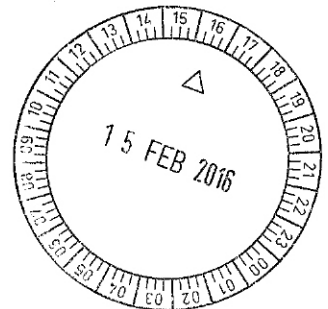


Select Committee into the Operations of the RSPCA WA (Inc)

From: Matt Carrick
Sent: Monday, 15 February 2016 4:13 PM
To: Select Committee into the Operations of the RSPCA WA (Inc)
Subject: Request

Hi Sam

would you mind forwarding this to the Committee. thank you very much.



Dear Committee

thank you very much for your request.

I have had discussions with the Veterinary Surgeons Board of WA (just one of the states I am registered in) and I was advised that I am unable to proceed with this matter as the practice is bound to confidentiality. Information within veterinary records is considered privileged and confidential. Supplying the committee with client information breaches my obligations as a veterinarian and leaves the practice open to legal action. Furthermore I would also be in breach of the AVA Code of Professional Conduct. I am not allowed to provide client details to a third party, regardless of confidentiality agreements between my practice and that party itself. It appears that the only way we could release my client list is if it was subpoenaed.

The Veterinary Surgeons Board cited examples of police requesting client details in criminal investigations, but these were only able to be obtained via subpoena.

Thank you very much for your time. If I can be of any more assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards.

Matthew Carrick

