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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
YOUNUS CHAUDHRY Veterinary License No.: 24-62	*	Docket No.: 07-75
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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 26th day of March, 2008, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Younus Chaudhry, D.V.M. ("Dr. Chaudhry"), License No. 24-62. This Agreement concerns the resolution of charges filed by the Board in February 2008 concerning Dr. Chaudhry's failure to comply with the record-keeping requirements for companion animals in COMAR 15.14.01.10 and failure to conform to the minimal standard of care expected of a veterinarian in this State, a violation of COMAR 15.14.01.07, with respect to the care and treatment of Elizabeth Barber's dog, ~~Kukero~~ Kokoro CHL 3/26/08, in December 2006.

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. Chaudhry, 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 find, as fact, that Dr. Chaudhry failed to properly document the care he provided to ~~Kukaro~~ Kokoro CHR 3/26/08, Ms. Barber's dog, by:

(a) by not recording the findings of a physical exam prior to performing surgery on the dog;

(b) by not keeping a surgical log; and

(c) by not recording the amount, dosage, and route of administration for the NSAID Rimadyl that was given post surgery.

Based on these findings of fact, the Board can conclude as a matter of law that Dr. Chaudhry did violate the Veterinary Practice Act and its regulations, specifically COMAR 15.14.01.10.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law finding that Dr. Chaudhry violated the Veterinary Practice Act, it is this 26th day of March, 2008, by the

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Chaudhry: (1) pay a civil penalty in the amount of One Thousand Fifty Dollars ($1050.00) for failing to comply with the record-keeping requirements specified in COMAR 15.14.01.10; and (2) is placed on probation for a period of three months from the date of this Agreement & Order, requiring him to obey all laws and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine in this State.

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

CONSENT

I, Younus Chaudhry, 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.

Younus Chaudhry, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

~~CITY~~/COUNTY OF Anne Arundel

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19th day of March, 2008, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Younus Chaudhry, 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: 4/30/2008