

# American Veterinary Dental College

For the record: Dr. DeForge was registered as a trainee in an AVDC-approved training program several years ago. In 1996, he was awarded the AVDC Peter Emily Outstanding Candidate Award. Dr. DeForge did not complete the AVDC credentialing requirements and as a result has never been eligible to take the AVDC diploma examination.

Thank you in advance for attending to this matter. Please let me know if there is additional information that AVDC can provide.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin Harvey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Colin Harvey  
Executive Secretary, AVDC

cc: Ms. Lisa Taylor-Austin  
Connecticut Department of Public Health, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation  
Section  
AVDC President William Gengler  
Dr. Donald DeForge

Disclaimer:

“Lisa Taylor-Austin believes there was merit to her claims that Dr. Deforge negligently cared for her cat, Simba, and that he misrepresented whether he was a Board-certified dental specialist. Dr. Deforge denies these claims and asserts that the Department of Public Health’s veterinary board cleared him of any wrong doing. However, Dr Deforge agreed to pay \$7,500.00 to compensate Ms. Taylor-Austin because he believed the risks inherent in any lawsuit and the cost of missing two weeks from his practice made it imprudent to go to trial.”

Note: My guardian’s costs for my medical care and all legal avenues exceeded \$20,000.