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Statement

Case Number: 2012-9295 PH

My name is Amro Abu Hallawah. This is a true and voluntary statement, which I have provided to Investigator James J. Doll. By separate form, I have received notice relating the possibility of release of this statement to the Respondent under investigation, or my right to consult with an attorney.

On 9/13/2012 a prescription was called in by
Margaret Spath for Diazepam long tabs
with the directions of 2-4 tabs q8-12hr PRN
it was called in late in the evening, when I received
the prescription I tried to contact the vet to
verify directions but it was late already.
around 8pm that night the dog owner came
to the pharmacy to pick up the prescription.
I went to counsel her on the prescription and
I told her that I don't have enough resources
to calculate the dose for a day, my resources
in the pharmacy all deal with human doses.
in which the patient asked me what are
the side effects of the medication.
I told her for humans the dose is high

I have received no threats, promises or coercion in preparing this statement. I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Washington, that the foregoing is accurate, true, and correct. I will testify to the above at a hearing or in a court of law if so requested.

Signed: Amro Abu Hallawah

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and I highly recommend you to contact
the vet as soon as possible to make sure
you are giving the dog the dose needed,
meanwhile follow the prescription directions
on the bottle and I will leave a note
for my fellow pharmacist in the morning to
contact the vet as well.

and then I explained to the patient the
side effects related to diazepam,

when she asked me what would a high
dose of Diazepam do, I answered the patient
that again in humans a high dose of
Diazepam can cause a respiratory depression.
She said she will contact the vet, I told
her we will call them in the morning too.

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I believe that I made the right professional judgment considering the circumstances and the resources I have at the moment.

after this experience I have asked to add the vet dosing resources to our system that would include the dosing and the indication for all dispensed medication so that we can be sure of the dose and the drug dispensed at our pharmacy.

also I have learned that I ^{could} ~~might~~ have gone even further by going online or calling another pharmacy to check if they have the dosing of animals.

it is always a new experience in the pharmacy, even though I know that I did ^{my} ~~the~~ give all right counseling information to the patient I always can do better by being more specific in my research about the patient given the Rx.

Thank you

Amro Abu Hallawah

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