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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
SCOTT B. SANDERSON, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 18-02
LICENSE NO. 2778	*	

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ORDER TO STAY BOARD ACTION

The State of Maryland Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("SBVME" or "Board") hereby stays the above referenced action in which Scott B. Sanderson, D.V.M. ("Dr. Sanderson"), License Number 2778, was charged with violations of the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act, Agriculture Article, Sections 2-301 through 2-316, Annotated Code of Maryland, and related Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR").

FINDINGS OF FACT

At all times relevant to the charges, Dr. Sanderson was a veterinarian licensed to practice in the State of Maryland, where he has been licensed since 1984. Dr. Sanderson has a prior disciplinary history with the Board, which includes Docket No. 2009-78, involving a violation of 15.14.01.07 (Professional Judgment and Practice) and 15.14.01.10 (Record Keeping) resolved by way of a Consent Agreement, and Docket No. 1995-08, involving a violation of COMAR 15.14.01.07 (Professional Judgment and Practice) which was resolved by way of a Consent Agreement.

On or about November 5, 2018, the Board initiated charges against Dr. Sanderson in this case. The case arises from treatment Dr. Sanderson provided to "Maya," a 10-year-old Akita mix owned by Vivian Murrell ("Ms. Murrell" or "Owner") at Animal Wellness Center, License No. 13-013 ("Hospital"), located at 8827 Centre Park Drive, Suite E, Columbia, MD 21045, the veterinary hospital owned by Dr. Sanderson.

On or about November 18, 2018, Dr. Sanderson, through legal counsel, requested a hearing. Thereafter, the parties engaged in discussions regarding a potential resolution of the case. While the parties were not able to reach an agreement to resolve the case, Dr. Sanderson has advised that he is not currently

practicing veterinary medicine and will not be renewing his registration to practice for Fiscal Year 2020, which begins July 1, 2019. In fact, at this time, Dr. Sanderson, for personal reasons, has no plans to return to the practice of veterinary medicine. The hospital license for the Hospital owned by Dr. Sanderson expired in June 2018, and Dr. Sanderson has no plans to renew that license.

Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR") 15.14.02.02B(21), defines "stay" for purposes of a Board action as the withholding of Board action against a licensee which may be subjection to conditions imposed by the Board. COMAR 15.14.02.04A(12) provides that a Board action may be resolved or disposed of by way of a stay. Given the facts of this case, including the fact that the veterinary hospital owned by Dr. Sanderson is no longer open and Dr. Sanderson's representation that he will not renew his veterinary license registration for FY 2020 and has no plans to return to the practice of veterinary medicine, the Board concludes that a stay is an appropriate action to manage this pending matter subject to certain conditions.

ORDER

Based on the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law that Dr. Sanderson is not currently practicing veterinary medicine; does not plan to renew his registration to practice veterinary medicine (License Number 2778); has allowed the hospital license for the veterinary hospital he owns, namely Animal Wellness Center, License No. 13-013 ("Hospital"), located at 8827 Centre Park Drive, Suite E, Columbia, MD 21045, to expire; and has failed to resolve the pending matter with the Board; specifically, Docket Number 18-02, the Board concludes that a stay of this pending matter as defined in COMAR 15.14.02.02B(21), is an appropriate action at this time. Therefore, it is this 3rd day of July, 2019, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that:

a. The charging document filed against Dr. Sanderson (License No. 2778) in Docket Number 18-02 is stayed; and

b. The stay will remain in effect so long as Dr. Sanderson complies with the following conditions:

i. Dr. Sanderson shall not practice veterinary medicine in this State without the Board's prior approval and renewal of his registration;

ii. Dr. Sanderson shall not renew the hospital license of Animal Wellness Center, License No. 13-013 located at 8827 Centre Park Drive, Suite E, Columbia, MD 21045, without first notifying the Board and obtaining Board approval in writing;

iii. Should Dr. Sanderson plan to resume the practice of veterinary medicine, he shall notify the Board at least 30 days in advance of attempting to renew his registration to obtain Board approval and he shall not attempt to renew his license until he has received written approval by the Board;

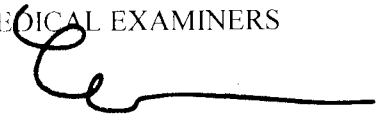
iv. If the Board receives inquiries concerning Dr. Sanderson's standing as a veterinarian in Maryland, the Board may report that Dr. Sanderson's license is not currently registered, and that a pending disciplinary matter is stayed;

v. The Board's records in this matter may not be disclosed without Dr. Sanderson's permission or a court order or subpoena; and

vi. If new information relevant to this matter or any new matter involving Dr. Sanderson's practice of veterinary medicine come to the Board's attention, the Board may take appropriate action subject to due process of law, including, but not limited to, entry of a stay.

WITNESS the hand and seal of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, State of Maryland, this 3rd day of July, 2019.

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