Protection of the Public – Disciplinary decisions

The decisions of the Disciplinary Council of the Order are public, unless they are subject to an order to hold a hearing in camera or an order banning the disclosure, accessibility, publication or release of information.

Since June 2001, members of the public may access the decisions made by the Disciplinary Council on the CANLII or SOQUIJ Websites.

The Order itself also provides the public with information on disciplinary matters. If you would like to check the disciplinary history of a veterinarian, please phone the Order at 1 800 267-1427.

REQUESTING THE REVIEW OF A SYNDIC DECISION

You disagree with a decision made by Office of the Syndic?

If the Syndic concludes that filing a complaint is not warranted, you may ask the Order's Review Committee to re-examine the decision. To apply for a review, send an explanatory letter within 30 days of receiving the Syndic's decision.

After looking into the case and evidence submitted by the Syndic or Associate Syndic, the Review Committee will issue its opinion in writing within 90 days of receiving the request.

When issuing its opinion, the Review Committee may:

- Conclude that filing a complaint before the Disciplinary Council is not warranted and uphold the decision of the Syndic;
- Ask the Syndic to resume its inquiry and issue a new decision;
- Suggest to the Syndic that it send the case to the Professional Inspection Committee;
- Conclude that filing a complaint before the Disciplinary Council is warranted and suggest the appointment of an *ad hoc* Syndic which, after conducting an inquiry, if necessary, will make the decision to file a complaint or not.

To submit a request to the Review Committee, forward a letter with details to:

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