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Ms. Loris Jones  
Public Information Officer  
Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners  
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Austin, Texas 78701-3942

OR2012-02771

Dear Ms. Jones:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 446689.

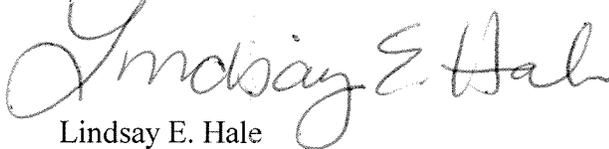
The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (the "board") received a request for information pertaining to a specified investigation by the board. You state you have released some of the requested information. You claim that some of the remaining requested information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision." Gov't Code § 552.101. This exception encompasses information that other statutes make confidential. You contend the information at issue is confidential under section 801.207 of the Occupations Code. Section 801.207(b) provides that "[a]n investigation record of the board, including a record relating to a complaint that is found to be groundless, is confidential." Occ. Code § 801.207(b). You explain the information at issue relates to a complaint filed with the board and its subsequent investigation. Therefore, based on your representation and our review, we conclude the information at issue is confidential under section 801.207(b) of the Occupations Code and must be withheld from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at [http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index\\_orl.php](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php), or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General, toll free at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsay E. Hale". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Lindsay E. Hale  
Assistant Attorney General  
Open Records Division

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Ref: ID# 446689

Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)