

BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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

v.

Case No. 1024B

**SHANNON WILFONG, D.V.M.,
Veterinarian License Number: 45-2010
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 Shannon Wilfong (“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 1024B, 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 Shannon Wilfong is a licensee of the Board with license number 45-2010 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 October 22, 2024, the Board received a complaint against the Respondent for the care of a dog named "Gia."

5. That the Respondent at all times relative to this Complaint practiced veterinary medicine at the Paw Prints Veterinary Clinic ("Paw Prints") located in Morgantown, West Virginia.

6. That the Respondent filed a timely response to this Complaint denying all allegations.

7. That Complainant states his animal was brought in for a routine dental cleaning and placed under anesthesia on September 10, 2024

8. That Complainant states he did agree to the pre-operative bloodwork recommended by the Respondent and nothing was noted out of the ordinary.

9. That Respondent stated that Gia had been treated for worms and Lyme disease prior to the dental cleaning.

10. That Respondent stated that Gia had a history of dental disease and other alternatives for the treatment of dental disease were discussed with the Complainant at the July 10, 2024, wellness check, but all were declined.

11. That Gia suffered a cardiac arrest during the dental procedure and all life saving measures failed, and Gia died.

12. That Complainant states that he was not appropriately advised of the risks associated with a dental cleaning on an older animal and believes that Respondent demonstrated a lack of transparency in order to obtain his business.

13. That upon recommendation of the Complaint Committee, after reviewing the complaint and accompanying documents, the Board, by majority vote, at its Board meeting on January 30, 2025, determined there was sufficient evidence to warrant further proceedings and that further action should be taken against the licensee, Shannon Wilfong.

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

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 not reversing the effects of the butorphanol with naloxone when the animal showed signs of pending cardiac and respiratory arrest, failing to adhere to the current CPR protocol, including, but not limited to reversal of the effects of butorphanol with naloxone.

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

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

CONSENT OF LICENSEE

I, Shannon Wilfong, 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, Shannon Wilfong, 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 REPRIMANDED for her actions in this matter.
2. Within six (6) 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 administration of CPR and three (3) hours of board approved continuing education on the subject of anesthesia emergency. These continuing education hours must be approved by the Board prior to completing them. Moreover, 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 six (6) 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.

4. 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.

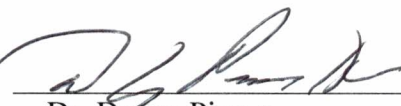
5. The Board is bound by agreement and by law to report the results of all disciplinary actions, including the instant matter, for posting in the AAVSB Veterinary Practitioners Disciplinary Database.

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

7. 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.

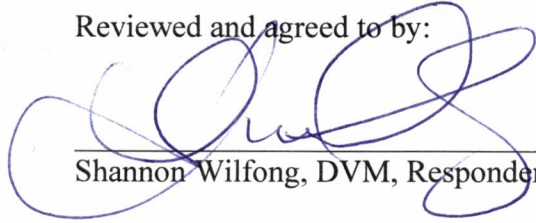
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By: 

Dr. Donna Piercy
Board Chairman

Entered: 12/19/25
DATE

Reviewed and agreed to by:


Shannon Wilfong, DVM, Respondent

11/20/25
DATE

This day personally appeared before me, Shannon Wilfong, 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 her knowledge, information, and belief, and executed the document voluntarily on the date shown above.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 20 day of November, 2025.

My Commission expires: July 21, 2030

Ashley Nicole Mundell
Notary Public

