



# Report to Licensees

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## LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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### **Board Changes...**

The Board office has relocated following a facilities incident which caused damage to the electrical systems in that location. That office building has subsequently been closed. The Board's new address is **301 Main St., Suite 1050, Baton Rouge, LA 70801 (One American Place Building)**, two blocks from the previous site.

The Board will miss departing member, Steven V. Slaton, DVM, whose term with the Board expired July 31, 2015. The Board appreciates his service and wishes him well with future endeavors. During his term, resulting in 7 years of service, Dr. Slaton shared experience pertinent to veterinary medicine and the regulatory functions of the Board, as well as being instrumental in formulating licensure requirements which require a faculty license when a veterinarian faculty member engages in the direct (hands-on) practice of veterinary medicine on an animal owned by a member of the public whether by referral from a private practice veterinarian, or by direct patient solicitation/access without referral, as part of his employment at the school. The proposed rules regarding the veterinary faculty license shall become effective for the 2016-2017 annual license period (beginning October 1, 2016), and for every annual license renewal period thereafter. You may wish to review new Rule 303.E on the Board's website at [www.lsbvm.org](http://www.lsbvm.org).

The members of the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine and staff of the Board office would like to welcome Board member, William H. Green, DVM. Dr. Green practiced in the North Louisiana area (mixed animal practice), is currently Professor/University Veterinarian, Interim Head of Agricultural Sciences and Forestry at Louisiana Tech. He has been appointed to serve through July 31, 2020. We extend a warm welcome back, and best wishes for a productive team.

### **2016 Board Meeting Dates**

The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine will meet at 8:30 a.m. on the following dates:  
Thursday, February 4, April 7, June 2, July 28, October 6, and December 1, 2016.



### **Disciplinary Cases**

**Case No. 14-0319 V** - Consent Order was entered into wherein veterinarian failed to practice acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, specifically, failure to maintain proper medical records and failure to properly label medications dispensed to a patient. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.

**Case No. 14-0414 V** - Consent Order was entered into wherein veterinarian failed to practice acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, specifically, improperly performed spay, failure to provide antibiotics and medication, as well as discharged patient without informing client that only ovaries removed and not the uterus. Respondent was assessed a fine, the payment of administrative costs, and ordered to attend to attend five (5) hours of Board approved continuing education on proper sterilization procedures.

**Cases No. 14-0624 V** - Consent Order was entered into wherein veterinarian failed to practice acceptable standards, specifically, the use of highly controversial drug, Ozone. Ozone is reportedly used as an antibacterial agent experimentally and not recognized as an anesthetic agent. Respondent was ordered to refrain immediately from using Ozone in his practice of veterinary medicine. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.

**Cases No. 15-0825 V** - Consent Order was entered into wherein veterinarian failed to attend patient within acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, specifically, inadequate treatment regarding low blood sugar, and patient discharge without referral to facility which could provide overnight monitoring. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.



## License Renewal Statistics 2015-2016

Active DVM – 1412, Inactive DVM – 160, RVT – 183, CAET – 170, RED – 3

**Cases No. 15-0915 V** - Consent Order was entered into wherein veterinarian failed to attend to patient within acceptable standards of veterinary medicine, specifically, improperly performed tail docking and failure to perform proper aftercare. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.

**Cases No. 15-1112 V** - Consent Order was entered into wherein veterinarian failed to meet the acceptable standards of veterinary practice, specifically, failure to maintain proper and lawful medical records. Respondent was assessed a fine and the payment of administrative costs.

Through its impairment program, consent agreements with licensees/certificate holders regarding impairment issues were favorably concluded. During the term of the respective agreement, the participant was permitted to maintain licensure/certification status and allowed to practice under certain conditions. The Board thanks these particular persons for their cooperation. The Board wishes these licensees/certificate holders continued success in recovery. The identities of these professionals/para-professionals and specifics with regards to these matters, as well as any other prior or pending cases with the same subject matter, are confidential and will remain so as required by law.

Please keep in mind that the Board can lawfully support the recovery and practice of those professionals/para-professionals who are cooperative and willing to help themselves (whether self-reported or reported by a third party), and still properly discharge its duty of protecting the public. If you have, or any veterinary professional/para-professional you suspect has, a problem with a controlled substance and/or alcohol, please report this to the Board office. The Board will continue to approach the matter in good faith with the hope of reciprocal cooperation to address the issue.

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