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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
Gary Dehne, D.V.M Veterinary License No. 1458	*	Docket No. 04-052a

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CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Consent Agreement dated this 23 day of September 2008, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Gary Dehne, D.V.M. ("Dr. Dehne"), License No. 1458. This Agreement concerns the final resolution of charges filed by the Board in October 2005, later amended in May 2006, contending that Dr. Dehne violated the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act with regards to his conduct and treatment of four cats owned by Ms. Gail O'Neill. After conducting a hearing on this matter in May 2006, in which Dr. Dehne chose to not attend, the Board entered an Order on August 3, 2006, finding that Dr. Dehne had violated certain regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine and assessed against Dr. Dehne a $2500 civil penalty, a two year period of probation, and a four week suspension with all but one week stayed. Subsequently, because Dr. Dehne chose not to comply with the August 3, 2006, Order and having not perfected his appeal rights, the Board brought an additional charge (Docket No. 04-052b) in October 2007 alleging that Dr. Dehne violated the terms of his probation by failing to comply with the August 3, 2006, Order. The Board also brought an additional charge (Docket No. 08-14) in October 2007 pertaining to Dr. Dehne's failure to comply with a November 27, 2006, subpoena request requiring him to appear before the Board with his appointment book and other supporting

papers documenting that he had ceased practicing veterinary medicine for one week. Dr. Dehne did not respond to these charges.

In an attempt to resolve this matter without resorting to judicial oversight, on September 18, 2008, Dr. Chris Runde, President of the Board, and Claudia Diamond, Assistant Attorney General, met with Dr. Dehne to resolve Dr. Dehne's noncompliance with the original 2006 Order. At the conference, the Board found that Dr. Dehne was very candid and forthcoming. The Board also acknowledged that Dr. Dehne intended to cause no harm to Ms. O'Neill's animals. To resolve this case, the Board and Dr. Dehne agreed to enter this Consent Agreement to fully and completely resolve all outstanding issues concerning the extant disciplinary charges against Dr. Dehne and the August 3, 2006, Order.

Based on the foregoing, it is this 23 rd day of September 2008 **AGREED** between the Board and Dr. Dehne that

1. This Consent Agreement supersedes the August 6, 2006, Order, previously entered against Dr. Dehne. Accordingly, the August 6, 2006, Order no longer has any force and effect.

2. Dr. Dehne acknowledges the Board's legal jurisdiction over his practice as veterinarian in the State of Maryland.

3. Dr. Dehne will pay a civil penalty in the amount of Twelve Hundred Dollars ($1200.00) by no later than December 24, 2008 (Checks should be made payable to "SBVME"). If he so chooses, Dr. Dehne can make periodic payments. Payments will be sent to the attention of Laura Downes, Executive Director, SBVME, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

4. As of the date of this Consent Agreement, Dr. Dehne's license to practice veterinary medicine in Maryland is suspended for a period of two weeks; however, one week will be stayed. Dr. Dehne will notify Claudia Diamond, Assistant Attorney General, within two weeks of the dates of this Consent Agreement the dates that he will serve his suspension. This one week suspension must be served prior to December 24, 2008.

5. The Board will dismiss the two outstanding disciplinary charges currently pending against Dr. Dehne: Docket Nos. 04-052b and 08-14. These charges pertain to the Board's allegations that Dr. Dehne violated the terms of his probation by not complying with the original August 3, 2006, Order and failed to comply with a subpoena request.

6. The Board will rescind its August 8, 2008, refusal to re-register Dr. Dehne's veterinary license for the 2009 fiscal year and will process his application promptly.

7. Dr. Dehne waives any and all appeal rights pertaining to any disciplinary charges and existing Orders filed prior to the date of this Consent Agreement.

8. Dr. Dehne acknowledges that the Board may seek immediate and prompt enforcement, including injunctive relief, in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County for violation of any of the terms of this Consent Agreement.

9. Dr. Dehne acknowledges that he was given the opportunity to consult with legal counsel before entering and signing this document.

Gary Dehne, D.V.M.

Chris Runde
President
State Board of Medical Veterinary Examiners