



# The Ohio Veterinary Medical Board

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August 16, 1988



Dr. Stanley Gorlitsky  
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Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

Dear Dr. Gorlitsky:

In accordance with Chapter 119, Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the State Veterinary Medical Board of Ohio intends to determine whether or not to issue a reprimand, or suspend, or revoke your license (#3717) to practice veterinary medicine, under the provisions of Section 4741.22, Ohio Revised Code, for the following reasons:

1. You are alleged to be guilty of violating Paragraph (A) of Section 4741.22, Ohio Revised Code, in that the conduct of your practice does not conform to the rules prescribed by the State Veterinary Medical Board for proper sanitary and hygienic methods to be used in the care and treatment of animals as set forth by Administrative Rule 4741-1-03.
2. You are alleged to be guilty of violating Paragraph (A) of Section 4741.22, Ohio Revised Code, in that the following would constitute a violation of Administrative Rule 4741-1-03(A) and (B), and would constitute "failure to use reasonable care or discrimination in the administration of drugs, or failure to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other modalities for treatment of disease or in the conduct of surgery" and "a departure from, or failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established":
  - a. During the period December 10, 1987, through December 12, 1987 and December 17, 1987, through December 19, 1987, cats named "Mittens" and "Max", owned jointly by Kim Kelly and Allen Hoffman, received treatment and surgery by yourself, under unacceptable conditions and methods.
  - b. During the period of approximately December 1, 1987, through December 7, 1987, and December 8, 1987, through December 10, 1987, a cat named "Misty", owned by Phyllis Sedlacek, received treatment and surgery by yourself, directly leading to surgical complications and the death of "Misty".

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- 3. You are alleged to be guilty of violating Paragraph (Q) of Section 4741.22, Ohio Revised Code, in that you permit or have permitted "a person not a licensed veterinarian, a veterinary student extern, or a graduate animal technician to engage in work or perform duties in violation of Section 4741.01 to 4741.29, Ohio Revised Code," including but not limited to, the following instance:

On or about April 18, 1988, Ms. Barbara S. Klonowski presented her dog "Truffaut" to you for appropriate veterinary medical care. During the examination you were assisted by an employee who is not a licensed veterinarian, a veterinary student extern, or a graduate animal technician.

- 4. You are alleged to be guilty of violating Paragraph (R) of Section 4741.122, Ohio Revised Code, in that the following matters would constitute "gross incompetence":

- a. On or about April 18, 1988, you failed to properly treat and care for Barbara S. Klonowski's dog "Truffaut", including but not limited to tearing/perforating the dog's rectum while collecting a routine fecal sample. Subsequently, the dog died.

- b. During the period of December 10, 1987, through December 12, 1987, and December 17, 1987, through December 19, 1987, you failed to provide proper care and treatment to two cats named "Max" and "Mittens" owned by Kim Kelly and Allen Hoffman. Subsequently, Mittens died and Max became gravely ill, as a result of complications arising from your care and treatment.

- c. During the period December 29, 1987, through December 31, 1987, a cat named "Topaz", owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Klaus, received inadequate care, treatment and surgery by yourself, directly leading to an abdominal infection and the subsequent death of "Topaz".

- d. Regarding "Misty", a cat owned by Phyllis Sedlacek, on or about February 16, 1987, you performed a ovariohysterectomy ("spay") on this cat; on or about December 3, 1987, you again performed abdominal surgery on "Misty", removing ovarian tissue from the cat's abdominal cavity, failing to give adequate care and treatment, both during and after surgery, resulting in the death of the animal.

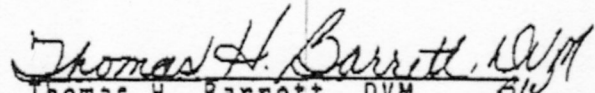
You are advised that you may request a formal hearing to determine if, in fact, you should be reprimanded or your license suspended or revoked. If you do request a hearing, your request must be in writing and must be made to and received by the Ohio Veterinary Medical Board at the Board offices located at 77 South High Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0302, within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice.

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You are further advised that at such hearing you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against you, and that such hearing would be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 119.09, Ohio Revised Code.

In the event you do not respond to this notice and do not request a hearing, the Ohio Veterinary Medical Board, solely upon consideration of the charges against you, will consider the charges against you as proven and may, in its discretion, issue you a reprimand, or suspend or revoke your license as a veterinarian in the State of Ohio.

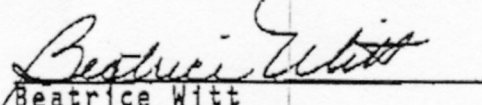
BY ORDER OF THE  
OHIO VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD

  
Thomas H. Barrett, DVM  
President

cc: Cheryl D. Minsterman,  
Assistant Attorney General

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Return receipt requested

I hereby certify that the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing dated August 16, 1988, was mailed to Dr. Stanley Gorlitsky, 13230 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118, Certified Mail, return receipt requested, on August 16, 1988.

  
Beatrice Witt  
Administrative Assistant