

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

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

Complaint No. 2025-029

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

The Arkansas Board of Animal Health (Board) enters the following Order of Suspension against Woodrow T. Isbell, DVM, (Licensee), holder of Arkansas veterinary license number 1574, for his failure to comply with the terms of the Consent Order entered in this matter and effective on February 27, 2026. The Board, being well and truly advised of the facts and relevant law, finds and orders as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Licensee is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Arkansas, holding Arkansas license number 1574.
2. On February 27, 2026, the Board and Licensee entered a Consent Order to resolve violations arising from Complaint No. 2025-029, namely violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305(a)(11) and 17 CAR § 1-104(b)(9)(A) by failing 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.
3. Paragraph 10(e) of the Consent Order required Licensee to complete, within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the Consent Order and in addition to the minimum annual continuing education requirements for licensure, six (6) hours of continuing education as follows: (i) three (3) hours of continuing education for anesthesia protocols; and (ii) three (3) hours of continuing education for post-surgical monitoring.

4. The Consent Order further required Licensee to supply proof of completion of the ordered continuing education to the Arkansas Department of Agriculture (Department) and consent to an unannounced inspection of his clinic by Department staff.

5. Paragraph 10(g) of the Consent Order stated that any violation of the terms of the 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 Licensee's license. The deadline for completion of the ordered continuing education was April 28, 2026.

6. On March 25, 2026, Licensee submitted his veterinary medicine license renewal application and included a letter stating that he was unable to locate continuing education on small animal surgical anesthesia techniques and recovery, that he purchased a book on the subjects, and that he decided to stop performing all small animal elective surgeries as of April 1, 2026.

7. The Department sent Licensee a Notice of Noncompliance on July 20, 2026, advising that the failure to complete the ordered continuing education is a violation of the Consent Order and grounds for further disciplinary action including suspension or revocation of licensure and provided Licensee with an opportunity to respond and submit proof of compliance.

8. Licensee submitted a written response on August 3, 2026, and August 5, 2026, stating that he completed a two (2) hour continuing education course on opioids and anesthetics in July 2026 for renewal of his Texas veterinary medicine license and four (4) YouTube videos on intensive care procedures, monitoring anesthesia, temperature, pulse,

and respiration, and post-operative care. Licensee stated, further, that he voluntarily agreed to stop routine small animal surgery, including spays, neuters, and ear trims, and is agreeable to a license restriction prohibiting him from performing such procedures.

Conclusions of Law

9. The Board has jurisdiction over Licensee and the subject matter of this proceeding. Ark. Code Ann. §§ 17-101-203, 17-101-305; see *also* 17 CAR § 1-110.

10. The Board has the authority to issue, renew, deny, suspend, revoke, or take disciplinary action against the license of a veterinarian for violation of the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Practice Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-101 et seq., or rules of the Board. *Id.*

11. Specifically, the Board has the authority to suspend, revoke, or deny a license or impose a civil penalty for violation of an informal consent agreement for discipline. See Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305(a)(21).

12. Likewise, the Board has the authority to suspend a license under its jurisdiction until a licensee complies in full with a sanction imposed by the Board. See Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-217(d).

13. Licensee failed to complete the continuing education requirement of the Consent Order, which is a violation of an informal consent agreement and sanction imposed by the Board, and grounds exist under Ark. Code Ann. §§ 17-101-305(a)(21) and 25-15-217(d) to suspend Licensee's license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Arkansas until Licensee complies in full with the terms of the Consent Order.

Order

14. Licensee's Arkansas veterinary license number 1574 is hereby SUSPENDED.

15. The license suspension is effective on the date this Order is signed by the Chairman of the Board and will remain in effect until Licensee complies in full with the terms herein and of the Consent Order, including:

- a) Completion of three (3) hours of continuing education in anesthesia protocols, as required by Paragraph 10(e);
- b) Completion of three (3) hours of continuing education in post-surgical monitoring, as required by Paragraph 10(e); and
- c) Submission of proof of attendance and course syllabi or descriptions for all completed continuing education courses.

16. During the period of suspension, Licensee is prohibited from practicing veterinary medicine in the State of Arkansas, and in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 17-101-305(c)(1), Licensee must surrender his actual license certificate to the Board within thirty (30) days of this Order unless the action is appealed and a stay is issued.

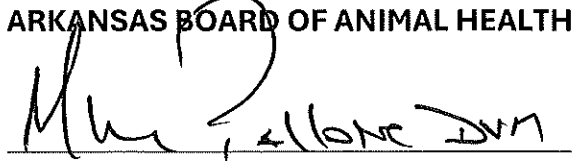
17. The Board authorizes the Department to review proof of attendance and course syllabi or descriptions for the completed continuing education courses to verify compliance with the terms of this Order and the Consent Order and upon full compliance with this Order, reinstate Licensee's Arkansas veterinary license.

18. Licensee has a right to appeal this Order and request a hearing before the Board by submitting a written request to the Department within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. See Ark. Code Ann. §§ 17-101-203(8)(A), -305(a).

19. This Order is a formal action of the Board and a public record that may be publicly disseminated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ARKANSAS BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH



Chairman

Date: 8/10/26