

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

**IN THE MATTER OF
WOODROW T. ISBELL, DVM**

Complaint No. 2025-029

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Arkansas Board of Animal Health (Board) will conduct a hearing to determine whether Woodrow T. Isbell, DVM (Dr. Isbell) violated the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Practice Act (the Act), Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-101 et seq., Veterinary Medicine rules, 17 CAR § 1-101 et seq., or any Arkansas law related to the practice of veterinary medicine. The hearing will be held on March 19, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m., at the Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Board Room, 1 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205.

Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-203 and 17 CAR § 1-110 grant to the Board the legal authority and jurisdiction to investigate complaints related to the practice of veterinary medicine and conduct hearings regarding violations of the Act and veterinary medicine rules. The matters of fact and law asserted as the basis for the hearing against Dr. Isbell are as follows:

1. On September 11, 2025, the Department of Agriculture (Department) received a complaint against Dr. Isbell from Shawna Blaine Beasley of Texarkana, TX, regarding the improper post-operation surgical care of her pet red nose pitbull, Goldie.
2. The complaint alleged that Dr. Isbell works in solo practice and does not have assistance during surgeries, and that after Goldie's spay, she was left unsupervised and passed away while Dr. Isbell was performing surgery on another animal.
3. The Department investigated the complaint and obtained a written response from Dr. Isbell regarding the complaint, as well as records of Goldie's treatment. In his response, Dr. Isbell admitted that he did not have a good answer for Ms. Beasley as to why Goldie passed away but speculated that she must have had an adverse reaction to the anesthetics he administered prior to surgery. Dr. Isbell stated that he checked on Goldie after the surgery, around 9:30 a.m., and she was in good condition. After performing surgery on another animal, Dr. Isbell found Goldie deceased at or around 10:30 a.m.
4. On December 16, 2025, the Veterinary Medical Examining Committee (Committee) reviewed the complaint and the Department's investigation file, and it made a recommendation to the Board to find that Dr. Isbell performed surgery in a manner that is not compatible with current veterinary medical practice with regard to anesthesia, asepsis, life support, monitoring procedures, and recovery care, in violation of 17 CAR § 1-104(b)(9)(A).
5. On January 15, 2026, the Board voted to find that Dr. Isbell did not perform the Goldie's spay in a manner that was compatible with current veterinary medical practice with regard to anesthesia, monitoring procedures, and recovery care and, therefore, violated Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305(a)(11) and 17 CAR § 1-104(b)(9)(A).

6. Under Ark. Code Ann. §§ 17-101-305, 25-15-208 and 25-15-211, Dr. Isbell has a right to a hearing before the Board on the allegations raised in the complaint before disciplinary action is taken against his license for the misconduct alleged in the complaint.

The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether Dr. Isbell's conduct related to Goldie's surgery and post-surgical care violated Arkansas laws related to the practice of veterinary medicine, including Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305(a)(11) and 17 CAR § 1-104(b)(9)(A). The hearing will be conducted under the Administrative Procedures Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-201 et seq., and the Board will hear testimony and evidence related to the complaint and allegations.

For any questions, contact the Arkansas Department of Agriculture by phone at (501) 225-1598, email at info@agriculture.arkansas.gov, or in writing to 1 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205.



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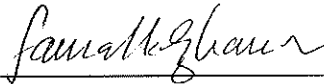
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Laura Holzhauer, do hereby certify that I served a copy of the foregoing notice by certified mail, restricted delivery, and electronic mail to the Respondent and by electronic mail to the Complainant on this 19th day of February, 2026, to the following:

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