



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

Hearing Outcome

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Registrant: Dr. Robert Ashburner

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Decisions: BCVMA Inquiry Committee (November 28, 2009); BCVMA Council (June 20, 2009)

Findings: During a private meeting which was secretly recorded, Dr. Ashburner failed to respect the dignity and professional status of a fellow member and belittled, injured or made careless, critical comments on the professional standing or actions of another member. Council found Dr. Ashburner guilty of unprofessional conduct.

Disposition: Council issued a warning to Dr. Ashburner that the duty a veterinarian owes to fellow members to respect their dignity and professional status must be observed at all times. Council stated that it is never acceptable to belittle, injure or make careless critical comment on the professional standing or actions of another member, regardless of the circumstances.