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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
GHULAM DASTGIR, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 02-051
LICENSE NO. 2320	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated this 1st day of August, 2003, is between the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Ghulam Dastgir, D.V.M. ("Dr. Dastgir"), License No. 2320. The Agreement concerns the allegation that Dr. Dastgir's hospital, that being, the Airpark-Gaithersburg Animal Hospital, was not in compliance with certain sanitation standards covering licensed veterinary hospitals in this State. More specifically, the Board charged that portions of the hospital's flooring were not smooth, waterproof, nonabsorbent, or capable of being suitably scrubbed, a violation of COMAR 15.14.03.05. Under the Veterinary Practice Act, the Board may suspend or revoke a hospital's license if the veterinary hospital is not maintained properly. Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art. §2-304.1.

On June 17, 2003, the Board conducted a resolution conference in this matter. Attending the conference were: (1) Dr. Dastgir, (2) John P. O'Mara, D.V.M., the Board's President, (3) Beverly Raymond, the Board's inspector, and (4) Thomas F. Filbert, Assistant Attorney General, the Board's Presenter of Evidence. At the conference, Dr. Dastgir presented evidence that he had taken steps to correct the flooring problems with which his hospital was cited. Ms. Raymond, who recently inspected the hospital, confirmed Dr. Dastgir's representation.

To resolve the complaint against Dr. Dastgir, and in light of Dr. Dastgir's actions to address the flooring problems at his hospital, the Board and Dr. Dastgir enter into this Consent Agreement. The Board shall remove the charges filed against Dr. Dastgir in this matter from its "pending" docket, and place them on its "inactive" docket. If Dr. Dastgir's hospital is maintained properly for a period of eighteen months from the date

of this Agreement, the Board shall dismiss the case. Conversely, if Dr. Dastgir's hospital is not maintained properly during this eighteen month period, the Board may reschedule this matter for a hearing.

Aug 1, 2003
Date

John P. O'Mara, D.V.M.

CONSENT

I, Ghulam Dastgir, D.V.M., 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 2 pages.

I sign this Consent Agreement without reservation as my voluntary act and deed after an opportunity to consult with counsel, and I acknowledge that I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Agreement, and have no objection to having the charges in this matter placed on the Board's "inactive" docket.

7/22/03
Date

Ghulam Dastgir, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Montgomery

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 22 day of July, 2003, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Ghulam Dastgir, D.V.M., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Jacquelyn M Yankanich
Notary Public

JACQUELYN M. YANKANICH
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND
My Commission Expires April 7, 2004

My Commission expires: