STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
ANN VANDER VEEN, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 11-01C
LICENSE NO. 2788	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order (Consent Agreement), dated this 19th day of May, 2011, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) and Ann Vander Veen, D.V.M. (Dr. Vander Veen), License No. 2788. This Consent Agreement resolves the charges filed by the Board on March 4, 2011 in Docket No. 11-01C, alleging that Dr. Vander Veen violated certain Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) under the Veterinary Practice Act. Specifically, in Docket No. 11-01C, the Board alleged that Dr. Vander Veen violated COMAR 15.14.01.10 Record Keeping, and COMAR 15.14.01.12-2F, from about 2002 until June 10, 2010, by improperly labeling cut medication for sale to Belinda Manuli to treat her Siberian Huskies, including her ten-year-old female Siberian Husky, "Neka," for inflammatory bowel disease. On March 11, 2011, Dr. Ann Vander Veen requested to resolve the charges informally. Thereafter, the parties entered into discussions and were able to reach a resolution. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Dr. Vander Veen waives the right to a hearing and appeal on the charges in Docket No. 11-01C.

Under State law, the Board is the licensing authority responsible for regulating the practice of veterinary medicine in this State, which includes filing disciplinary actions against veterinarians charged with violating provisions of the Veterinary Practice Act, Agriculture Article §§ 2-301 *et seq.*, Annotated Code of Maryland and related regulations. As part of its authority, the Board "may refuse, suspend, or revoke any application or license, and censure or place on probation any licensee . . . if the veterinarian . . . [f]ails to comply with Board rules and regulations after receiving a license." Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., § 2-310(8). In addition, the Board may impose a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 for a first offense

or $10,000 for a second or subsequent offense in lieu of or in addition to suspending a veterinarian's license. Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., § 2-310.1.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Vander Veen, by entering into and signing this Consent Agreement, while generally and specifically denying liability in this case, agrees to this Consent Agreement, acknowledging that the Board has sufficient evidence to find, as fact, and conclude as a matter of law that she did violate certain regulations adopted under the Veterinary Practice Act, specifically, COMAR 15.14.01.10 Record Keeping, and COMAR 15.14.01.12-2F, when, on or about 2002 until June 10, 2010, she improperly labeled cut medication for sale to Brenda Manuli to treat her Siberian Huskies, including her ten-year-old female Siberian Husky, "Neka," as "Tylan Powder, 4 oz." when the medication was known to have been mixed 1:3 with medical grade dextrose. "Neka" was being treated for inflammatory bowel disease. Taking all the facts and circumstances into consideration, the Board concluded that the most reasonable and appropriate resolution in these matters included the following sanction.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 19th day of May, 2011, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Vander Veen is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $300.00, payment to be made to the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("SBVME") within 30 days of the date of this Order.

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John L. Heizer, DVM

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Vice President
Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

CONSENT

I, Ann Vander Veer, acknowledge that I have had an opportunity to consult with legal counsel before entering into and signing this document. By this Consent, I hereby acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board over this matter and to issue and enforce this Consent Agreement. In order to resolve this matter, I agree to accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement, consisting of three pages, including this page. I sign this Consent without reservation as my voluntary act after having had an opportunity to consult with counsel, and I acknowledge that I fully understand the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Agreement.

5/10/11
Date

_____, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 10TH day of MAY, 2011, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared ANN M VANDERVEER, D.V.M., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Agreement and Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

THERESA M. FERRANTE
NOTARY PUBLIC
BALTIMORE COUNTY
MARYLAND
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 24, 2012

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Notary Public

My Commission expires: 8-24-12