

BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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

v.

Case No. 0925A

**CLARA MASON, D.V.M.,
Veterinarian License Number: 9324
Respondent.**

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

After due investigation of a complaint initiated by the West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine ("Board"), the Board determined that there was probable cause to believe that Clara Mason, 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 her 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 0925A, 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 Clara Mason is a licensee of the Board with license number 9324 and is subject to the license requirements of said Board. Moreover, that all times relevant to this board-initiated 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 September 4, 2025, the Board initiated a Complaint against the Respondent based upon information received that the Respondent had an Order granting Default Judgment entered on July 31, 2025, against her. This Order arose from a civil action filed against the Respondent in federal court on March 19, 2025, to recover civil penalties for her "refusal or negligent failure to make, keep, or furnish the required purchasing, dispensing, and inventory records for Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances."

5. Respondent voluntarily surrendered her Drug Enforcement Administration's ("DEA") license to dispense such drugs in October 2023 during the investigation of this matter.

6. That the Respondent at all times relative to this board-initiated Complaint practiced veterinary medicine at her own veterinary practice located in Winfield, West Virginia.

7. That the Respondent filed a response to this board-initiated Complaint by offering to voluntarily surrender her veterinarian license.

8. That the Respondent has suffered from various physical ailments that have impacted both her personal and professional lives.

9. That Respondent engaged in self-medication due to the immense physical pain.

10. That Respondent admits that she became addicted to these medications which negatively impacted her ability to practice veterinary medicine.

11. That upon recommendation of the Complaint Committee, after reviewing the board-initiated complaint and accompanying documents, the Board, by majority vote, at its Board meeting on October 31, 2025, determined there was sufficient evidence to warrant further proceedings and that further action should be taken against the licensee, Clara Mason, D.V.M.

12. That the Respondent's actions constitute, practices or acts in violation of W. Va. Code R. § 26-1-8.1.2.

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 Respondent's actions constitute, practices or acts in violation of W. Va. Code R. §§ 26-1-8.1.2.

4. That the Board served the board-initiated Complaint upon the Respondent pursuant to the laws and regulations of West Virginia.

CONSENT OF LICENSEE

I, Clara Mason, 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 of the voluntary surrender of my veterinarian license 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 acknowledge the relinquishment of all rights and privileges to practice as a veterinarian in the state of West Virginia effective upon the entry of this *Consent Agreement and Order*.

6. That as of this date I am of sound mind, and I am not under the influence of any substance that would impair my judgment at the time that I sign this *Consent Agreement and Order* surrendering my license to practice veterinary medicine.

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

The Respondent, Clara Mason, by affixing her 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 voluntarily surrendering her license to practice veterinary medicine in the state of West Virginia effective upon entry of this *Consent Agreement and Order*.

2. Should the Respondent want to apply for licensure in the future, Respondent must meet all requirements for reinstatement pursuant to the Board's governing statute and regulations. Moreover, this *Consent Agreement and Order* may be taken into consideration for reinstatement in the future, and Respondent shall have the burden of proof for any reinstatement for licensure.

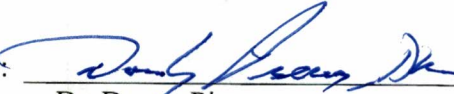
3. The Board is bound by agreement and by law to report the results of all disciplinary actions, including the instant matter, for posting in the AAVSB Veterinary Practitioners Disciplinary Database.

4. That this document is a public record as defined in W. Va. Code § 29B-1-2(4).

5. 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. Donna Piercy
Board Chairman

Entered: 11/4/25
DATE

Reviewed and agreed to by:

Clara Mason, DVM

/s/Clara Mason/sdb
Clara Mason, DVM, Respondent

10-23-25

DATE

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