



# College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

## *Hearing Outcome*

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**Registrant:** Dr. Dilbag Rana

**Hearing File Number:** H13-08

**Decision:** CVBC Discipline Committee - June 16, 2014 (Decision on Verdict) / November 5, 2014 (Decision on Penalty & Costs)

**Findings:** This case involved a 12 year old female canine examined by Dr. Dilbag Rana. The Discipline Committee accepted Dr. Rana's admission that the medical record was deficient as a result of a serious omission of details relating to: (1) a cyanotic episode experienced by the canine; (2) the subsequent administration of oxygen to the canine; (3) communications with the client; and (4) the treatment plan.

The Discipline Committee found that during the examination, contrary to section 81 of the Code of Ethics, Dr. Rana failed to create, maintain and keep a current medical record containing appropriate details of the history, examination, diagnosis, recommendations and treatment, including medications prescribed and administered, and other pertinent information.

The Discipline Committee noted that it is the duty and obligation of a veterinarian to give a full medical examination, regardless of an animal owner's request or the cost of an examination. In this case, the failure to provide and to record the result of a full medical examination resulted in a deficient medical record, one that did not meet the requirements in section 81 of the Code of Ethics.

**Disposition:** The Hearing Panel assessed the following penalty:

1. Dr. Rana, at his own expense is to attend a minimum of 8 hours of RACE approved Continuing Education to include 4 hours of anesthesia and 4 hours in emergency medicine. The continuing education is to be completed within 6 months of the date of the Panels Decision and Dr. Rana is to provide evidence of attendance to the Deputy Registrar or Registrar. The continuing education required is to be in addition to and not in substitution of any other required continuing education.
2. Dr. Rana is required at his own expense, to successfully complete a medical record course provided by "Advise a Vet", and a medical review of five patient records randomly chosen by a College inspector. The medical record review is to be carried out not less than six months after attending and passing the medical records course. The

purpose of the inspection is to ensure that Dr. Rana has remedied the identified deficiency in his practice, and has benefited from the medical records course. Any costs associated with this review or medical records are to be paid by Dr. Rana. This medical records course is to be in addition to any other compulsory continuing education that is required by the College.

3. Dr. Rana is assessed the costs of the investigation and of the hearing in accordance with section 63(2) of the Veterinarians Act in the amount of \$11,268.26. These costs are to be paid on or before May 5, 2015.