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

IN THE MATTER OF: *

S. CANDACE GUYTHER *
Veterinary License No. 3865

CALLAWAY ANIMAL CLINIC *
21030 Point Lookout Road Docket No. 07-065
Callaway, MD 20620
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Hospital License No. 18-012
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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 27 day of March 2008, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and S. Candace Guyther, D.V.M. ("Dr. Guyther"), License No. 3865. This Agreement concerns the resolution of charges filed by the Board in February 2008 alleging that Dr. Guyther owned and operated Callaway Animal Clinic, located at 21030 Point Lookout Road, Callaway, Maryland, without a veterinary hospital license from February 2006 to April 16, 2007.

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 regulations adopted thereunder. 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 also impose a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 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. Guyther, by entering into and signing this document, while generally and specifically denying liability in this case, agrees to this Agreement & Order, acknowledging that the Board has sufficient evidence to (a) find, as fact, that, Dr. Guyther owned and was operating Callaway Animal Clinic, a veterinary hospital, without a valid veterinary hospital license from February 2006 to April 16, 2007, and (b) based on these findings of fact, conclude as a matter of law that Dr. Guyther did violate the Veterinary Practice Act, specifically Agriculture Article, § 2-304.1 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and COMAR 15.14.03.01-1C.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law finding ~~that~~ Dr. Guyther violated the Veterinary Practice Act, it is this 27 day of March April (CHR) 2008, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Guyther is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00).

Chris H. Runde, D.V.M.
President
Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

CONSENT

I, S. Candace Guyther, 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 and Order. In order to resolve this matter, I agree to accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement and Order, consisting of three pages.

I sign this Consent without reservation as my voluntary act, and I acknowledge that I fully understand the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Agreement and Order.

3/27/08
Date

S Candace Guyther, D.V.M.
S. Candace Guyther, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF

CITY/COUNTY OF St. Marys

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 27 day of March, 2008, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared S. Candace Guyther, 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.

Marilyn S Brown
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 07-09-2011