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Dr. Christopher Olsen

(NAME) 7422 Saemill Rd.

(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison, WI 53717

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School of Veterinary Medicine, UW Madison
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Dr Robert Ehrenfeld

(NAME) 2811 Agriculture Dr

(Street Address or Route Number)

MADISON 53711

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Dr. Diane Scott, MN, Chair

(NAME) 1400 E. Washington Ave

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MADISON 53703

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RAUDOLPH S Schuett DM

(NAME)

W240 N3425 Hwy S

(Street Address or Route Number)

Peaukee, WI 53072

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W.C. Eggleston

(NAME)

W8403 Zentha Key

(Street Address or Route Number)

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(NAME)

1741 Hayes Rd #14

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SUBJECT Animal Chiropractic

Dr. Julie Kaufman

(NAME)

208 Heather Drive

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Cottage Grove, WI 53527

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Ann-Margaret Morgan

(NAME)

6710 N Sidney Pl #101

(Street Address or Route Number)

Glendale WI 53209

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Animal Chiropractic

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Lynn Maertz

(NAME)

3631 Old Stone Rd

(Street Address or Route Number)

Stoughton, WI 53589

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Chiropractic

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(NAME) Ann Schedel

(Street Address or Route Number) 675 MM P.O. Box 105

(City and Zip Code) Oregon, WI 53575

(Representing) Chiropractic

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(NAME) Sandi Dank

(Street Address or Route Number) W39994 Sengale Rd.

(City and Zip Code) Supernova, WI 54185

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(NAME) Jan Boegen

(Street Address or Route Number) 4506 county rd pp

(City and Zip Code) De Pere WI 54115

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(NAME) Tom Truesdell DVM
(Street Address or Route Number) 4214 Milwaukee St
Madison

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(Representing) Myself

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(NAME) Dr Tom Conneron
(Street Address or Route Number) DeForest Veterinary Clinic
635 Old Indian Trail

(City and Zip Code) DeForest WI 53532

(Representing) DeForest Veterinary Clinic

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(NAME) Patricia B McConnell PhD
(Street Address or Route Number) 1039 Wild St

(City and Zip Code) Lake Zurich WI 53555

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(NAME) Pam McCloud Smith

(Street Address or Route Number) 549 Dennis Dr.

(City and Zip Code) DeForest WI 53532

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(NAME) Tom Spearing DC

(Street Address or Route Number) 10720 3rd St

(City and Zip Code) DeLavan WI 53115

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(NAME) Steve Sobick

(Street Address or Route Number) P.O. Box 3203

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(Representing) SELF

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Iselle Platte
(NAME)
4241 Hope's Pt #14
(Street Address or Route Number)
Madison WI 53704
(City and Zip code)
State House Council of WI
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Dorinda Jelle
(NAME)
2000 Huff
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Mt. Horeb WI 53572
(City and Zip Code)
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SUBJECT Annual Dispute Bill

Ted Sperling DC
(NAME)
107 N 3rd St
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Delton WI 53115
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Elizabeth Feagles

(NAME)

208 Heather Dr.

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Cottage Grove WI 53527

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414 Luster Ave.

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SUBJECT Animal Abuse/Protect

Cynthia Smith

(NAME)

1812 E. Beverly Rd

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2305 Williams Grant Dr

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Shirley Hunsaker

(NAME)

215 East Bliss

(Street Address or Route Number)

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SUBJECT ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC

(NAME) Kelly Moon

(Street Address or Route Number) PO Box 151

(City and Zip Code) DREBON, WI 53577

(Representing) ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC

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(NAME) ANU KAUFMAN

(Street Address or Route Number) 2249 E. WASHBURN ST

(City and Zip Code) MADISON, WI 53704

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(NAME) Laura B. Anderson

(Street Address or Route Number) 2917 Prairie St

(City and Zip Code) Madison, WI 53704

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BILL NO. 461

OR

SUBJECT licensing Animal

Chiropractors

(NAME) Barbara L White

38 Birth Court

(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison WI 53704

(City and Zip Code) Myself i Animals

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SUBJECT Animal Chiropr

(NAME) Brenda Sidmore

4918 Paul Ave

(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison WI 53711

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(NAME) Anne M Schilling

213 Jones St

(Street Address or Route Number)

Sun Prairie WI 53590-2137

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(NAME) Tracy Sengupta

(Street Address or Route Number) 3969 Winor Drive

(City and Zip Code) Oregon WI 53575

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(NAME) Jeffery Obersted

(Street Address or Route Number) 11437 W. State Rd 59

(City and Zip Code) ECANVILLE WI 53538

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(NAME) Mary V Bowman

(Street Address or Route Number) 4210 Bagley Pky

(City and Zip Code) Madison 53705

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(NAME) _____

Denise Myers

(Street Address or Route Number)

825 Arendal Ct.

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Stoughton WI 53589

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Asia Joy Veight

(Street Address or Route Number)

3303 Old Stage Rd

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3303 Old Stage rd

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Diane Lees

(NAME)

239 Sioux Ln

(Street Address or Route Number)

Green Bay WI 54304

(City and Zip Code)

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Sue Lettel

(NAME)

3812 S. Clay St

(Street Address or Route Number)

Green Bay WI 54301

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Mark McLann

(NAME)

2419 Charming Way

(Street Address or Route Number)

McFarland WI 53558

(City and Zip Code)

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State Senator Sheila Harsdorf
PO Box 7882
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July 26, 2001

Dear Senator, state Rep:

I have been a veterinarian since 1989, specializing in equine lameness. Eight years ago I met a chiropractor that worked on horses. I had never used a chiropractor for horses and didn't think much about it as a treatment option. Since then, I have had the chiropractor working in my clinic on my client's horses with great success. I have learned a lot about chiropractic and she has learned a lot about lameness in a veterinary practice. The knowledge base for both professions has been widened and enriched.

I can tell you from my experience at veterinary conferences and meetings, that veterinarians in general lack even a basic understanding of chiropractic. We are not taught anything about chiropractic methodologies in veterinary school, and it is not offered as continuing education through our Equine Veterinary Practitioner's conferences.

It is illogical to think that a veterinarian with no background in manipulative methodologies can allege to either perform chiropractic services or to understand the types of cases that are appropriate to refer to a qualified chiropractor.

In short, most veterinarians are not qualified to assess chiropractic cases for referral simply by nature of their DVM degree.

My situation is unique. Two conscientious practitioners from different backgrounds have voluntarily come together for the betterment of both. I think most veterinarians would not work with a chiropractor this way out of fear of peer perception or economic concerns. This leaves the clients few options when it comes to attaining quality service. My goal is to correct lameness problems by any safe and effective means, including the use of chiropractic by a *qualified* practitioner.

Please consider legislation that sets a minimum standard of education or certification for either vets or chiropractors that proclaim to provide chiropractic care for animals. Please pass legislation that allows certified animal chiropractors to practice independently from the referral or "watch" of veterinarians. Those who are conscientious will seek out relationships and educate veterinarians who are open to the concept without mandate from the law.

Sincerely,

Bob Racich, DVM



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August 30, 2001

Senator Chuck Chvala
P. O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Chvala:

I am writing to you regarding veterinary chiropractic care. My concern is the new law that requires a veterinarian to be on site when a certified animal chiropractor treats an animal.

→ I have been a veterinarian for 10 years and have referred numerous patients to certified animal chiropractors for the past 8 years. Previously, a chiropractor that was not a veterinarian could treat an animal with a referral from a veterinarian, even if that veterinarian was not present at the time of the treatment. This allowed chiropractors the flexibility to make house calls for small animals and farm calls for large animals in addition to providing care at veterinary clinics. In the current situation chiropractic care is much less accessible to the people who need care for their dogs, cats, horses and other animals.

I feel chiropractic care is an extremely important therapy for our animals, just as it is for people. Individuals with problems such as arthritis, traumatic injuries, nervous system dysfunction from spinal disc disease, and congenital musculoskeletal abnormalities benefit greatly from chiropractic care. Many of the clients I refer to chiropractors have exhausted other treatment options, including surgery, without significant improvement in the health of their pet. Chiropractic care can help to restore function, relieve pain, and make these animals happy, active companions again. Our clients are very satisfied with the care that they receive.

I have had chiropractic care for my own pets, and I personally receive chiropractic care on a regular basis. I believe that there are some conditions that cannot be corrected with any other type of therapy. When a joint is physically out of alignment the only way to correct the problem is to restore proper alignment. Any other form of treatment is only palliative.

At this point in time some animal owners are unable to obtain the chiropractic care that their animal companions need. If they cannot obtain care from their certified animal chiropractor their options are to discontinue (or never begin) chiropractic care or to seek care from another individual. There are very few people properly trained in animal chiropractic. I am concerned that people will turn to human chiropractors or inadequately trained veterinarians in order to seek help for their pets. I feel it is much more appropriate to support the certified animal chiropractors than to turn this form of therapy over to non-certified individuals.

Please give your attention to this matter. I would be happy to provide you with further information if it would be of help.

Sincerely,

Dawn Mogilevsky, DVM, CVA

Denial of veterinary referral form

Kaufman Chiropractic:
PO Box 21, Cottage Grove, WI 53527
Telephone: 608-251-6303 Fax: 608-839-8025

Owner's name and phone number with area code: Jean A. Warrick
608-231-3962

Animal's name: Dudley

Veterinarian's name: Madison Equine

When requesting a referral to a certified animal chiropractor to receive chiropractic care for your animal, the veterinarian gave the following reason(s) for denying the referral:

only refer to another vet for chiropractic treatment

I certify that the above information is true and accurate. I certify that my animal has received veterinary assessment and care for any medical conditions prior to pursuing chiropractic care:

Signature: Jean A. Warrick

Date: 11/27/08

Would you like to have the legal option to seek out chiropractic care for your animal without the requirement that a veterinarian be consulted or present? Why or why not:

Yes, freedom of choice and alternative medicine should be available to horse owners

Denial of veterinary referral form

**Kaufman Chiropractic:
PO Box 21, Cottage Grove, WI 53527
Telephone: 608-251-6303 Fax: 608-839-8025**

Owner's name and phone number with area code: Caryn Fleming
608-274-2888

Animal's name: Copper

Veterinarian's name: Judy Bidtke

When requesting a referral to a certified animal chiropractor to receive chiropractic care for your animal, the veterinarian gave the following reason(s) for denying the referral:

Not doing referrals for liability reasons

I certify that the above information is true and accurate. I certify that my animal has received veterinary assessment and care for any medical conditions prior to pursuing chiropractic care:

Signature: Caryn Fleming

Date: 11/27/01

Would you like to have the legal option to seek out chiropractic care for your animal without the requirement that a veterinarian be consulted or present? Why or why not:

Yes

Denial of veterinary referral form

Kaufman Chiropractic:
PO Box 21, Cottage Grove, WI 53527
Telephone: 608-251-6303 Fax: 608-839-8025

Owner's name: Mandy Sahf

Animal's name: Amber Empress

Veterinarian's name: Local Vet "Dr. Kolb"

When requesting a referral to a certified animal chiropractor to receive chiropractic care for your animal, the veterinarian gave the following reason(s) for denying the referral:

They would only refer me to another Veterinarian and not to another Chiropractor.

I certify that the above information is true and accurate. I certify that my animal has received veterinary assessment and care for any medical conditions prior to pursuing chiropractic care:

Signature: *Mandy Sahf*

Date: 12-3-01

Would you like to have the legal option to seek out chiropractic care for your animal without the requirement that a veterinarian be consulted or present? Why or why not:

Yes, I think we should have an option to choose a professional Chiropractor and not just a referral to another Vet.

Denial of veterinary referral form

Kaufman Chiropractic:
PO Box 21, Cottage Grove, WI 53527
Telephone: 608-251-6303 Fax: 608-839-8025

Owner's name: Gene E. Sprecher

Animal's name: Gain the Speed Limit, Mutinee Idol

Veterinarian's name: Lodi Hospital

When requesting a referral to a certified animal chiropractor to receive chiropractic care for your animal, the veterinarian gave the following reason(s) for denying the referral:

Lodi will only refer to another vet.

I certify that the above information is true and accurate. I certify that my animal has received veterinary assessment and care for any medical conditions prior to pursuing chiropractic care:

Signature: Gene E. Sprecher (608) 2749361

Date: 2-1-02

Would you like to have the legal option to seek out chiropractic care for your animal without the requirement that a veterinarian be consulted or present? Why or why not:

Yes, It should be up to an owner to
decide on the care of their animals,
As we have the right to choose our vet we
should be able to choose all animal care.

Denial of veterinary referral form

Kaufman Chiropractic:
PO Box 21, Cottage Grove, WI 53527
Telephone: 608-251-6303 Fax: 608-839-8025

Owner's name: Lisa Sharet 608-845-5962

Animal's name: All my horses, I have 40 horses

Veterinarian's name: Madison Equine All vets

When requesting a referral to a certified animal chiropractor to receive chiropractic care for your animal, the veterinarian gave the following reason(s) for denying the referral:

Does not believe in or refer to chiropractors.
Does not want to be sued.

I certify that the above information is true and accurate. I certify that my animal has received veterinary assessment and care for any medical conditions prior to pursuing chiropractic care:

Signature: Lisa Sharet

Date: 2-1-02

Would you like to have the legal option to seek out chiropractic care for your animal without the requirement that a veterinarian be consulted or present? Why or why not:

Yes, I use an animal chiropractor all the time

Senator Jon Erpenbach
State Capital
Madison, WI 53708

August 5, 200

Dear Senator Erpenbach:

Imagine a peaceful evening at home, when suddenly you hear a blood-chilling scream. You rush to the source wondering if you will find life or death. This is exactly what happened to me. My dog's scream of pain was unlike any I have ever heard before. I immediately made an appointment to see a long-established and well-known veterinarian nearby.

I explained what had happened and that it had happened more than once, but did not know why and could find no obvious reason for the pain. The vet told me my dog probably had gas pains. At that point I knew there must be an alternative as in all my years of experience, I had never heard such screaming from a dog. I have been involved with dogs all my life and have raised and trained dalmatians for show since 1980. I had seen some business cards and heard talk among my fellow dog trainers about animal chiropractics. To me, it sounded as if my dog might have a pinched nerve as his pain was usually occurring when he would sit.

Upon inquiry I found I needed a veterinarian's referral. My vet did not think it would help, so I was forced to make an appointment with a different vet whom I knew supported chiropractic practices. All this forced a delay in treatment of my dog who had to wait immobilized in pain until we could see Dr. Julie Kaufman, chiropractor. One treatment immediately relieved the dog's pain and within a few months his condition was greatly improved. Now he seems to be pain free. His condition was likely due to an injury during agility training unknown to me at the time.

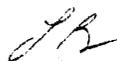
The original vet I saw was experienced in veterinary medicine and respected, but he was not trained and apparently uneducated in the benefits of chiropractic medicine for animals. He was not going to give the referral, which would have led to pain relief for my dog. Vets do a great service to our animals, but a great disservice as well if they do not acknowledge and respect those specifically trained in chiropractic medicine for animals.

Without the treatment by Dr. Kaufman, my dog could well have become paralyzed. **Please support treatment of animals by certified animal chiropractors without the referral of a veterinarian.** Certified animal chiropractors have trained and achieved an accepted standard of proficiency in chiropractic techniques for animals through a national organization called AVCA, American Veterinary Chiropractic Association: www.avcadoctors.com. I feel strongly that all those practicing chiropractics on animals must have achieved certification. Veterinarians who are not educated in chiropractic practice are not only inhibiting the welfare of their patients through refusing referrals, but also possibly doing great harm if they are trying to make animal adjustments without being trained and certified! Of course, the benefits extend to all realms of animals and our Wisconsin economy from pets to farm animals and wildlife.

Human chiropractors have enjoyed many years of acceptance now and are covered by most insurance plans. It is time we recognized the expertise and great contributions of those chiropractors and veterinarians who have chosen to train in chiropractic medicine and dedicate their skills to animals. **As my legislator, I implore you to aggressively support laws licensing animal chiropractors to practice without the necessity of veterinarian referral or supervision. It is the right action at the right time.**

I would be willing to share my experience with you or at any public hearing. Please feel free to contact me to discuss the situation further.

Sincerely,



Linda Bartley
6431 Pheasant Lane
Middleton, WI 53762
608-833-0321

Pam McCloud Smith
524 Dennis Drive
DeForest WI 53532

July 30, 2001

Mr. Chuck Chvala, State Senator
P.O. Box 8952
Madison WI 53708

Dear Mr. Chvala:

I am writing this letter to you to ask for your assistance in helping keep animal chiropractic legal. Four years ago my dog "Toby", a miniature Dachshund slipped a disk in his back and became paralyzed. I went to my veterinarian who performed several tests and x-rays and told me the only hope for Toby was to have spinal surgery. He referred me to make an appointment at the UW Vet School for further testing. He indicated to me that this surgery was risky, it involved a long recovery period, would be difficult for a 7 year old dog to undertake and there was no guarantee that Toby would be able to walk again. The other factor I had to consider was the cost which would be anywhere from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

I struggled with trying to make a decision on whether to pursue this option or not. Toby is a special dog and part of my family, but I didn't know if it would be fair to him to make him endure such a difficult procedure with no guarantee that he would get any better. A friend of mine then suggested that I look into chiropractic care for Toby and referred me to Dr. Julie Kaufman, a certified animal chiropractor. I gave her a call and she indicated that I needed a veterinarian reference in order for her to look at Toby. I called my veterinarian back and told him that I would like to have Toby looked at by Dr. Kaufman to make sure I had checked out all of my options before I decided what direction I was going to take for Toby's future. My veterinarian stated that he did not believe in chiropractic care for animals and did not recommend it, but he wouldn't deny me a referral if I felt the need to check into other options before taking his advice.

I made an appointment with Dr. Kaufman and Toby began his chiropractic care. Toby was able to walk again after only 3 appointments and he has been enjoying a normal happy life ever since. We return every 6 to 8 weeks for an adjustment and he is doing very well and will be turning 11 years old in September. I can't thank Dr. Kaufman enough for the wonderful gift she has given my family. I would highly recommend certified chiropractic care for animals to anyone who had an animal that could benefit from this kind of treatment.

Copy for Julie

August 8, 2001

State Representative Terese Berceau
PO Box 8952
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Berceau,

I am writing to you to bring to your attention an issue I feel is important. Chiropractic care for animals is being hindered by the current statutes that require an owner to receive a written referral from a veterinarian in order to get chiropractic care for their animal, and that requires a veterinarian to be physically on the premises during such care.

Veterinarians apparently receive no specific training in chiropractic care. In fact most veterinarians that I have talked to ask me (a pet owner) what the chiropractor does to my dog! Obviously they are not qualified to supervise a care modality they know nothing about, so requiring their physical presence during chiropractic treatment makes no sense. It also unduly adds to the cost of chiropractic care. Veterinarians lack of training and familiarity with the chiropractic field can also make them reluctant to refer a client to a chiropractor, thereby preventing the owner from obtaining the care they want for their animal.

My experience with my own dogs and through the work I do as a professional dog trainer specializing in behavior problems (such as aggression), has shown me that even minor chronic pain can have a profound, negative impact on a dog's behavior. With the current high rates of dog bites I think it is incumbent upon us as a society to foster affordable, readily available health care choices to pet owners, including chiropractic care. Our laws should expand a pet owners access to the pain relief that chiropractic care can often provide for dogs, not limit those health care choices and affordable options.

My personal experience with animal chiropractic care involved our very large dog (about 140 pounds) who had to remain able to walk in order for us to feasibly keep him as a pet. He developed a spinal condition that drugs, supplements, acupuncture and extensive veterinary care alone could not control. Surgery was not even an option for him because of the type of problem he had. He was receiving all the help the veterinary field could give him, yet it wasn't enough to keep him mobile and maintain a good quality of life for him. It is my firm belief that because he was able to receive top quality chiropractic care his life was comfortably extended for 1 to 2 years beyond what the veterinary community alone could provide for him. That extra time with him was a tremendous gift that meant the world to my husband and I.

The legal constraint that requires a veterinarian to be physically present during chiropractic care meant that as our old dog had emergencies in his last few months of life, we could not receive in-home emergency chiropractic care for him to keep him mobile and pain free. The current statutes are limiting the care that animals in need can receive.

Please work to change the statutes so animal chiropractors can be licensed, so they may work independently of veterinarians. I would be happy to share my personal experiences regarding chiropractic care for animals at any future public hearings on this matter, as I feel it's an important issue. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Brenda Scidmore
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was also sent

Copy

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Walker
2735 North 31 Place
Sheboygan, WI 53083

Senator Jim Baumgart
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-8952

Dear Mr. Baumgart,

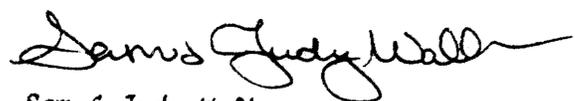
It has been brought to my attention that the Wisconsin Professional Animal Chiropractic Association is presently campaigning to initiate statutory changes to allow for greater accessibility to chiropractic treatment for animals. I am writing to encourage you to make changes in the present statutes that would allow a human chiropractor certified in Animal Chiropractic to treat an animal without a veterinarian present.

Our Cocker Spaniel at age 13 developed severe back problems. Practically over night he was crying and in so much pain and unable to stand. We called our local vet for help. The only suggestions they had was to keep him in his kennel and give him cortisone and pain medication. This was not working. I spoke with my own chiropractor about our dog. He said that by law they couldn't work on animals unless a Vet was present. Fortunately for us I purchased a book on holistic animal care. In there they listed where we could find an animal chiropractor. We drove 120 miles round-trip with a crying dog in the back seat. After his back was adjusted he walked out of the office pain free. We still go back monthly for adjustments and he's doing fine. Most Vets will not give a referral for a chiropractor. I've heard of a local Vet who is trying to do chiropractic without having training for it.

We were the lucky one's who found a Veterinarian Chiropractor to go to. For most people their animals have to continue suffering or are put to sleep. Please make it legal for chiropractors who have the training and techniques to treat animals be allowed to take care of animals without the expense of having a Vet present. We also need provisions made for people trained in animal massage, physical therapy, dentistry and acupuncture. This type of care needs to be accessible to everyone.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Sam & Judy Walker

**Nancy J. Gannon
102 Timberlake Road
Sheboygan, WI 53081**

November 9, 2001

Senator James Baumgart
Room 306 South
State Capital
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Baumgart:

As a horse owner over the past twenty-five years, I am writing to urge a change in the statute which requires veterinary referral and supervision of qualified animal chiropractors. It is unfortunate that many veterinarians do not understand or acknowledge the benefits animals receive from adjustments by a certified animal chiropractor. This lack of knowledge and understanding should not be allowed to compromise the many demonstrable health benefits animals receive from periodic chiropractic care.

My own horse is an older animal who is in training to learn the rigorous discipline of dressage. I am confident that her continuing soundness is due in large part to her regular treatment by a certified animal chiropractor. I have observed similar excellent results of chiropractic in other horses boarded at the same facility. Owners of horses and other animals should be allowed to choose for their animals that form of treatment deemed most beneficial, including chiropractic care unconstrained by veterinarian oversight.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Gannon

Representative Dave Travis
Room 223 North
State Capitol
PO Box 8953
Madison WI 53707-8953

21 November 2001

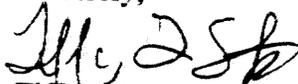
I am writing this letter with the intent of informing you of the *importance of chiropractic care in veterinary medicine.*

I recently had an experience with my horse that without chiropractic care may have let my 8-year-old horse crippled for life. My horse was body slammed into a wall by another horse, while he appeared to have just pulled a muscle in his shoulder we later discovered three hours later that he was severely injured and could barely stand, eat or walk. I paged my veterinarian and they gave him some pain medication and said in about 3 days he would be fine. I waited 3 days and he was worse. At this point I contacted the Veterinarian and said he was not getting better. Come to find out that he had severely crushed both his withers and pelvis in the accident. There was nothing the veterinarians could do but give him pain medication and hope he got better.

I contacted Dr Julie Kaufman and she came out and did a chiropractic adjustment on my horse. Before the adjustment my horse could barely walk or eat, after just one treatment he his eyes were clear and showing no pain, he could walk and was able to eat his hay off the floor again. I had my veterinarian out again for routine maintenance and she was amazed at how fast he recovered.

Without Chiropractic care my horse may never have recovered from his injuries. *Please support treatment of animals by certified animal chiropractors without the referral of a veterinarian.* Certified animal chiropractors have trained and achieved and accepted standard of proficiency in chiropractic techniques for animals through AVCA, American Veterinary Chiropractic Association. Regular chiropractors do not have to have a doctor's referral to treat people, I feel that the same should apply to our pets and we should not have to have a veterinary referral or veterinarian present to have a chiropractor look at our pets.

Sincerely,


Tiffany L Stanek

Senator John Erpenbach
Room 8 South
State Capitol
PO Box 7882
Madison WI 53707-7882

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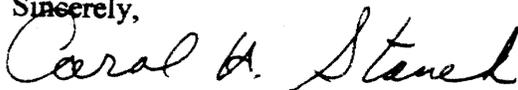
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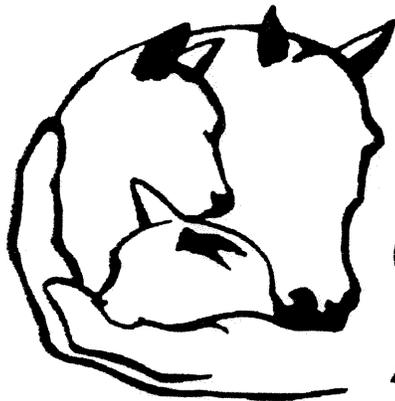
I would like to share my experience with you. It was a warm summer night, my cat was sitting on the deck outside the door when he was attacked by a hawk, picked up, slammed into the railing and dropped back on the deck. When the cat came in the house he was paralyzed from the middle of his back. I contacted my veterinarian right away and she said he would have to be destroyed. I then at the advice of my daughter who used an animal chiropractor for her horse, contacted Dr Julie Kaufman she was not sure if she would be able to help him or not but would try. After 3-4 treatments he was beginning to play again and was improving with out Dr Kaufman's help would not have had almost 3 more years to spend with our cat that was rescued as a kitten.

Without Chiropractic care we would not have been able to spend another 3 wonderful years with our cat. *Please support treatment of animals by certified animal chiropractors without the referral of a veterinarian.* Certified animal chiropractors have trained and achieved and accepted standard of proficiency in chiropractic techniques for animals through AVCA, American Veterinary Chiropractic Association. Regular chiropractors do not have to have a doctor's referral to treat people, I feel that the same should apply to or pets and we should not have to have a veterinary referral or veterinarian present to have a chiropractor look at our pets.

Sincerely,



Carol Stanek



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**SHARON L. WILLOUGHBY,
DVM, DC**
Founder and
Past President

February 6, 2002

Dear Members of the Senate Agricultural and Labor
Committee,

The American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA)
strongly supports Senate Bill 401.

Chiropractic adjustment of animals dates to the earliest days of chiropractic education. Animal adjusting was originally a part of the curriculum at Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport, Iowa at the turn of the last century. In the early 1990's Sharon Willoughby, a DC and DVM, codified the first postgraduate program in the United States to teach licensed chiropractors and veterinarians in the science, art and philosophy of animal chiropractic. Since the inception of that program, over 600 chiropractors and veterinarians have completed a minimum of 150 (now 180) hours of formal instruction and have passed a written and practical examination to become certified in animal chiropractic. Many of these certified doctors have taken an additional 180 hours over the following 3 years in advanced chiropractic training.

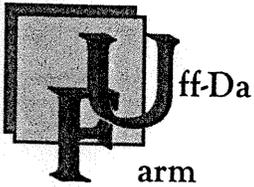
Currently, there are 2 schools teaching animal chiropractic in the United States and one each in Great Britain and Australia. Graduates of these programs are eligible to sit for the certification examination by the AVCA. Following certification, a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education every 3 years is required to maintain certification by the AVCA.

Creating an animal chiropractic licensing board will serve to legitimize and protect the efforts of those chiropractors that have expended the time, money and effort to expand the scope of their practice to quadruped patients. It will, at the same time, protect the public from those laypersons who would attempt to pass off a weekend or videotaped "instructional course" as bona fide training as an animal chiropractor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul D. Rowan, DVM". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Paul D. Rowan, DVM
Chairman, Board of Directors



Pat Vogel
2144 Williams Dr
Stoughton, WI 53589
(608)873-8956

Feb. 19, 2002

To whom it may concern,

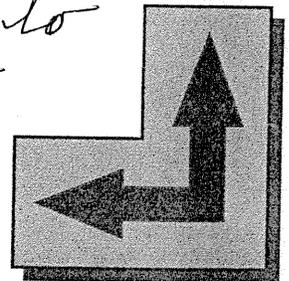
I would like to express my great concern as a horse owner about the presentation of proposed legislation concerning alternative therapies, specifically equine chiropractic.

I believe it is the individual right of a horse owner to choose who will work on their horse without the hand of the DVM always there to collect a "share".

I would put my name down as opposed to this proposed bill:

I have been in the horse business for 30+ years, teaching, breeding, showing, & caring for horses. The right to free choice is very important to protect. Thank you.

Patricia Vogel



WIPACA: The Wisconsin Professional Animal Chiropractor's Association
PO Box 21
Cottage Grove, WI 53527
608-251-6303

**Written Testimonial Fact sheet pertaining to the February 20th 2002
Senate Labor and Agriculture Committee Hearing SB-401 to License Animal
Chiropractors**

1. **Since 1990** WIPACA, regulation and licensing and the state veterinary and chiropractic associations have met to find middle ground on regulation of animal chiropractic. All parties agree on all but the two following points:
 - A. Mandatory referral from a veterinarian for animal chiropractic services.
 - B. The Wisconsin Veterinary leadership's refusal to set any minimum standard of educational requirement for veterinarians who wish to perform spinal manipulation.

2. **Fly-by-night courses are pumping out dozens of inadequately trained persons who claim to perform animal chiropractic and spinal manipulation. Reports of dislocated necks, and other injuries are increasing at an alarming frequency.** Regulation and Licensing cannot stop these people because many of them have no license and therefore cannot be disciplined. *(See flyers from two such courses)

3. SB-401 protects consumers and animals in three distinct ways:
 - A. Licenses animal chiropractors with a **minimum of eight years of college and at least 225 hours of specific animal disease, public health, parasitology, microbiology, animal anatomy and other pertinent courses** that directly prepare the individual for differentiation between infectious disease and mechanical chiropractic problems.
The fly-by-night courses offer none of these relevant courses.
 - B. The bill further protects the public by ensuring that animal chiropractors carry **malpractice and liability insurance** freeing the veterinarians from the burden of legal responsibility.
 - C. The bill also **sets a practice standard and ethics framework through regulation and licensing** allowing complaints to be addressed effectively. Many of which are falling thorough the cracks now.

4. The Veterinary Medical Association proposes that **veterinarians be the gatekeepers for animal chiropractic.** The practice of animal chiropractic will be eradicated if this comes to pass. The gates are rusted shut with fear of liability, fear of economic loss and lack of any relevant training in chiropractic medicine.
 - A. According to an American Veterinary Medical Association survey: **87% of veterinarians refuse to refer to practitioners outside of their own profession.** *(See Wisconsin denial of referral affidavits enclosed in package. The number one reason for denial is fear of liability.)
 - B. Veterinarians have a **justified fear of liability risk associated with referrals and will therefore the vast majority decline to refer an animal even if they believe that chiropractic will help.** (See letter from Dr. Michelle Krusing denying referrals because of liability.)
 - C. It is inappropriate for veterinarians who have no relevant training in chiropractic medicine to be considered qualified gatekeepers of this profession.

"I can tell you from my experience at veterinary conferences and meetings that veterinarians lack even a basic understanding of chiropractic...It is illogical to think that a veterinarian with no background in manipulative methodologies can allege to either perform chiropractic services or to understand the types of cases that are appropriate to refer to a qualified animal chiropractor." Robert Racich, DVM

- D. There is an inherent economic conflict and national push to keep the "nontraditional markets" as a "potentially significant market for veterinarians." According to both the veterinary industries own economic market reports.

"By allowing other health professions to participate in animal health care only 'on or by the referral of a veterinarian' it gives the veterinarians complete economic control over competing parts of the animal health care industry. This in and of itself, constitutes an 'economic monopoly'. It also creates a climate of economic conflict of interest."

Reported by veterinarian Dr. Marshall in The Inherent Illegality of Proposed Veterinary Practice Acts.

"The income of individual veterinarians seriously lags behind that of similar professions. There is substantial opportunity to further increase demand. -There is a potentially significant market for veterinarians in nontraditional arenas- There is evidence that modifications in the education of veterinarians will enable the profession to capitalize on emerging markets and create new services."

From The Current and Future Market for Veterinarians and Veterinary Medical Services in the US. (KMPG Report)

- E. Widespread fear and prejudice is rampant amongst the veterinary leadership blocking their ability to be qualified gatekeepers as illustrated by the following remarks:

"If you have proof that non-veterinarians are performing alternative therapies on animals outside of a veterinary clinic environment, please call the WVMA office and we will ask to have them investigated and hopefully put out of business." August 2000 WVMA newsletter

"The chiropractic board wants to talk to the veterinary board about development of a joint rule regarding chiropractic treatment of animals. The veterinary board does not feel too favorable about this and would like to have legislation that would control the 'invasion' of veterinary practice."

Chairman of the Veterinary board: on record at regulation and licensing.

"My concern here is that if we give this to you chiropractors, you will be out there treating cancer and asthma." Chairman of the veterinary board taped transcript of the 2001 veterinary board meeting. A plethora of prejudice and lack of understanding is demonstrated by these comments.

5. **If this bill passes** it will stop the fly-by-night practitioners from injuring more animals.

It will set a high educational standard for the profession of animal chiropractic and will substantially protect the animals and their owners from misconduct.

This bill will allow veterinarians and chiropractors to work together without the gates of fear of liability, economic conflict, and prejudice standing in the way.

Dog Federation of Wisconsin
(<http://chowwelfare.com/DFOW/>)

February 20, 2002

To members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Agriculture:

The Dog Federation of Wisconsin appreciates the opportunity to address the Committee. We are an umbrella group of dog clubs and individual owners across the state of Wisconsin. Our organization was established to provide dog owners, and there are thousands of us, a voice in the legislative process. One of our goals is to provide factual information about dogs; another is to promote responsible dog ownership and the welfare of dogs.

It is a fact that dog owners want access to the quality care of their choice for their animals. Quality care means access to qualified practitioners. We have so few qualified animal chiropractors in our state at present that dog owners are forced to travel elsewhere for treatment. We believe Senate Bill 401 will encourage more people to enter the profession and perhaps draw qualified practitioners to our state.

It is also a fact that quality care demands public oversight. Senate Bill 401 provides the dog owner with assurance that chiropractors in our state are properly educated and certified. It establishes a board of animal chiropractic through regulation and licensing to ensure quality in the profession and a standard of ethics and practice for the profession. It also gives the public a forum for complaints and by mandating that animal chiropractors carry malpractice/liability insurance it provides further recourse to injured parties. We believe these provisions will be effective in ridding our state of unqualified practitioners.

Responsible dog owners demand the best of care for their animals. We believe Senate Bill 401 to be in the best interests of our animals. We wholeheartedly support this proposal and urge the Committee to do the same.

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Statement of VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

Before the
Senate Committee on
Labor and Agriculture
Senator David Hansen, Chair

Statement of Dr. Diane Scott, Chair
representing the Veterinary Examining Board
concerning Senate Bill 401 relating to
certification of animal chiropractors

411 South, State Capitol
Wednesday, February 20, 2002, 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Diane Scott, DVM, Chairperson of the Veterinary Examining Board and appearing today representing the Board in opposition of Senate Bill 401.

As the committee is aware, the scope of practice of veterinary medicine is necessarily broad, because only veterinarians are legally permitted to treat animal diseases and pathological conditions in animals owned by others. The definition of veterinary medicine thus includes, "to examine into the fact or cause of animal health, disease or physical condition, or to treat, operate, prescribe or advise for the same, or to undertake, offer, advertise, announce, or hold out in any manner to do any of said acts." Under § 453.05, Stats., no person not a veterinarian may engage in these practices, though there are exceptions for veterinary students, certified veterinary technicians, federal employees and vet school personnel. There are also some practices, which are exempt, including artificial insemination performed by those persons so engaged prior to 1968; and castration of some animals, including dogs, cats, horses, pigs, goats, sheep and cattle.

Additionally, by rule, the board has specified services, which may be delegated by veterinarians to non-veterinarians under the direct or general supervision of a veterinarian. One of these, found at section VE 7.02(6) of the administrative Code, would permit the delegation of nonsurgical veterinary treatment to unlicensed persons under the direct, on-premises supervision of the veterinarian. This provision would thus permit a veterinarian to delegate to a qualified chiropractor the administration of chiropractic treatment under the veterinarian's supervision.

Representatives of the chiropractic industry have approached the board recently with the suggestion that the board revise its rules to permit chiropractors to treat animals pursuant to a mere referral from a veterinarian. Because this would permit chiropractors to treat animals independently, however, the board has indicated that to avoid violation of the veterinary practice act, some legislative change is necessary which would grant authority for chiropractors to treat animals following referral from a veterinarian. SB 401 goes far beyond any discussions the Veterinary Examining Board has had with representatives of the chiropractic industry, however.

First, the Bill would create a conflict with the Veterinary Practice Act by permitting persons credentialed by the Chiropractic Examining Board to practice veterinary medicine, as defined, without either a license to practice veterinary medicine or any oversight by a licensed veterinarian. Second, and what is even more troubling, the Bill would attempt to limit a veterinarian's discretion in selecting treatment modalities for animals under his or her care, when any such treatment modality incorporates a procedure, such as subluxation, which is defined by the Chiropractic Examining Board as animal chiropractic. The veterinarian would thus be foreclosed from such usual veterinary treatment unless licensed by the chiropractic board. Amazingly, under this Bill, the veterinarian would not even be eligible for a certificate to engage in animal chiropractic unless he or she was first licensed as a chiropractor. These are astounding propositions, and ones that the Veterinary Examining Board hopes will be rejected out of hand by the legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

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Written Testimony pertaining to SB-401 to license Animal Chiropractors
Summary of presentation at Senate, Labor, and Agriculture Hearing on 2-20-02

Ann Schedel has been a breeder of Quarter Horses for 20+ years. Lynn Maertz has been involved in showing and breeding of Appaloosa and Quarter Horses along with Golden Retriever Dogs for many years. Both parties have utilized chiropractic care with great success as a part of the whole health program for their horses, dogs, and cats.

Three specific stories follow. The first 2 are examples of the many successes utilizing chiropractic care both owners have experienced. The third story demonstrates a strong need for SB-401 to become a law. SB-401 will enable caring animal owners to choose chiropractic caregivers for their animals with the same ease as now exists in human medicine. In human medicine, obstacles such as referrals from physicians prior to receiving chiropractic care, and supervision by a physician while the chiropractor treats the patient do not exist.

Success stories

A few weeks after acquiring a horse, Lynn found out that the previous owners had parted with her because they felt she was dangerous. She had tried to kick and bite them and they were afraid of her. After spending some time with the horse, she seemed to be in pain. They wanted to rule out any physical problems, so they had their vet come to evaluate her. He felt that a chiropractic adjustment might be beneficial. He gave a written referral for a chiropractor to go to their Farm. The Chiropractor came out and after evaluating her, felt she'd had a bad injury at some point and was in a lot of pain. Several days after her initial adjustment, her personality changed and she is now a sweet animal and fun to work with. She needs a periodic adjustment about 1-2 times a year, as needed to maintain this comfort.

About 3 years ago, one of Lynn's young dogs was injured while playing with some of her other dogs. She was in a great deal of pain. She took her to her vet. X-rays determined that she had arthritis in her upper back, which was aggravated by her current injury. Her vet felt that the only way to keep her comfortable was medication for the rest of her life. Since she was so young, Lynn wanted to find another alternative. She requested a written referral for the chiropractor, thinking it might help. Her vet agreed it might be worthwhile to give it a try and certainly wouldn't harm her. Her chiropractor adjusted her and after two adjustments she appears to be pain-free and is not on any medication.

Vets and Chiropractors rely on the owners to be observant and aware of their animals' problems. The owner is more likely to notice changes in their animals' behavior. Owners are usually the initiators of their animal's health care, but the current referral system is frustrating our efforts to choose the chiropractic care needed for our animals.

The Need for SB-401, a story

Ann recently added a new horse to her farm. Her horse had a baby shortly after arrival. As a part of the post-partum care, two excellent veterinarians evaluated both horses on two different days. Ann felt that both were in need of chiropractic care. One veterinarian agreed that the mare needed an adjustment, but could not give a referral at this time due to the liability issue that SB-401 would resolve. The second veterinarian agreed that the foal may benefit from an adjustment and sooner rather than later would be his recommendation. A referral was not forthcoming for the same liability reason. Ann thinks very highly of these veterinarians, but felt frustrated due to not being able to easily get the help needed from the chiropractor of her choice, one whom she has used for many years.

Both Lynn and Ann have used an excellent chiropractor for several years. This chiropractor has had the 8 years of school required for her profession. She continued her education to become a licensed animal chiropractor. She has also been instrumental in educating veterinarians interested in learning about animal chiropractic treatment. Both Lynn and Ann want to be able to continue working with the chiropractor of their choice or others of like training and experience. We need support for SB-401 to give us Consumer Choice in providing our animals with the care they deserve. The current required veterinary referral to access chiropractic care is blocking our ability to choose and opening the door to lesser qualified people with inadequate training. SB-401 would set minimum standards for those allowed to deliver chiropractic care. We also strongly feel that our veterinarians should not be saddled with liability concerns and that the Animal Chiropractors need to handle their own liability insurance.

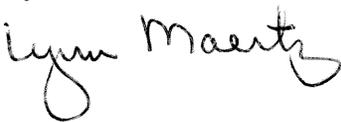
We respectfully ask for your support in passing SB-401.

Sincerely,

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Senate Committee on Labor and Agriculture

Testimony by the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association

**In opposition to Senate Bill 401
February 20, 2002**

Thank you Chairperson Hansen, and members of the committee. My name is Randy Schuett. I am president of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association. In addition to my service as WVMA president, I am a practicing veterinarian from Pewaukee where I have been a practice owner for 25 years.

For human and animal safety, the WVMA must strenuously oppose any effort that would permit anyone other than a licensed veterinarian to diagnose and treat animal diseases and conditions, as would be allowed under Senate Bill 401.

Under current law, licensed veterinarians are the only ones permitted to diagnose and treat animals. However, a licensed veterinarian may personally offer alternative therapies and complimentary medicines as part of his or her practice, and many do. We are not opposed to alternative therapists, including chiropractors, working on animals, as long as a veterinarian has first examined the animal and made a preliminary diagnosis which would lead them to make the referral.

Non-veterinarians, including chiropractors, are not adequately trained or qualified

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to diagnose animal disease. This can threaten the health of the animal and the public welfare through inappropriate treatment based on misdiagnosis. With the increased risk of bio-terrorist attacks on American soil, the responsibility that licensed veterinarians have to detect, diagnose and treat animal diseases and conditions is even more critical.

That same responsibility applies to diagnosing zoonotic diseases which are diseases that are passed from animal-to-human. Among the zoonotic diseases that present themselves with lameness or stiffness are rabies, Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus. There are also animal-to-animal diseases that often present themselves as lameness such as foot-and-mouth disease and Lyme disease.

Equine protozoal myelitis, wobbler's, Lyme disease, cancer, anterior cruciate ligament rupture, cardiac, endocrine and central nervous conditions could present themselves as needing chiropractic adjustments. These cases, however, would need immediate medical or surgical care, and not chiropractic care.

There are six chiropractors in Wisconsin who are certified by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association. As a profession and association, we believe they often help and seldom hurt animals in their care. However, our concern is for the animals they may harm and their owners that may be affected through misdiagnosis or delay of proper treatment.

Not everyone working with alternative therapies and complimentary medicines is a Julie Kaufman. She has proven herself to be an outstanding professional with an

admirable passion for quality treatment to animals. However, we can't be assured that each person would have these ethical and moral standards.

I chaired the WVMA Alternative Therapies Task Force that met during most of 2001. The Task Force was specifically charged with examining how to strengthen the link between licensed veterinarians and those who provide alternative therapies. Educating the veterinary profession to alternative therapies was a key point, but we also recommended changes to the Veterinary Practice Act to allow off-premise referral to chiropractors and physical therapists.

In Wisconsin, to become a veterinarian, one must attend four years of professional training working exclusively with animals. This includes 12 months of clinical experience. To the layperson this means hours and hours of hands-on study, training and diagnosis. Even after years of experience, veterinarians are continually learning the fine art of proper diagnosis.

I have personally spent well over 150 hours working side-by-side with medical doctors working on clinical trials. Even with all this experience I would not feel comfortable diagnosing and treating human conditions. Yet, after 150 hours of training with animals, human chiropractors somehow believe they can diagnose and treat animals.

Animals unlike human beings, cannot describe or point to the pain. Many species mask pain entirely. That is why proper diagnosis is so critical and why education is so important. An x-ray could be an essential part of chiropractic care of an animal.

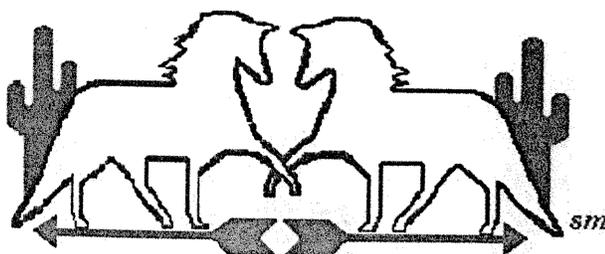
Dr. Randy Schuett/Page 4

However, chiropractors are not licensed to administer the anesthetic that is often needed prior to taking radiographs in animals.

Also, should it be determined that a licensed veterinarian has inappropriately diagnosed or treated an animal, the Veterinary Examining Board may reprimand, deny, suspend, limit or revoke the veterinarian's license. The Chiropractic Examining Board is not set up or equipped to regulate the medical care of animals. That is what this bill asks for. The Chiropractic Examining Board is no more equipped to regulate the medical care of animals, than the Veterinary Examining Board is equipped to regulate the medical care of humans.

There are many who want to cure people. There are many who want to relieve a toothache. There are many who want to help people see. And there are many who want to cure animals. However, not everyone with a desire should be allowed to provide that service. There needs to be standards of education, training and experience. Licensed veterinarians are the only ones with the education, training and expertise to diagnose the medical condition of animals and prescribe the appropriate treatment. That is why we urge you to reject this legislation.

Thank you for your attention. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.



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Dear Committee Members,

In 50 years of owning horses I have never had a veterinarian recommend an equine chiropractor or offer to give me a referral. Have my horses needed an equine chiropractor? Definitely!! The veterinarian recommends aspirin, bute, domoso, rest or lay off. I have had to, gravel and search for a veterinarian that would write a referral. Sometimes this has taken months, while my horse has suffered the wait. If I had had the choice I would have called the equine chiropractor immediately. My horse would have been happier, usable and it would have saved me a lot of money and worry.

I make the decision to buy a horse, when to break and train that horse, how to care for that horse, when and who to have as a farrier, when and how often to have teeth floated and sheath cleaned and when and who to have as a veterinarian. Yes, and I make the decision when to put my horse to sleep, to end its suffering. Why can't I make the decision to call an equine chiropractor without a veterinarian's referral?

Farriers have lamed horses; they stand on their own. Veterinarians have killed animals; they stand on their own. Let equine chiropractors, stand on their own. They are trained professionals and carry their own liability insurance.

I have found the equine chiropractors to be very knowledgeable, professional and well trained. They have helped my horses greatly.

I have osteoarthritis in both knees; I take no painkillers or anti-inflammatories. I go to a chiropractor one to two times a month; because of the way I have to carry myself to protect my knees it affects my back, hips and neck. If it were not for the chiropractor I would not have the quality of life that I have now. I do not need a doctor's referral to see a chiropractor, shouldn't our equine companions have the same opportunity.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Dorinda Jelle

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The Current and Future Market for Veterinarians and Veterinary Medical Services in the United States

Executive Summary May, 1999

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As the profession of veterinary medicine sits at the brink of the next century and millennium, we are truly at a crossroads in our professional history. Significant societal problems, new driving forces, our economic viability, and technologic challenges have combined to create unprecedented opportunities and potential difficulties. Without question, our collective professional future is in flux and the fundamental ways of how we work, what we work on, when we work, why we work, and with whom we work, are all being called into question.

The AVMA, AAHA, and AAVMC commissioned KPMG LLP in April 1998 to analyze and prepare a comprehensive study of the profession as we approach this watershed point in our history. Sensing the profound importance of this special time, the 3 organizations wanted to ensure that the veterinary profession remains productive, responsive and economically successful. Just as important, the groups also understand that our future success will be judged by our responsiveness to the changing needs and expectations of society and our ability to adapt and acquire new knowledge and skills in meeting these diverse needs.

The KPMG study is a comprehensive, far-reaching, and seminal work that contains in-depth analyses and special insights of veterinary medicine as we approach

the next century. Issues of supply, demand, income, gender, market forces and characteristics of successful practices and public and private practitioners were expertly examined and clarified. The study suggests that there is a group of serious problems that need our special and sustained attention. These problems are frequently manifested by economic pressures in some segments of the profession. At the same time, opportunities abound but may not be realized unless we are able to reconcile the need to adapt and change our current inefficient structures, inappropriate business practices and attitudes, and habitual ways of delivering services that may be incompatible with our future success. Finally, the study suggests that our traditional approaches and past requisite skills and levels of knowledge may not be commensurate with the rapid changes and new demands of food-animal industries and the shifting requirements needed for the corporate and public opportunities of the future, including public health, biomedical research, and the global food system.

The study disclosed compelling evidence for change and the need for a proactive, comprehensive plan that could be implemented to both counter the serious problems found and exploit a group of remarkable opportunities. To achieve the AVMA/AAHA/AAVMC's goal of ensuring a productive, successful, responsive and economically viable profession, the 3 organizations also interpreted the report as a "call to action." The groups are establishing plans for a national dialogue on the critical issues of the report. A goal of the 3 associations is to develop and implement concrete and effective strategies to ensure our future relevance, direction, responsiveness, capacity, and economic health that will lead us to a renaissance for the profession and those we serve as we begin the next century.

The AVMA/AAHA/AAVMC Joint Steering Committee has reviewed the report prepared by KPMG, and has identified the following 6 critical issues, all of which must be successfully addressed to improve the economic health of the profession.

● **Veterinarians' Income**

The income of individual veterinarians seriously lags behind that of similar professions, and impacts the ability to repay student loans, to attract the best and brightest to the profession, and to invest in personal and professional growth. Further, pricing of veterinary services may not be appropriate relative to the real cost of the service and the value being delivered.

● **Economic Impact of Large Numbers of Women in the Profession**

This study indicates that income of women veterinarians is seriously below that of their male colleagues. There is additional evidence that women work fewer hours, are less likely to be practice owners, and may price their services below that of men. There is concern that these factors may be reducing the income levels of all veterinarians.

● **Global Demand for All Categories of Veterinary Services**

While consumer (animal owner) spending on veterinary services has been robust, there is substantial opportunity to further increase demand. There also is evidence that there is a potentially significant market for veterinarians and veterinary services, particularly in nontraditional and nonprivate practice arenas.

● **Inefficiency of the Delivery System**

The majority of animal care is still being delivered through a highly fragmented and inefficient system. This includes issues related to excess capacity, staff utilization, and use of capital resources.

● **Supply of Veterinarians**

There is evidence that in purely economic terms, there is an excess of veterinarians, which is a cause of downward price pressure and is projected to result in stagnant veterinary incomes over the next 10 years. More important, the characteristics of the supply may not closely match the demand, and there is evidence that modifications in the education of veterinarians will enable the profession to capitalize on emerging markets and to create new services.

● **Skills, Knowledge, Aptitude, and Attitude of Veterinarians and Veterinary Students**

While there is ample evidence that the scientific and clinical skills of the profession remain very high, there is also evidence that veterinarians lack some of the skills and aptitudes that result in economic success. Additionally there is evidence that veterinarians' self perception of their abilities and their perception of what they can contribute to society potentially limit the professional and economic growth of the veterinary medical profession. †

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THE INHERENT ILLEGALITIES
OF THE PROPOSED PENNSYLVANIA
VETERINARY PRACTICE ACT
AND RELATED
VETERINARY PRACTICE ACTS

The consumer's point of view

Deborah L. Marshall DVM

standards set nor any training given in chiropractics in the veterinary schools, regardless of the fact that there are no questions on any qualifying exams we take to become licensed, the veterinary associations have determined that since it takes a diagnosis then only a veterinarian can do it, because veterinarians hold the exclusive right to make a diagnosis for an animal about ANY condition.

Dr. Willoughby's AVCA course has actually created the field of animal chiropractics and is still the only such existing course. We as consumers are being forced to accept the fact that veterinarians have now somehow claimed this field for their own. Nowhere in the practice acts does it say that the veterinarians have to take any extra courses outside vet school to qualify them to practice as animal chiropractors. Nowhere in the practice acts does it say that veterinarians have to reach a certain standard of skills to be able to practice animal chiropractics. What it does say in the veterinary practice acts is that once a veterinarian is licensed to do it, nobody else is allowed to do it. Under the "prima facie" clause anybody who attempts to do so is guilty of practicing veterinary medicine without a license.

The consumers are forced to accept that a veterinarian with no education, training or ability in animal chiropractics may legally practice animal chiropractics. The consumers are also forced to accept that virtually half of those people actually qualified and having the ability to perform animal chiropractics are being prevented from legally doing so and the consumers are being denied their services.

The premise behind the consumer being forced to accept this? Only a veterinarian can make a diagnosis.

C. Referrals

Many veterinarians believe that the veterinarian should act as a sort of clearing house for all animal health care problems. The concept is that the animal be brought to the veterinarian first and that the veterinarian will examine the animal and make the proper determination as to who that animal should see. The veterinarian will then make the appropriate referral. This concept has a number of problems in it for the consumer.

1. The ability to make a referral

First and foremost the veterinarian must have the ability to make a referral. This entails knowledge of all the entities in the animal health care field which are covered in the veterinary practice act. We have already seen that many of the entities the new practice acts include are NOT covered in veterinary school, so what is the likelihood for the consumer that the veterinarian will be able to recognize them and will have the ability to make