



## College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

### *Hearing Outcome*

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**Registrant:** Dr. Joseph Martinez

**Hearing File Number:** H11-02

**Decision:** CVBC Discipline Committee - June 27, 2014 (Decision on Verdict)

**Findings:** Canine "A" and canine "B" had been in an altercation. After treating canine "B", Dr. Martinez requested the medical records of canine "A" from the canine's treating veterinary clinic. The Discipline Committee accepted that Dr. Martinez requested records of canine "A" pursuant to section 91 of the Code of Ethics in order to ascertain the vaccination and health status of that canine. The Discipline Committee found that having made the request for canine "A's" medical records for a proper purpose, Dr. Martinez did not attempt to improperly obtain medical records of canine "A" from the treating veterinary Clinic without the consent of his owner. In the circumstances, Dr. Martinez' request for the medical records of canine "A" was neither a breach of the Code of Ethics nor professional misconduct.

The Discipline Committee also found that while Dr. Martinez had two version of the same page of the medical records relating to canine "B", there were no substantive differences between the two versions and it was not likely that DR. Martinez had fabricated the page in question of his medical records in order to mislead or attempt to mislead the CVBC in its investigation of complaints against him.

**Disposition:** The two charges that proceeded to hearing were not proven.