

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

**In the Matter of Woodrow T. Isbell, DVM
License No. 1574**

Complaint No. 2025-029

CONSENT ORDER

The Arkansas Board of Animal Health (Board) and Woodrow T. Isbell, DVM, (Licensee), in lieu of formal proceedings, enter the following Consent Order concerning his license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Arkansas. The parties, being well and truly advised of the facts, relevant law, and their duty and rights under Arkansas law, agree as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. On or about September 11, 2025, the Board received a complaint from Shawna Blaine Beasley against Licensee.
2. The facts alleged in the complaint are as follows:
 - a. On the morning of July 9, 2025, Ms. Beasley took her dog, Goldie Grahams (Patient), to Licensee's clinic for a spay and was scheduled to pick up Patient later that same day.
 - b. Ms. Beasley had reservations about the surgery due to her observation of the clinic's equipment as outdated and had concerns regarding its cleanliness. Ms. Beasley also observed that Licensee works in solo practice and does not have assistance during surgeries. Licensee reassured Ms. Beasley that he routinely performs spays and had not lost any animals over the course of nearly fifty (50) years of practicing veterinary medicine.
 - c. Ms. Beasley received a call at or around 10:28 a.m. informing her that Patient passed away following the surgery.
 - d. Ms. Beasley returned the call at around 1:00 p.m., and Licensee informed her that although Patient made it through the surgery, when Licensee checked on Patient later, she was cold and deceased. Licensee stated that he did not give Patient too much anesthesia and was not sure why she did not wake up.

- e. After Ms. Beasley exhibited emotional distress at the prospect of picking up Patient's body, Licensee offered to bury Patient in a suitable location.
 - f. Ms. Beasley state in the complaint that she is unsure of where Patient's grave was and did not receive Patient's collar or tags back.
 - g. Ms. Beasley requested copies of Patient's medical records on July 14, 2025, and as of August 18, 2025, had not received any records.
3. On September 11, 2025, the Board sent a letter to Licensee requesting a response to Ms. Beasley's complaint.
4. On October 1, 2025, the Board received a response from Licensee that stated:
- a. On the morning of July 9, 2025, Ms. Beasley brought Patient to Licensee's clinic for a spay. He and Ms. Beasley did not discuss pre-surgery lab work, and Licensee advised that Patient would be ready to be picked up between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. that day.
 - b. Licensee works in solo practice and does not have assistance during surgeries.
 - c. Licensee stated that he weighed Patient pre-surgery and sedated her with Rompun, followed by Banamine ten (10) minutes later and Ketamine five (5) minutes after administering Banamine.
 - d. Licensee reports the surgery was routine from start to finish and no abnormal bleeding was detected. Licensee made a routine closure of the body wall and skin before placing Patient in a stainless-steel cage for recovery.
 - e. Licensee stated that at or around 9:30 a.m., Patient seemed to be in good physical condition, had normal respiration, and good mucus membranes.
 - f. Licensee performed another surgery and checked on Patient at or around 10:30 a.m., finding her to be deceased.
 - g. Licensee stated that he did not have a good answer for Ms. Beasley as to why Patient passed away, and Licensee speculated in his response that Patient must have had an adverse reaction to the anesthetics.
 - h. Ms. Beasley did not feel emotionally capable of picking up Patient's body, and Licensee offered to bury Patient in a suitable location, which he did after obtaining Ms. Beasley's consent.

Conclusions of Law

5. The Board has authority to investigate conduct that violates the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Practice Act (Act) and Veterinary Medicine rules and to take disciplinary

action against the license of a veterinarian for violation of the Act or rules. Ark. Code Ann. §§ 17-101-203 and 17-101-305; see *also* 17 CAR § 1-110.

6. Under Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305(a)(11), it is a violation of the Act and unprofessional conduct for a veterinarian to violate a rule promulgated by the Board.

7. Under 17 CAR § 1-104(b)(9)(A), it is a violation of the Act for a veterinarian to perform surgery in a manner that is not compatible with current veterinary medical practice with regard to anesthesia, asepsis, life support, and monitoring procedures as well as recovery care.

8. Licensee did not perform the Patient's spay in a manner that was compatible with current veterinary medical practice with regard to anesthesia, monitoring procedures, and recovery care.

9. Licensee has the right to a hearing before the Board on these alleged violations and before the Board takes action against Licensee for any violation of law, and Licensee waives his right to a hearing and accepts informal disposition of the matter by entering a Consent Order, as provided in Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-208(b).

Terms of Disposition

10. By signing this Consent Order, Licensee acknowledges his rights under Arkansas law, understands that the Consent Order affects his Arkansas Veterinary Medicine and Surgery License, and accepts the following conditions to maintain his license:

- a. Licensee was advised of his right to seek the advice of counsel prior to signing this Consent Order;
- b. Licensee acknowledges that he has the right under Ark. Code Ann. §§ 17-101-305, 25-15-208 and 25-15-211 to a formal hearing before any disciplinary action may be taken against his license for the misconduct alleged in the complaint, has the right under Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-213(1)

to be accompanied and advised by counsel at a hearing of this matter, and has the right under Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-212 for judicial review of the Board's action following a hearing of this matter.

- c. Licensee waives the right to a formal hearing before the Board and judicial review of any decision by the Board;
- d. Licensee admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives his right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any disciplinary action imposed under this Consent Order;
- e. Licensee consents to the Board's order that he complete three (3) hours of continuing education for anesthesia protocols and three (3) hours of continuing education for post-surgical monitoring, for a total of six (6) hours of continuing education to be completed within sixty (60) days of the effective date that this Consent Order and *in addition to* the twenty (20) hours of continuing education required annually for all licensed veterinarians.
- f. Licensee also consents to an unannounced inspection of his clinic by staff of the Arkansas Department of Agriculture.
- g. Licensee acknowledges that any violation of the terms of this Consent Order or any law governing the practice of veterinary medicine in the State of Arkansas constitutes grounds for further disciplinary action, including revocation of his license; and
- h. Licensee will comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine in the State of Arkansas.

WHEREFORE, the Arkansas Board of Animal Health and Woodrow T. Isbell, DVM, enter this Consent Order in lieu of formal proceedings and agree that Dr. Isbell will complete within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Consent Order six (6) hours of continuing education as follows: three (3) hours of continuing education regarding anesthesia protocols and three (3) hours of continuing education on post-surgical monitoring. The continuing education ordered herein is in addition to that required for licensure, and Licensee will supply proof of completion to the Arkansas Department of Agriculture. Licensee also agrees to an unannounced inspection of his clinic.

This Consent Order becomes effective on the date it is signed by the Chairman of the Arkansas Board of Animal Health.

IT IS SO AGREED AND ORDERED.

LICENSEE:

Woodrow T. Isbell, DVM

Woodrow T. Isbell, DVM

Date: 2/26/26

ARKANSAS BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH:

Woodrow T. Isbell

Chairman

Date: 02-27-2026



STATE OF ARKANSAS)
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COUNTY OF Miller)

On this the 20th day of February, 2026, before me
_____, a Notary Public, appeared the within named Woodrow
T. Isbell, DVM, to me personally well known (or satisfactorily proven to be such person),
who executed the foregoing Consent Order for the consideration, uses and purposes
therein mentioned and set forth.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Bennie Faye Fitzhugh
Notary Public
My Board expires: Mar 6, 2031