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'Disgraceful' vet struck off



A vet and former drinking mate of actor Oliver Reed has been kicked out of the profession for "disgraceful" conduct.

Maurice Kirk, 57, from south Wales chalked up a string of court appearances before he was summoned by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons to a hearing Wednesday.

Nicknamed "The Flying Vet," Mr Kirk has been fined £25,000 since 1995 for convictions including an attack on a teenage girl.

A committee of professionals at the Old Bailey ruled he was unfit to practice, but the surgeon vowed to appeal its decision to strike him off the list of registered vets.



Mr Kirk was a drinking pal of actor Oliver Reed

The RCVS called Mr Kirk, of St Donats near Llantwit Major, as he cultivated a "bad boy" image during his 33 years in the profession.

He claimed his personal behavior did not impinge on his profession as a vet.

Catalogue of incidents

The court heard he had previously been involved in police car chases.

In 1995, he was fined £500 after leaving a girl, 17, bruised following an assault.

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BURGLAR CAUGHT IN THE ACT, IN THE DARK, STEALING AND UNTIL A DOOR COULD BE OPENED FOR LIGHT DID THE ARM I HELD TURN OUT TO BE ONE OF A FEMALE

DURING PRIMARILY IN THE 1990s, CONSIDERED BY THE RCVS DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, OF THE 112 CRIMINAL ALLEGATIONS BROUGHT BY THE SOUTH WALES POLICE AGAINST ME, I HAD WITHDRAWN OR STRUCK OUT IN MAGISTRATES OR CARDIFF CROWN COURT 89% OF THEM WITH THE MALICIOUS REMAINDER HAVING NO DEFENCE WITNESSES USUALLY AVAILABLE TO ME AT THE DEAD OF NIGHT OR USE OF COMPETANT LEGAL REPRESENTATION WILLING TO CROSS THE SEVERN BRIDGE FROM ENGLAND TO SUCH A BARBARIC ENVIRONMENT

He was ordered to pay her £350 in compensation, but insisted the teenager was a burglar.

In 1996, he was caught dangerously driving animals to his practice at nearby Barry, south Wales, but sped off, leaving a police officer on his knees at the roadside.

“ His disdain for lawful authority, for normal social rules reveals a lack of control that renders him unfit to practise ”

TOTAL FABRICATION AND THE APPEAL WAS WON IN CARDIFF CROWN COURT

Barrister Alison Foster

In 2001, he was stopped by police on suspicion of drink-driving, but refused to give a breath sample and shone a torch in to a policeman's eyes.

TOTAL FABRICATION - I WAS STOPPED BY THEN SGT KIHLEBERG FOR POSSIBLE SPEEDING AND OFFICER LATER REPROMANDED AFTER SUCCESS IN CIVIL DAMAGES CLAIM AGAINST THE PROVED DISHONEST, ON VIDEO, BULLY BOY.

In another incident, he hurled abuse at police while half-naked on a local beach after being called to treat an injured dog.

TOTAL FABRICATION AND CONFIRMED BY COURT TRANSCRIPT PURCHASED BY ME FOR HM PRIVY COUNCIL APPEAL

Mr Kirk explained he was "stripped to the waist" as he had been treating a cow with a prolapsed womb.

RUBBISH – CRIMINALLY NEGLECTED DYING DOG WAS FREEZING AT THE BOTTOM OF A BARRY CLIFF AND NEEDED MY SHIRT IN THE EMERGENCY FOLLOWING SOUTH WALES POLICE DELIBERATLY TELEPHONING ME AS LAST OF AREA VETERINARY SURGEONS FOR THIS JANUARY COLD SUNDAY AFTERNOON EMERGENCY

'Uncontrollable rant'

On Wednesday, RCVS barrister Ailson Foster said: "Police were notified by members of the public of an injured dog, which had possibly fallen over the cliff.

He "ranted" in an "uncontrolled" fashion about the call-out time and the inadequacies of other agencies, it was said.

"He continued shouting and his behaviour shocked and alarmed members of the public," Miss Foster added.

"He stormed off with the dog and it is reported they saw him roughly put the dog in the car."

NO – NOT CORRECT

The barrister accused the Bristol University graduate of "a wilful refusal to comply with the law [which] casts a serious shadow on the reputation of a professional."

"His disdain for lawful authority, for normal social rules reveals a lack of control that renders him unfit to practise," she said.

ARTICLE 7..IDIOT

"His taunting of the police and provocative behaviour whilst they seek to carry out their duty brings serious discredit upon the veterinary profession.

AFTER BULLYING POLICE LOSING, NOW, OVER 40 MALICIOUS CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS AND ONLY COMPLAINT WAS BY POLICE INSPECTOR COLLINS OF BARRY POLICE STATION, ON 6TH JANUARY 2001, TO RCVS OVER THE INCIDENT NEED I SAY MORE?

"His disturbing behaviour is shocking and apparently irrationally exaggerated.

"The manner in which he now deals with the public and veterinary matters is clouded by his misperceptions."

ON THE CONTRARY...THE QC, TITLE ACQUIRED
DURING THE HEARING, MAY NOW
UNDERSTAND THE PHRASE, FOR A JURY,

MISCONCEIVED BELIEF

Appeal planned

Dubbed The Flying Vet, Mr Kirk recently flew solo in a 22,000km race from London to Sydney in a clapped-out plane.

Giving evidence, he told how, in 1994, he walked out of court to deliver a calf as Tredegar magistrates considered his driving future; he was subsequently banned.

A TOTAL DISTORTION OF THE EVIDENCE WHEN I HAD NOT REFUSED TO DO A 3RD BREATH TEST FOLLOWING TWO PERFECTLY CARRIED OUT NEGATIVE ONES!

On Wednesday, he denied he had been rude or aggressive during the beach incident, but merely concerned about the dog.

MY ANGER WAS PROVOKED BY THE DELIBERATE DELAY OF THE SOUTH WALES POLICE IN LEAVING THE TWO DOGS, BELIEVED FALLEN OVER A CLIFF, LEFT FOR NEARLY TWO HOURS BEFORE MY ARRIVAL, ACHIEVED IN 17 MINUTES FROM AT ST DONATS, LLANTWIT MAJOR TO BARRY'S KNAP BEACH.

FROM BEING HANDED THE POLICE CALL BY MY WIFE, TAKEN WHILST IN THE BATH COVERED IN THE PREVERBIAL AFTER HAVING BEEN IN A CESSPIT FOR NEARLY AN HOUR, NOT JUST TREATING A COW FOR MILK FEVER BUT WITH HER WOMB OUT I MADE THE BEACH IN UNDER 17MINUTES FROM ST DONATS, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

MY ANGER WAS ALSO PROVOKED BY POLICE HAVING FIRST TELEPHONED THE OTHER BARRY VETERINARY PRACTICE NOTORIOUS FOR LEAVING AN INAUDIBLE RECORDING LEFT ON HIS ANSWER MACHINE SO HE NEED NOT BE DISTURBED AT WEEK -ENDS.

THE BLOOD ON THE ROCKS HAD COME FROM THE POOR CREATURE'S MOUTH AS SHE COULD NOT EVEN CLOSE HER JAW DUE TO A SUPPURATING GANGENOUS TUMOUR ALMOST THE SIZE OF A CRICKET BALL.

ONLY LATER, AFTER MY NAME HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE UK VETERINARY

REGISTER DID I, BY DOOR TO DOOR SEARCH, FINALLY TRACE EVIDENCE OF A MAGISTRATE AND HEAD TEACHER, PRESENT ON THE BEACH DURING THE EMERGENCY, REQUIRING ME TO RUN THE LENGTH OF THE BEACH TO MY CAR WITH 20 LBS OF DOG IN MY ARMS.

THEIR WITNESS STATEMENTS STATE THAT NO SUCH INDICATION OF ANGER WAS DISPLAYED ON MY PART OTHER THAN MY SHORT COMMENT ON THE STUPIDITY, IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, OF POLICE HAVING FIRST CALLED THE RSPCA, KNOWN TO BE THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SEVERN BRIDGE, RATHER THAN THE NEAREST VETERINARY SURGEON AVAILABLE.

THIS WAS AFTER MANY SIMILAR SCENARIOS, OF COURSE AND RECENT DELIBERATE POLICE DELAY OVER A BARRY HORSE STUCK IN A WATERLOGGED DITCH IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT.

BARRY POLICE TOOK OVER A YEAR TO PAY MY MODEST CALL-OUT FEE FOR THAT HORSE AND ONLY AFTER RECEIPT OF MY COURT THREATENING LETTER. IT REMINDED THEM OF THE SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC FUNDS WITHIN THE POLICE AUTHORITY'S CONTROL ANNUALLY GOING TO SUBSIDISE THE OTHER VETERINARY PRACTICE WHETHER THE VETERINARY SURGEON BOTHERED TO RESPOND TO AN EMERGENCY OR NOT AT A WEEK -END.

THE DUBIOUS NOW CLOSED MAVERICK 'CARDIFF ANIMAL SHELTER', ALSO BEHIND THE IRREGULAR PRACTICE, DESPITE BEING IN OPEN DISPUTE WITH RSPCA HEAD OFFICE OVER IT'S BEHAVIOUR, WERE ALSO PARTY TO BARRY RATE PAYER'S PAYER'S MONEY ALSO GOING 'SIDWAYS'. TO THE OTHER PRACTICE AFTER BEING LAUNDERED THROUGH THE RSPCA'S OUT OF CONTROL SATELLITE CHARITY

The RCVS committee considered 13 separate incidents against Mr Kirk before striking him off the register.

Committee chairman Brian Jennings told him: "You are guilty of disgraceful conduct in a professional respect."

Mr Kirk insisted his antics played no part in his professional life as a vet and said he would lodge an appeal.