



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

February 26, 2010

Lisa Taylor-Austin  
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Petition No. 2009-0305-047-006

Dear Ms. Austin-Taylor:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §19a-14, this Department is responsible for handling petitions against regulated health professionals.

After a thorough investigation of the petition, referenced above, the Department has concluded that no violations of the statutes governing veterinary practice have been identified. Therefore the case has been closed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen W. Boulware".

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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.