



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

Hearing Outcome

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Registrant: Dr. Rameez Sharma

File Number: 06-03

Decisions: BCVMA Inquiry Committee (December 17, 2006); BCVMA Council (June 26, 2007)

Findings: In relation to a Feline A, Dr. Sharma failed to use a level of care, skill and knowledge expected of a reasonably competent practitioner and failed to create, maintain and keep current a medical record containing appropriate detail.

In relation to a Feline B, Dr. Sharma failed to use a level of care, skill and knowledge expected of a reasonably competent practitioner in the level of performance of a tendonectomy; failed to obtain informed consent as to the services to be provided; failed to create, maintain and keep current a medical record; falsified, deliberately, the medical record and made misleading statements to the client regarding the performance of a tendonectomy; falsified, deliberately, the medical record, with the intent to mislead the Complaint Officer; and, made misleading statements to the Complaint Officer that he did not perform a tendonectomy when he knew the statements to be untrue. Council found Dr. Sharma guilty of unprofessional conduct.

Disposition: Dr. Sharma was suspended from practice for one year and ordered to pay a fine of \$5,000 and the costs of the inquiry. Council imposed a practice restriction that Dr. Sharma not perform declaws (onychectomies) and tendonectomies until he wrote and passed an examination on these procedures. Council also required Dr. Sharma to write and pass the BCVMA Bylaws and Ethics examination before being reinstated to practice. Dr. Sharma is entitled to practice veterinary medicine however the practice restriction imposed by Council remains in effect.