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Ms. Loris Jones  
Public Information Officer  
Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners  
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OR2016-00102

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# 592737.

The Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (the "board") received a request for original worksheets submitted in response to a specified complaint. You claim the submitted 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.

Initially, we note you have submitted information that does not consist of the original worksheets submitted in response to the specified complaint. This information is not responsive to the instant request. This ruling does not address the public availability of any information that is not responsive to the request, and the board is not required to release this information in response to this request.

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 made confidential by other statutes, such as section 801.207 of the Occupations Code. Section 801.207(b) provides, "[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 state under the board's procedures, an investigation file is opened upon receipt of a complaint, and any

matters related to that complaint and subsequent investigation become part of the investigation record. You inform us the information at issue relates to a complaint filed with the board and this information is contained within an investigation file. Based on your representations and our review, we conclude the responsive information is confidential under section 801.207(b) of the Occupations Code and must be withheld 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.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl\\_ruling\\_info.shtml](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml), 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 may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)