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

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| IN THE MATTER OF: | * | |
| OLUWASEYI O. SOBOWALE, D.V.M.<br>Veterinary License No. 5686 | * | |
| | * | Docket No. 07-71 |
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## CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order"), dated this 11th day of April, 2008, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Oluwaseyi O. Sobowale, D.V.M. ("Dr. Sobowale"), License No. 5686. This Agreement concerns the resolution of charges filed by the Board in January 2008 alleging that Dr. Sobowale failed on three separate occasions to comply with the record-keeping requirements for companion animals specified in COMAR 15.14.01.10.

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. Sobowale, 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. Sobowale failed on three separate dates (April 7, 2007, May 4, 2007, and May 8, 2007) to comply with the record-keeping requirements for companion animals specified in COMAR 15.14.01.10, as alleged in the charging document in this case; and (b) based on these findings of fact, conclude as a matter of law that Dr. Sobowale did violate COMAR 15.14.01.10.

## ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, finding that Dr. Sobowale violated the Veterinary Practice Act, it is this 11th day of April 2008, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Sobowale is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750.00).

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

## CONSENT

I, Oluwaseyi O. Sobowale, 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 two 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.

4/10/08
Date

Oluwaseyi O. Sobowale, D.V.M.

## NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Howard

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 10th day of April, 2008, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Oluwaseyi O. Sobowale, D.V.M., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Agreement and Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

Mohammad M. Ahsan
Notary Public State of Maryland
My Commission Expires 2/8/2011