## THE MANITOBA VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

The Veterinary Medical Act, CCSM c V30 ("Act")

AND IN THE MATTER OF:

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("MVMA")

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## <u>ORDER</u>

## WHEREAS:

 a) Dr. Wenchao Zheng, DVM, a veterinarian registered with the MVMA, was charged with professional misconduct as more particularly set out in Charges of Professional Misconduct dated March 11, 2025 (the "Charges");

- A hearing was held by an Inquiry Panel of the Peer Review Committee on July 29, 2025, into the Charges. Dr. Zheng did not attend the hearing, but his legal counsel attended and made submissions;
- c) Dr. Zheng pleaded guilty to the Charges and the parties presented a Joint Recommendation on Sanctions; and
- d) On hearing the submissions of counsel to the Peer Review Complaints Committee and counsel for Dr. Zheng, and upon reviewing the documents tendered at the hearing which included a Statement of Agreed Facts and the Joint Submission on Sanctions, the Panel found that Dr. Zheng is guilty of professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming a member.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to sections 41(1) and 42(1) of the Act, the Inquiry Panel orders that:

1. **Reprimand:** Dr. Zheng is reprimanded with respect to the facts and matters outlined in the Charges.

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- Conditions on practice: The following conditions are placed on Dr. Zheng's entitlement to practice veterinary medicine:
  - a. <u>No orthopedic surgery</u>: Dr. Zheng is permanently restricted from performing orthopedic surgery, effective immediately. Only board-certified orthopedic surgeons shall be permitted to perform orthopedic surgery at Dr. Zheng's clinic, Animal Hospital of Manitoba (the "Clinic"). A notice shall be posted at the Clinic and on the Clinic's website advising that he does not perform orthopedic surgery.

For the purposes of this condition, "orthopedic surgery" is any procedure used to treat any acquired or developmental/congenital disorders of bones, joints, muscles, tendons, ligaments, and/or spinal cord and nerves.

- b. <u>Completion of Continuing Education</u>: Dr. Zheng must provide the Registrar with proof, satisfactory to the Registrar, that he has completed the outstanding continuing education at issue in the two Registrar referrals (dated May 22, 2024 and December 9, 2024, respectively) referenced in the Charges of Professional Misconduct, by October 31, 2025 (the "CE Deadline").
- c. Extension of practice supervision: Dr. Zheng must enter an agreement extending the practice supervision he is currently under until June 30, 2026 (the "Retirement Date"). The supervisor and agreement must be approved by the Registrar. Such agreement must be entered into by December 31, 2025 (the "Practice Supervision Deadline").
- d. Restriction on practice: On the Retirement Date, if neither Dr. Zheng's licence nor his registration is suspended for any reason, a condition shall be imposed on Dr. Zheng's licence that he is restricted from practicing veterinary medicine. Dr. Zheng is still required to submit the required renewal forms and pay the associated fees to renew his licence in accordance with the MVMA's standard procedures.

- Contribution to costs: Dr. Zheng pay \$15,000 towards the costs incurred by the MVMA in investigating and hearing these matters, by February 28, 2026 (the "Costs Deadline").
- 4. **Suspension**: Dr. Zheng's Certificate of Registration and Licence shall be suspended if any of the following occur:
  - a. Dr. Zheng fails to provide proof of completion of the outstanding CE, as described in point 2(b) above, by the CE Deadline.
  - b. Dr. Zheng fails to enter a satisfactory agreement extending his practice supervision, as described in point 2(c) above, by the Practice Supervision Deadline.
  - c. Dr. Zheng fails to pay \$15,000, as described in point 3 above, by the Costs Deadline.

The suspension shall remain in place until the respective term is satisfied, or Dr. Zheng's licence and registration are cancelled in accordance with point 5, below.

5. Cancellation of Certificate of Registration and Licence: If Dr. Zheng's registration and/or licence is suspended on the Retirement Date for any reason, then his Certificate of Registration and Licence shall be cancelled on the Retirement Date. If neither his licence nor his registration are suspended as of the Retirement Date, both shall be cancelled on June 30, 2027.

DATED this 23rd day of September, 2025.

