

**Lisa Taylor-Austin**

**From:** dondeforge@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 06, 2009 1:47 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Internal Medicine Follow Up on Simba

Dear Mrs. Taylor-Austin,

I was surprised to hear that Simba was discharged so soon from Norwalk VREC VCA. I do a lot of follow-up by E-Mail because of my long surgery hours.

I think it is important to have Internal Medicine scrutinize Simba for 30 days. You can use the doctor that you met at Norwalk VREC VCA if you wish this to be your doctor or ask for the Chief of the Medicine Department. Decisions on medicines to be used in Simba must be in the hands of internal medicine until Simba is eating well and there is no sign of anemia for 30 days. They will also decide when it is time to remove the E-Tube----along with volume and diet with the E-Tube when it is in place.

If you went to an surgeon and there was a medicine problem during recovery you would not have the surgeon treat your medicine problem. I work in 3 specialty centers and it is the same in all centers. Medicine handles medicine problems and surgery handles surgery problems. There is no one at Silver Sands VC who is a medicine specialist.

I wish you the best in the medicine care of Simba. If all reports are still normal in 30 days, please call for a follow up exam under anesthesia, by myself,..... if this is cleared again by Internal Medicine.

Do not use the pulse antibiotic schedule I originally provided. All antibiotics recommendations are from the Norwalk VREC Internal Medicine Department at this time.

Best to you and Simba,  
Dr. Don DeForge  
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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.