

ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS

INQUIRY RE:

RAHUL CHANDULAH SHAH MRCVS

CHARGES

That, being registered in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons, and whilst in practice at Easipetcare Luton, you:

1. On 7 June 2018, in relation to surgery performed by you on that day to Paz, a kitten belonging to Ms P, such surgery having been arranged for the purposes of castration:
 - (a) anaesthetised Paz, or allowed Paz to be anaesthetised, without having first undertaken a clinical examination of Paz and/or without ensuring that Paz had undergone a clinical examination by another veterinary surgeon;
 - (b) having failed to locate a second testicle during the said surgery, failed to contact or attempt to contact Ms P to inform her of this failure and to discuss the treatment options arising as a result of the failure, before ending your attempts at the castration;
 - (c) failed to devise an adequate plan for the completion of the castration;
 - (d) failed to take adequate steps to ensure that Ms P was fully informed post-operatively of the details of the said surgery, more particularly:
 - (i) failed adequately to explain to Ms P the results of the surgery;
 - (ii) failed to provide or arrange for adequate scheduled time post-operatively to explain to Ms P the results of the surgery;
 - (iii) failed adequately to discuss with Ms P a plan for Paz's future treatment;
 - (iv) failed to ensure that a veterinary nurse and/or assistant provided such explanation and/or discussion;
 - (v) gave Ms P inaccurate and/or incomplete information in relation to any plan for and/or likely cost of further castration surgery;

(e) failed to make adequate clinical notes in relation to Paz, more particularly failed to record:

- (i) the findings of your examination under anaesthesia;
- (ii) your surgical approach;
- (iii) your post-operative communication with Ms P;
- (iv) your plan for completion of the castration;

2. In relation to the conduct in 1 above, you failed to have adequate regard to previous advice and/or warnings from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (“the College”) about your conduct in relation to neutering surgery and related note-keeping and communication with clients, more particularly:

- (a) a reprimand issued on 23 September 2016 by the College’s Disciplinary Committee following its finding of disgraceful conduct with regards to your discharge of a dog after castration surgery in 2014 ; and/or
- (b) advice issued to you by letter of 21 March 2018 by the College’s Preliminary Investigation Committee with regards to circumstances surrounding canine spay surgery performed by you in 2016;

AND that in relation to the above, whether individually or in combination, you are guilty of disgraceful conduct in a professional respect.