## Policy Regarding Deadline for Requesting a Copy of the Licensee's Response to a Complaint

It is the policy of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("TBVME") that upon receipt of a request, from the named complainant in a case, for a copy of the response to the complaint made by the Licensee, the response will be released only during the investigation process. The investigation process will be considered to include the time from when the complaint has been received by TBVME until no later than the 60<sup>th</sup> day following the date of the complaint dismissal notification.

Open Records Decision 683 which states "...the Board may release to the complainant, as a party to the complaint, a copy of the licensee's response during the investigation process." gives TBVME the authorization to release a copy of the licensee's response to the complainant in the case.