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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
Todd H. Behre, D.V.M	*	Docket No. 08-96
Veterinary License No. 5017	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 17th day of September 2008, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Todd H. Behre, D.V.M. ("Dr. Behre"), License No. 5017. This Agreement concerns the resolution of charges filed by the Board in August 2008, contending that Dr. Behre violated the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act by failing to annually register his license, as required by § 2-308 of the Act, over a six-year period.

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. Behre 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. Behre failed to annually register his license over a six-year period. Based on this finding of fact, Dr. Behre acknowledges that the Board could conclude as a matter of law that Dr. Behre did violate the Veterinary Practice Act, specifically § 2-308 of the Maryland Ann. Code, Agric. Art.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, finding that Dr. Behre violated the Veterinary Practice Act, it is this 17th day of September, 2008, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Behre is assessed a civil in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($1,250.00).

Chris H. Runde, DVM

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

CONSENT

I, Todd H. Behre, 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.

9-12-08
Date

Todd H. Behre, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Queen Anne's

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 12 day of Sept, 2008, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Todd H. Behre, 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.

Debra A. Hedrick

Notary Public
My Commission expires: 9/28/2010

DEBRA A. HEDRICK, NOTARY PUBLIC
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
STATE OF MARYLAND
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 9-28-2010