

# Report to Licensees

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## LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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### Changes

- ❑ The Board will certainly miss departing member, Patrick R. Bernard, DVM, whose term with the Board expired October 31, 2008. During his 6 year term, Dr. Bernard has shared insight and experience pertinent to veterinary medicine and regulatory functions of the Board, particularly in the equine area. The Board appreciates his service and wishes him well on future endeavours.
- ❑ The members of the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine and staff of the Board office would like to welcome new Board member, Gary T. Levy, DVM. Dr. Levy currently practices in New Orleans (a predominantly small animal practice) and has been appointed to serve through July 30, 2013. We extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a productive team.
- ❑ Additionally, a welcome back is extended to Mica F. Landry, DVM, who is returning to the Board to fill the vacancy of Dr. Bernard. Dr. Landry practices in Donaldsonville, LA and has been appointed to serve through July 30, 2013.

### 2009 Board Meeting Dates

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine will meet at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates: Thursday, February 5, April 2, June 4, July 30, October 1, and December 3, 2009.



**Rules Update** – Please call or write the Board office for a copy of any Notice of Intent or Rules described below.

**Final Rule 700, 711 – Mobile Practice Vehicle** – Effective February 20, 2009. Rule amended to more clarifies the requirements for a veterinary mobile practice vehicle for other than large animals.

### Production of Medical Records

Mike Tomino, Board Legal Counsel

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**Please Take Note...Per Rule 305D:** “It is the duty of the licensee to maintain a current address with the office of the Board of Veterinary.”

## License Renewal Statistics 2008-2009

Active DVM – 1071, Inactive DVM – 219, RVT – 83, CAET – 105, RED - 5

### Board Members 2008-09

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## **Disciplinary Cases**

**Case No. 07-0321V** – Based on the Consent Order, the Board found that the respondent veterinarian was in violation of LSA RS 37:1526A and Board rules, Title 46, Part LXXXV, Sec. 1001 et seq., Section 1023, 701A2, and 106, in that the respondent was negligent in failure to properly perform surgery on a dog's leg and failure to properly place patient identification information on radiograph. Respondent was fined \$1,500, and ordered to pay the amount of cost recovery for the proceeding.

**Case No. 06-0627V** – Based on the Consent Order, the Board found that the respondent veterinarian was in violation of LSA RS 37:1526A and Board rules, Title 46, Part LXXXV, Sec. 1001 et seq., Section 1023 and 106, in that the respondent was negligent in failure to perform radiograph prior to and after a surgical procedure and/or offering to perform radiograph to client. Respondent was fined \$500, and ordered to pay the amount of cost recovery for the proceeding.

