

State veterinarian board lifts license suspension

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The state Veterinarian Board has lifted its temporary license suspension of a James Island veterinarian, according to a lawyer for the vet.

Dr. Thomas Sheridan, the owner of Folly Road Animal Hospital, will begin seeing patients again Thursday, said attorney Peter Beck.

Sheridan's license was suspended Aug. 11 when he was arrested and charged with ill-treatment of an animal at his clinic.

In the most serious allegation, a clinic employee accused the vet of treating a cat too roughly during treatment to remove an abscessed tooth. The 5-year-old cat died after the procedure.

On Aug. 15, Magistrate Brian Rawl dismissed two other lesser charges of animal abuse, ruling that state law excludes veterinarians from being charged with ill-treatment of animals doing the practice of veterinarian medicine.

Last week, Magistrate Skip Gosnell dismissed the remaining charge.

Sheridan could still be indicted by a grand jury if the solicitor's office decides to present the case. Assistant Solicitor Matthew Modica said the case is still under investigation, and no decision has been made.

Sheridan has operated his clinic on James Island for three years.