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3. Dr. Griffin reported in the telephone call that he was working in Abilene, Texas as a relief veterinarian, and all his mail was being forwarded to his ex-wife living in Holland, Texas. He said that his records pertaining to cases 06-085 and 06-086 were in storage, but he would forward a written response along with copies of medical records when he returned to Holland to retrieve his mail. Nothing was received from Dr. Griffin. At the informal conference, Dr. Griffin reported for the first time that the patient records were unavailable because the bank, which had foreclosed on his clinic in Temple, had destroyed the records retained there.

### **Conclusions of Law**

1. Respondent is required to comply with the provisions of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Chapter 801, Texas Occupations Code, and with the Board's Rules.
2. Based on the above paragraphs, Dr. Griffin has violated Rule 573.74, DUTY TO COOPERATE WITH BOARD, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct, which requires a veterinarian to cooperate fully with a Board investigation and respond within 21 days of receipt to requests for information concerning complaints against the veterinarian.
3. Based on Conclusions of Law 1 and 2, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 801.401 of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code:  
801.401. DISCIPLINARY POWERS OF BOARD. (a) If an applicant or license holder is subject to denial of a license or to disciplinary action under Section 801.402, the Board may:
  - (1) refuse to examine an applicant or to issue or renew a license;
  - (2) revoke or suspend a license;
  - (3) place on probation a license holder or person whose license has been suspended;
  - (4) reprimand a license holder; or
  - (5) impose an administrative penalty.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD AND RESPONDENT AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board **ORDERS** that **PATRICK GRIFFIN , D.V.M.,** be **FORMALLY REPRIMANDED.**

The Board further **ORDERS** that:

- 1 Respondent shall abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct, the Texas Veterinary Licensing Act, and the laws of the State of Texas and the United States.
2. Respondent shall cooperate with the Board's attorneys, investigators, compliance

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officers and other employees and agents investigating Respondent's compliance with this Order.

3. Failure by Respondent to comply with the terms of this Agreed Order or with any other provisions of the Licensing Act or the Board Rules, may result in further disciplinary action.

Respondent, by signing this Agreed Order, acknowledges his understanding of the Agreed Order, the notice, and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein set forth herein, and agrees that he will satisfactorily comply with the mandates of the Agreed Order in a timely manner or be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the Board.

Respondent, by signing this Agreed Order, waives his right to a formal hearing and any right to seek judicial review of this Agreed Order. Respondent acknowledges that he is not represented by legal counsel in this matter.

RESPONDENT WAIVES ANY FURTHER HEARINGS OR APPEALS TO THE BOARD OR TO ANY COURT IN REGARD TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREED ORDER. NOTHING IN THIS ORDER SHALL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF RESPONDENT'S RIGHTS UNDER STATUTE OR UNDER THE UNITED STATES OR TEXAS CONSTITUTIONS TO APPEAL AN ORDER OR ACTION OF THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO THIS AGREED ORDER EXCEPT AS RESPONDENT MAY HAVE OTHERWISE AGREED TO HEREIN. RESPONDENT AGREES THAT THIS IS A FINAL ORDER.

The effective date of this Agreed Order shall be the date it is adopted by the Board.

