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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
BADR E. OWEIS, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 02-012
LICENSE NO. 2099	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated this 18th day of November, 2002, is between the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Badr E. Oweis, D.V.M., License No. 2099. The Agreement resolves the complaint that Zinnaeah Johnson filed concerning the escape of her cat, Venus, from the Beltway Animal Clinic, a veterinary hospital owned by Dr. Oweis.

Under the Veterinary Practice Act, the Board is charged with regulating the veterinary profession, and "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 ... regulations after receiving a license" (Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., §2-310 (8)); and in lieu of, or in addition to, suspending a veterinarian's license, the Board may impose a civil penalty of not more than $5000 (Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., §2-310.1).

In lieu of taking formal disciplinary action in this matter, the Board and Dr. Oweis enter into this Consent Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, to resolve Ms. Johnson's complaint, Dr. Oweis agrees to pay Ms. Johnson, within 30 days from the date this Agreement is fully executed, One hundred Sixty Dollars ($160.00), which figure represents the total damages she suffered as a result of this incident, including the following: (a) the fee she was charged for certain veterinary services Dr. Oweis provided Venus before the cat's escape; and (b) the value of the cat.

Upon proof that Dr. Oweis has complied with the terms of this Agreement, the Board shall dismiss Ms. Johnson's complaint against him.

The Board and Dr. Oweis also understand that Ms. Johnson agrees with the terms of this Consent Agreement and will sign a separate agreement releasing Dr. Oweis, his veterinary hospital, and any hospital employee, from any and all further claims that may be made for damages claimed to have arisen from the care provided Venus in this matter.

11/17/02
Date

Donald M. Carman, D.V.M.
President
State Board of Veterinary
Medical Examiners

CONSENT

I, Badr E. Oweis, 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.

10/29/02
Date

Badr E. Oweis, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF ELLICOTT CITY/HOWARD

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29 day of OCTOBER, 2002, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Badr E. Oweis, 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.

Notary Public

JUDITH ANN BAYLOR
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND
My Commission Expires October 25, 2003

My Commission Expires: OCTOBER 29, 2002

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ORDER OF DISMISSAL

Having received proof that Badr E. Oweis, D.V.M., has reimbursed the complainant, and in so doing fulfilled the terms of the November 18, 2002 Consent Agreement entered into in this matter, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, on this 27 day of March, 2003, hereby **ORDERS**:

That the complaint filed against him in this matter is DISMISSED.

STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Donald M. Carman, D.V.M., President
State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Maryland Department of Agriculture
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