professional Tax.

TEMPORARY CLINIC INFORMATION

Date of Notice _____

Licensee's Name _____

Licensee's Number _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

ADDRESS WHERE RECORDS FOR CLINIC WILL BE KEPT:

TEMPORARY CLINIC LOCATION:

On-site Bldg. or Facility: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

County: _____

TEMPORARY CLINIC OPERATION HOURS:

Date of Clinic: _____

Hours of Operation: From: _____ To: _____

OTHER VETERINARIANS PARTICIPATING IN THE OPERATION OF THE CLINIC:

Name: _____ License No.: _____

Name: _____ License No.: _____

Name: _____ License No.: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Notice Received: _____ *Date Entered in Database:* _____ *Entered By:* _____

NOTICE OF ADDRESS CHANGE

Please email, fax, or mail to:

Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-810
Austin, Texas 78701
FAX: 512-305-7556
Email: vet.board@tbvme.state.tx.us

Please print or type

Name _____
License Number _____

Mailing Address:

Street/PO Box _____
City, State _____ Zip Code _____
Email _____

Practice Address:

Practice Name _____
Street _____
City, State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Email _____

Home Address:

Street _____
City, State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email _____

Note: The mailing address is the default address. All documents, forms and letters sent to you from this agency will be mailed to this address.

The mailing address is printed on your license renewal certificate. If you have changed your mailing address and need a duplicate renewal certificate, please indicate below.

____ Please send a duplicate renewal certificate.

Pursuant to Board Rule 573.76(a) "A veterinarian shall notify the Board of any change of any items in subsection (a) not later than the 60th day after the change takes place." Subsection (a) includes: name and license number; clinic or practice name; physical business address; mailing address; residence address; business telephone number; and residence and/or cellular telephone number.

NOTICE TO CLIENTS

To file a commendation or grievance concerning a veterinarian,
please contact:

Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Suite 810

Austin, Texas 78701-3942

Phone: (512) 305-7555

Fax: (512) 305-7556

To obtain information about filing a complaint, you may access the Board's
voicemail 24 hours a day by calling toll free: 1-800-821-3205