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**BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF  
VETERINARY MEDICINE,  
Complainant,**

v.

**Case No. 0325D**

**BRIARDO REICH, D.V.M.,  
Veterinarian License Number: 20-2005  
Respondent.**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

After due investigation of a written complaint, the West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine ("Board") determined that there was probable cause to believe that Briardo Reich, D.V.M. ("Respondent") has exhibited unprofessional conduct in the practice of veterinary medicine, in violation of the provisions of W. Va. Code § 30-10-1 *et seq.* and the Rules of the Board at W. Va. Code R. § 26-1-1 *et seq.* The Respondent was provided with written notice of the allegations against him pursuant to the rules of the Board and the laws of this State.

WHEREAS, Respondent acknowledges that the Board may file a formal Statement of Charges pursuant to W. Va. Code §§ 30-10-1 *et seq.* and W. Va. Code R. §§ 26-1-1 *et seq.*; however, Respondent waives the filing of a formal Statement of Charges.

WHEREAS, in lieu of hearing, the parties have reached an agreement for the resolution of Case Number 0325D, and the parties agree to entry of the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in disposition of this matter.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board adopts the following findings in this matter:

1. That Briardo Reich is a licensee of the Board with license number 20-2005 and is subject to the license requirements of said Board. Moreover, that all times relevant to this Complaint that the Respondent held an active license issued by this Board.
2. The Board is a regulatory board created for the purpose of regulating the practice of veterinary medicine. W. Va. Code § 30-10-1 *et seq.*
3. In order to carry out its regulatory duties, the Board is empowered to suspend, revoke or otherwise discipline an individual’s veterinary medicine license because of authority granted to it by W. Va. Code §§ 30-10-5 and 30-10-19.
4. That on March 20, 2025, the Board received a complaint against the Respondent for the care of a dog named “Bailey.”
5. That the Respondent at all times relative to this Complaint practiced veterinary medicine at Vets & Pets, Inc. located in Martinsburg, West Virginia.
6. That the Respondent filed a timely response to this Complaint denying all allegations.
7. Bailey presented on March 5, 2025, at the Evelyn Kilmer Spay Neuter Clinic for a spay procedure.
8. Bailey was prepared for surgery; however, the Respondent admitted within his response that he did not perform a comprehensive physical examination prior to surgery due to Bailey’s aggressive nature.

9. Upon completion of the surgery the Complainant was called back to assist in cleaning up Bailey who was “covered in blood.”

10. Complainant states that she and the veterinary technician requested Respondent to check Bailey for bleeding. Complainant stated that he responded by directing the veterinary technician to wrap Bailey up and it will stop.

11. Bailey was discharged the same day.

12. Complainant stated that Bailey continued to have mild bleeding; however, by the next day on March 6, 2025, in the afternoon Bailey was “bleeding profusely.”

13. Complainant stated that she called the Respondent and was instructed to take Bailey to an emergency clinic.

14. Complainant took Bailey to Mountain View Animal Emergency the same day.

15. Bailey was placed back into surgery to repair the bleeding and since Bailey has made a full recovery.

16. Respondent states that Bailey had a successful surgery with no complications except for what the Respondent characterized as mild bleeding from the spay incision.

17. Respondent states that he instructed his staff to wrap Bailey up because he “was busy with other surgeries.”

18. Respondent admits that Complainant called his Office the day following the surgery on March 6, 2025, regarding the bleeding and was instructed to bring Bailey back to the Office or proceed to an emergency clinic.

19. Respondent denies any wrongdoing in his care, including after care.

20. Respondent notes in his response that skin bleeding is a common complication and managed with bandage pressure. Moreover, Respondent notes that the records from Mountain View Emergency Clinic indicate no clear evidence of severe internal bleeding nor evidence of any wrongdoing.

21. That upon recommendation of the Complaint Committee, after reviewing the complaint and accompanying documents, the Board, by majority vote, at its Board meeting on May 2, 2025, determined there was sufficient evidence to warrant further proceedings and that further action should be taken against the licensee, Briardo Reich, D.V.M.

22. That the Respondent's actions constitute, practices or acts in violation of W. Va. Code R. § 26-4-5.1.a.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. That the Board has jurisdiction to take disciplinary action against Respondent.
2. That based upon the allegations of unprofessional or unethical conduct set out above in the *Findings of Fact* section, the Board is authorized to suspend, revoke or otherwise restrict the license of the Respondent to practice veterinary medicine, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-10-19.
3. That the Board has defined unprofessional conduct by adopting the standards of practice at 26 C.S.R. § 4-1 *et seq.* and violations of these standards of practice may be grounds for disciplinary action by the Board pursuant to W. Va. Code § 30-10-19(g)(3).
4. That Respondent violated the standard care by failing to take appropriate action upon learning of the bleeding after the spay procedure, failing to properly instruct Complainant in

discharge instructions and failing to note in the medical records any communications with the Complainant post-surgery.

5. That Respondent's actions constitute, practices or acts in violation of W. Va. Code R. §§ 26-4-5.1.a.

6. That the Board served a *Complaint* upon the Respondent pursuant to the laws and regulations of West Virginia.

**CONSENT OF LICENSEE**

I, Briardo Reich, by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge the following:

1. That I have had the opportunity to consult with counsel and execute this Consent Agreement voluntarily, freely, without compulsion or duress and mindful that it has legal consequences.

2. That no person or entity has made any promise or given any inducement whatsoever to encourage me to make this settlement other than as set forth herein.

3. That I acknowledge that I am aware that I may pursue this matter through appropriate administrative and/or court proceedings, and I am aware of my legal rights regarding this matter, but intelligently, knowingly and voluntarily waive such rights.

4. That I waive any defenses including, but not limited to, laches, statute of limitations, and estoppel, that I may have otherwise claimed as a condition of this agreement.

5. That I admit that my actions were unprofessional and in violation of the governing statute and rules of the Board.

The Respondent, Briardo Reich, by affixing his signature hereon, agrees to the following:

**ORDER**


On the basis of the foregoing, the Board does hereby ORDER and DECREE that:

1. Respondent is hereby REPRIMANDED for his actions in this matter.
2. Within three (3) months from the date of the entry of this *Order*, Respondent shall complete three (3) hours of board-approved continuing education on the subject of post operative surgery complications, and three (3) hours of board-approved continuing education on medical record keeping. These continuing education hours do not count toward the required eighteen (18) hours of continuing education that is required of all board licensees.
3. Within three (3) months of completion of the continuing education hours, Respondent shall submit to the Board for review three (3) patient medical records.
4. Within three (3) months from the date of the entry date of this *Order*, Respondent shall reimburse the Board for the costs of these proceedings, including but not limited to, the administrative and legal expenses incurred by the Board in the investigation and disposition of this case.
5. Any violation of this *Consent Agreement and Order*, or failure to adhere to its terms may result in additional disciplinary action, up to and including the suspension or revocation of the Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine in the state of West Virginia.
6. The Board is bound by agreement and by law to report the results of all disciplinary actions, including the instant matter, for posting in the AAVSB Veterinary Practitioners Disciplinary Database.

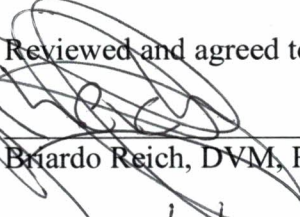
- 7. That this document is a public record as defined in W. Va. Code § 29B-1-2(4).
- 8. This *Consent Agreement and Order* constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

In recognition of this *Consent Agreement and Order* and these terms, we hereby affix our signatures.

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF  
VETERINARY MEDICINE

By:   
 Dr. ~~Keith Berkeley~~ Donna Piercy  
 Board Chair

Entered: 9/19/25  
 DATE

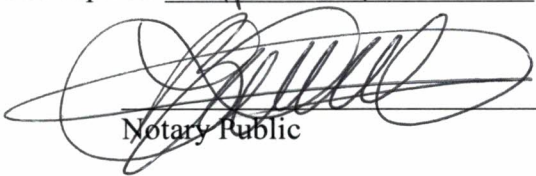
Reviewed and agreed to by:  
  
 Briardo Reich, DVM, Respondent  
9/14/2025  
 DATE

**BRANDON LAWRENCE FARRELL**  
 NOTARY PUBLIC  
 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APR. 30, 2026  
 COMMISSION # 7616086

This day personally appeared before me, Briardo Reich, whose name is signed to the foregoing document and who is known to me, having acknowledged before me that the statements in the foregoing document are complete, true and correct, to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, and executed the document voluntarily on the date shown above.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 4th day of September, 2025.

My Commission expires: April 30, 2026

  
 Notary Public