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Veterinarian License Revoked for Animal Cruelty

August 30, 2016

Pursuant to a Proposed Decision dated May 27, 2016, which was adopted by the Veterinary Medical Board on July 21, 2016, the veterinarian license of Ryan James Whitney, DVM (license number VET 19719) was revoked. It was found that, by subjecting a feline patient to unnecessary surgeries, and therefore needless pain and suffering, Dr. Whitney negligently committed acts constituting animal cruelty. In addition to the charges of animal cruelty, it was found that Dr. Whitney committed other acts of negligence and incompetence, and also maintained extremely inadequate medical records.

At the time of the decision, Dr. Whitney's license was on probation for previously engaging in unlicensed activity. Effective August 26, 2016, Dr. Whitney's veterinarian license is revoked, and he is no longer able to legally practice veterinary medicine in the State of California.

The California Veterinary Medical Board