

October 2025

Veterinary Medicine

TONIA LYNN HITE; HAMBURG, NY

Profession: Veterinarian; Lic. No. 008844; Cal. No. 34831

Regents Action Date: October 7, 2025

Action: Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$750 fine.

Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of failing to keep an accurate patient record of a canine patient's treatment.

September 2025

Veterinary Medicine

HAYLEY C HOPKINS; ATTICA NY

Profession: Veterinary Technician; Lic. No. 008799; Cal. No. 34652

Regents Action Date: September 9, 2025

Action: Application to surrender license granted.

Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of performing dental extractions on a dog.

JOHN LAWRENCE PARKS; MADISON CT

Profession: Veterinarian; Lic. No. 003356; Cal. No. 34720

Regents Action Date: September 9, 2025

Action: Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 3 months actual suspension, 21 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$1,500 fine.

Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of leaving a surgical instrument inside a patient dog's stomach.

CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH PROTO; PAWLING NY

Profession: Veterinarian; Lic. No. 009475; Cal. No. 34721

Regents Action Date: September 9, 2025

Action: Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$5,000 fine.

Summary: Licensee could not successfully defend against the charge of failing to document any discussion regarding alternative treatments for a dog patient.

DONG-CHUL SHIN; WHITESTONE NY

Profession: Veterinary Technician; Lic. No. ; Cal. No. 34810

Regents Action Date: September 9, 2025

Action: Application to surrender license granted.

Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of performing dental extractions on a dog.

VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER OF LONG ISLAND PLLC; WEST ISLIP NY

Profession: Professional Service Corporation; Cal. No. 34719

Regents Action Date: September 9, 2025

Action: Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: \$5,000 fine.

Summary: Registrant did not contest the charge of canceling and denying rescheduling an appointment with dog patient without a referral to a veterinary oncologist.

July 2025

Veterinary Medicine

CORINNE LEE MARMON; CEDAR PARK TX

Profession: Veterinary Technician; Lic. No. 007333; Cal. No. 34627

Regents Action Date: July 14, 2025

Action: Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having been convicted of Falsifying Business Records in the 2nd degree, a class A misdemeanor.

ELISA STRAUSS; FISHKILL NY

Profession: Veterinary Technician; Lic. No. 006235; Cal. No. 34561

Regents Action Date: July 14, 2025

Action: Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 3 months actual suspension, 21 months stayed suspension, upon return to practice, 2 years probation.

Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having been convicted of Grand Larceny, 3rd degree, a class D felony, and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property, 3rd degree, a class D felony.

June 2025

Veterinary Medicine

THANH DANG; PHILADELPHIA PA

Profession: Veterinarian; Lic. No. 011911; Cal. No. 32638

Regents Action Date: June 10, 2025

Action: Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$1,000 fine.

Summary: Licensee could not successfully defend against the charge of failing to document the treatment and care provided to a patient dog.

May 2025

Veterinary Medicine

STEPHEN M KATZ; BRONX NY

Profession: Veterinarian; Lic. No. 007191; Cal. No. 34578

Regents Action Date: May 6, 2025

Action: Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 month actual suspension, 23 months stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$2,500 fine.

Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of failing to submit a written report once every four months from a veterinarian practice monitor, failing to successfully complete a plan of continuing education consisting of coursework in veterinary dentistry, and failing to submit quarterly questionnaires as requested by the Department, as required by the terms of probation imposed by the Board of Regents in Order No. 32748.

LIANA S SUTZ (A/K/A LEWANDOWSKI LIANA S); HAMBURG NY

Profession: Veterinary Technician; Lic. No. 003545; Cal. No. 34549

Regents Action Date: May 6, 2025

Action: Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$250 fine.

Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having been convicted of Driving While Intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor.

April 2025

Veterinary Medicine

RHONDA LEE HASTO (A/K/A SHATRAU RHONDA LEE); FULTON NY

Profession: Veterinary Technician; Lic. No. 007635; Cal. No. 34423

Regents Action Date: April 8, 2025

Action: Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 1 year stayed suspension, 1 year probation, \$500 fine.

Summary: Licensee admitted to the charge of having performed services such as blood draws and artificial insemination.

March 2025

Veterinary Medicine

CHARLENE ANDREA HAREWOOD; BROOKLYN NY

Profession: Veterinary Technician; Lic. No. 004740; Cal. No. 34536

Regents Action Date: March 11, 2025

Action: Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: 2 years stayed suspension, 2 years probation, \$500 fine.

Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of willfully failing to register to practice as a veterinary technologist.

JOSEPH ETTORE SPARGIFIORE; HOAWRD BEACH NY

Profession: Veterinarian; Lic. No. 011090; Cal. No. 33079

Regents Action Date: March 11, 2025

Action: Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Censure and reprimand, 1 year probation, \$1,000 fine.

Summary: Licensee could not successfully defend against the charge of failing to maintain adequate records of visits, diagnoses, and prescribed treatment for a period of at least three years for Sky, a dog.

AARON RAPHAEL VINE; VALLEY STREAM NY

Profession: Veterinarian; Lic. No. 009545; Cal. No. 34253

Regents Action Date: March 11, 2025

Action: Application for consent order granted; Penalty agreed upon: Censure and reprimand, 1 year probation, \$1,000 fine.

Summary: Licensee did not contest the charge of failing to adequately document the assessment and treatment plan for a patient cat.