

ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS

INQUIRY RE:

JAVIER SALAS NAVARRO MRCVS (1)

ROMAN KRISTIN MRCVS (2)

CHARGES

JAVIER SALAS NAVARRO

THAT, being registered in the register of veterinary surgeons and whilst in practice at Family Friends Vets, Elmshott Lane, Cippenham, Slough (“the Practice”):

1. On 5 August 2016, you performed a surgical spay for Marnie, a kitten belonging to Stacey and Ryan Hurt, without reading the Anaesthesia Consent Form completed by Stacey Hurt.

2. On 9 August 2016, when Marnie was re-admitted to the Practice for surgery, you:-
 - (a) failed to read the Anaesthesia Consent Form completed by Stacey Hurt;
 - (b) failed to undertake an adequate assessment of Marnie’s presenting condition, including by failing:-
 - (i) to undertake an adequate physical examination;
 - (ii) to take any or any adequate steps to ascertain Marnie’s accurate and complete history since 5 August 2018, including the facts that Marnie had vomited, been anorexic and been anuric since the spay you performed on that date;
 - (iii) to require blood tests, when blood tests were clinically indicated and had been requested by the owner;
 - (iv) to recognise that Marnie was seriously ill;

- (c) performed surgery to Marnie's abdomen, in particular to repair a hernia:-
 - (i) without taking the steps identified at (b);
 - (ii) when that surgery would not address the illness from which Marnie was suffering;
 - (iii) without providing intravenous fluids to Marnie;
- (d) for the purpose of the surgery described at (c), subjected Marnie to anaesthesia without any, or any adequate, regard to the seriousness of her illness and the deterioration in her condition since 5 August 2016;
- (e) in the circumstances described at each or all of (a) to (c) above, failed to obtain the owners' informed consent to the surgery;
- (f) administered Metacam to Marnie when Metacam was contra-indicated;
- (g) failed to make an adequate record of your involvement in Marnie's care.

AND THAT, in relation to the matters set out above, whether individually or in any combination, you are guilty of disgraceful conduct in a professional respect;

ROMAN KRISTIN

THAT, being registered in the register of veterinary surgeons and whilst in practice at Family Friends Vets, Elmshott Lane, Cippenham, Slough ("the Practice"):

1. On 5 August 2016, you failed to respond to the concerns expressed on a number of occasions about the condition of Marnie, a kitten belonging to Stacey and Ryan Hurt, who was recovering from a surgical spay under your care.
2. On 8 August 2016, when Marnie was re-presented to the Practice following the spay performed at the Practice on 5 August 2016, you:-
 - (a) failed to undertake an adequate assessment of Marnie's presenting condition, including by failing:-
 - (i) to undertake an adequate physical examination;
 - (ii) to ascertain Marnie's accurate and complete history since 5 August 2018, including the facts that Marnie had vomited and been anorexic since the spay performed on that date;
 - (iii) to require blood tests;
 - (iv) to recognise that Marnie was seriously ill;

- (b) failed to have any, or any adequate regard, to Mr Hurt's report that Marnie had been anuric since the spay;
- (c) failed to record Mr Hurt's report that Marnie had been anuric since the spay in Marnie's clinical records;
- (d) failed to refer Marnie for specialist advice and treatment or to offer the owner such a referral;
- (e) having decided to admit Marnie the following morning, failed to ensure that Marnie received veterinary care and treatment overnight on 8 to 9 August 2018, either at the Practice or by way of a referral.

3. On 9 August 2016, when you admitted Marnie for surgery, you:-

- (a) failed to read the Anaesthesia Consent Form completed by Stacey Hurt;
- (b) failed to undertake an adequate assessment of Marnie's presenting condition, including by failing:-
 - (i) to undertake an adequate physical examination;
 - (ii) to ascertain Marnie's accurate and complete history since 5 August 2018, including the facts that Marnie had vomited and been anorexic since the spay you performed on that date;
 - (iii) to require blood tests, when blood tests were clinically indicated and had been requested by the owner;
 - (iv) to recognise that Marnie was seriously ill;
- (c) failed to have any, or any adequate regard, to Mr Hurt's report that Marnie had been anuric since the spay;
- (d) failed to record Mr Hurt's report of 8 August 2018 that Marnie had been anuric since the spay in Marnie's clinical records;
- (e) failed to refer Marnie for specialist advice and treatment or to offer the owner such a referral;
- (f) admitted Marnie for surgery to her abdomen, in particular to repair a hernia, and supervised that surgery:-
 - (i) without taking the steps identified at (b);
 - (ii) when that surgery would not address the illness from which Marnie was suffering;
- (g) for the purpose of the surgery described at (f), permitted Marnie to anaesthetised:-
 - (i) without any, or any adequate, regard to the seriousness of her illness and the deterioration in her condition since 5 August 2016;

- (ii) without providing intravenous fluids to Marnie;
 - (h) in the circumstances described at (f) and (g) above, failed to obtain the owners' informed consent to the surgery;
 - (i) permitted the administration of Metacam to Marnie when Metacam was contra-indicated;
 - (j) failed to make an adequate record of your involvement in Marnie's care.
4. Overnight 9 August 2016 and/or 10 August 2016, during which period Marnie was in your care, you:
- (a) failed to transfer Marnie to another practice for overnight care or to offer such a referral;
 - (b) administered intravenous fluids to Marnie overnight without monitoring or recording of either that treatment or Marnie's condition;
 - (c) caused Marnie to be overloaded with fluids;
 - (d) left Marnie at the Practice on her own overnight when she was seriously ill;
 - (e) failed to inform the owners of the circumstances of Marnie's overnight admission described at (b) to (d) above;
 - (f) in the circumstances described at (e) above, failed to obtain the owners' informed consent to the overnight admission;
 - (g) failed to make a record, or ensure that a record was made, of Marnie's post-operative clinical parameters.
5. On 10 August 2016, you:-
- (a) failed to advise the owners, including when speaking to each of them, that you suspected that or it was possible that Marnie's ureters had been ligated during the spay on 5 August 2016;
 - (b) failed to advise the owners that Marnie required transfer for specialist veterinary advice and treatment;
 - (c) advised Ms Hurt that you suspected that there was something wrong with Marnie's kidneys, that Marnie should undergo laparotomy at the Practice, that this meant Marnie undergoing a third general anaesthesia in a week and that she had poor prospects of survival
6. Further, the conduct described at paragraph 5 above was:-
- (a) misleading;

- (b) dishonest, as:-
 - (i) intentionally misleading;
 - (ii) designed to protect your own interests.

AND THAT, in relation to the matters set out above, whether individually or in any combination, you are guilty of disgraceful conduct in a professional respect.