

**STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

IN THE MATTER OF:

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ANDREW JENDREK, DVM
LICENSE NO. 4783
Owner and Responsible Veterinarian

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DOCKET NO. 26-025

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CARNEY ANIMAL HOSPITAL
HOSPITAL LICENSE NO. 03-00252

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CIVIL PENALTY FINAL ORDER

This Civil Penalty Final Order (“Order”), dated this 24th day of November 2025, is issued by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (“Board” or “SBVME”) against Andrew Jendrek, DVM (“Dr. Jendrek”), License No. 4783, the owner and responsible veterinarian at Carney Animal Hospital (“Hospital”), License No. 03-00252, located at 9011 Harford Road, Parkville, MD 21234.

This Order confirms Dr. Jendrek’s agreement to resolve Docket No. 26-025 on a pre-charge basis without the issuance of formal charges. By email to Board counsel on November 24, 2025, and as confirmed in a subsequent telephone conversation, Dr. Jendrek accepted the terms and conditions of this Order, including the findings that he violated the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Agric. §§ 2-301 - 2-316, (“the Veterinary Practice Act”) and related Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 15.14.01 – 15.14.17 as described herein. Before agreeing to this Order, Dr. Jendrek was advised in writing regarding his due process rights, including the rights to retain legal counsel, receive formal notice of charges, request a hearing, and all other rights under Section 2-311 of the Veterinary Practice Act, and agreed to waive those rights.

Under Maryland law, the Board is the licensing body responsible for regulating the practice of veterinary medicine in this State. Its authority includes filing disciplinary actions against veterinarians charged with violating provisions of the Veterinary Practice Act and related COMAR regulations. As part of its authority, the Board "may refuse, suspend, or revoke any application or license, and censure or place on probation any licensee . . . if the veterinarian or veterinary practitioner . . . [f]ails to comply with Board rules and regulations after receiving a license [.]” Md. Code Ann., Agric. § 2-310(8). In addition, the Board may impose a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000

for a first offense or \$10,000 for a second or subsequent offense instead of or in addition to suspending or revoking a veterinarian's license. Agric. § 2-310.1. When setting the amount of a civil penalty, the Board shall consider the severity of the violation(s), the violator's good faith, any history of prior violations, and the Board's established civil penalty standards. Md. Code Ann., State Gov't Art., § 10-1001(b); COMAR 15.14.11 (Civil Penalty Standards for Veterinarians).

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Jendrek, after having the opportunity to seek the advice of legal counsel, voluntarily waived his right to formal charges and a hearing and agreed to pay the civil penalty of \$500. In so doing, Dr. Jendrek acknowledges that the Board has sufficient evidence to find, as fact, and conclude as a matter of law that he violated COMAR 15.14.01.12-3C (Expired Medications), COMAR 15.14.03.01-2 (Registration and Posting Requirements), and COMAR 15.14.03.05 (Constructions Standards for Veterinary Facilities), as follows:

1. Dr. Jendrek is a veterinarian who has been licensed to practice in Maryland since 1997. Dr. Jendrek is the owner and responsible veterinarian at the Hospital. He has no history of discipline by the Board.
2. On August 5, 2025, during an annual inspection of the Hospital, Board Inspector Ellen James ("Inspector James") identified fourteen (14) expired medications mixed with the Hospital's working stock of non-expired drugs. The oldest drugs included synotic solution that expired in March of 2024 and Neopredel and heparin that expired in January 2025.
3. Inspector James prepared and issued a COMAR Violation Sheet noting that expired medications had been found. Additionally, she prepared a separate written statement listing the names and expiration dates of the expired medications she found during this inspection.
4. In addition to the expired medications, Inspector James found several other violations of the Board's sanitary and licensing requirements.
5. This Hospital did not have any current registrations posted for Hospital veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians, as required by the Board's regulations.

6. In addition, Inspector James identified multiple areas in which surfaces, including walls, wall/floor junctions, counters, and cabinets were in disrepair. These areas needed to be repaired, painted, or sealed to allow for effective cleaning and sanitation.

7. Regarding the expired medications, the initial inspection was not an exhaustive search of the Hospital's inventory of drugs. Generally, once more than ten expired medications have been found during an inspection, the inspector will stop counting. The inspector then informs the hospital staff that a follow up inspection will be conducted and instructs them that before that date, all physical areas of the hospital should be examined carefully to identify and remove all expired medications. Accordingly, Inspector James notified the Hospital staff that she would be conducting a follow-up inspection during which all areas of the Hospital would be checked and instructed them to remove any additional expired medications from the Hospital's working stock before that time.

8. Inspector James gave the Hospital thirty (30) days to correct the violations, including making repairs to the surfaces and posting current registrations. For the facility violations, the Hospital staff was instructed to make the repairs and send pictures to the SBVME by September 5, 2025. However, no images or other evidence of corrections were sent by the due date and no request for an extension was made.

9. Inspector James performed a follow-up inspection of the Hospital on September 22, 2025, during which she found an additional seventy-five expired medications that were not marked as expired or separated from non-expired drugs. Some of the older medications identified during this inspection include Genesis spray that expired in September 2023, Bravecto that expired in June 2024, and Gentamicin that expired in March 2024.

10. In addition, Inspector James observed that the veterinary and technician registrations still had not been updated for the current fiscal year, nor had the facility repairs been completed.

11. After the September 22, 2025, inspection, Dr. Jendrek contacted Inspector James times regarding the inspection findings and took measures to address them.

12. On October 22, 2025, Inspector James returned to the Hospital for an additional inspection. At that time, she found that the hospital was in compliance with regard to all issues identified in the prior inspections.

13. COMAR 15.14.01.12-3A prohibits veterinarians from administering expired medications to an animal. To ensure that expired medications are not dispensed or administered to patients, COMAR 15.14.01.12-3C

requires that expired medications be packaged and kept separate and apart from unexpired medications until the expired medications can be disposed of. Dr. Jendrek violated COMAR 15.14.01.12-3C by allowing expired medications to be stored with non-expired medications in the working stock of drugs at the Hospital at which he serves as the responsible veterinarian.

14. COMAR 15.14.03.01-2 (Registration and License Posting Requirements) state that the owner of a veterinary hospital shall post the registrations for the current fiscal year for all veterinarians and veterinary technicians employed at the hospital in a conspicuous location visible to the public, along with the hospital license. Dr. Jendrek violated this requirement by not having the current registrations for the hospital's veterinarians or veterinary technicians posted on August 5, 2025. Even after being instructed by Inspector James about the need to post the current registrations, this violation had not been corrected when she returned for a follow-up inspection on September 22, 2025.

15. COMAR 15.14.03.05 (Constructions Standards for Veterinary Facilities) requires that surfaces in a veterinary hospital, including floors, walls, floor wall junctions, be smooth, waterproof, and non-absorbent to allow effective cleaning and sanitizing. Dr. Jendrek did not satisfy this requirement as documented by Inspector James in her August 5, 2025, inspection. Even after receiving notice of deficiencies in multiple areas in which surfaces, including walls, wall/floor junctions, counters, and cabinets were in disrepair and being given additional time to make repairs, Dr. Jendrek failed to make the repairs in a timely manner, as observed during the hospital's September 2025 inspection.

Taking all the facts and circumstances into consideration, including the nature of the violations, the veterinarian's lack of prior discipline, the follow-up inspection findings involving many expired drugs that were not removed after the first inspection, the failure to correct violations identified in a timely manner, and the veterinarian's good faith effort to resolve this matter promptly, the Board concluded that the most reasonable and appropriate resolution in this matter was a civil penalty only.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby **ORDERED** by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners that:

- (a) For the violation of Md. Code Ann., Agric. § 2-310(8) and COMAR 15.14.01.12-3C, based on the failure to remove expired medications from the Hospital's working stock of drugs, Andrew Jendrek, DVM (License No. 4783), the responsible veterinarian for Carney Animal Hospital (License No. 03-00252), is assessed a civil penalty of \$2000 (first offense);
- (b) For the violation of Md. Code Ann., Agric. § 2-310(8) and COMAR 115.14.03.01-2 (Registration and Posting Requirements) 5.14.01.12-3C, based on the failure to post the current licenses for the Hospital's veterinarians and veterinary technicians, Andrew Jendrek, DVM (License No. 4783), the responsible veterinarian for Carney Animal Hospital (License No. 03-00252), is assessed a civil penalty of \$500 (first offense);
- (c) For the violation of Md. Code Ann., Agric. § 2-310(8) and COMAR 15.14.03.05 (Construction Standards for Veterinary Facilities) by failing to ensure that surfaces in the Hospital, including walls and wall/floor junctions, were sealed to allow for effective cleaning and sanitation and failing to make repairs in a timely manner, Andrew Jendrek, DVM (License No. 4783), the responsible veterinarian for Carney Animal Hospital (License No. 03-00252), is assessed a civil penalty of \$500 (first offense);
- (d) The total civil penalty (\$3,000) shall be paid within sixty (60) days from the date of this Order by check payable to the Maryland Department of Agriculture ("MDA") with the notation "SBVME 26-025" and mailed to MDA at the address below; and
- (e) This Order is a public document.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Calvert DVM", written in a cursive style.

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