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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION

Oluwaseyi Sobowale, D.V.M.
Banfield, The Pet Hospital of Glen Burnie
597-c E. Ordnance Road
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Re: Docket # 08-12 ***(Dismissal of Complaint and Letter of Censure)***

Dear Dr. Sobowale

The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") recently investigated a complaint filed against you by Ms. Waneeta Crabill, concerning your care and treatment during her visit with her pet, "A. J.," on March 23, 2007, when she was scratched by a dog in Banfield's waiting room. After reviewing the owner's complaint, your response and medical records, the Board has concluded that the allegations in the owner's complaint require no further action, and the complaint will be dismissed.

In investigating this matter, however, the Board carefully reviewed the medical records that were submitted and found that your records were lacking in specificity, thus giving the Board a good faith basis to find you in violation of the applicable regulations governing veterinarians in the State of Maryland. The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 15.14.01.10 requires veterinarians to prepare a legibly written record that accurately and thoroughly reflects the treatment provided and provides a listing of information, at a minimum, that the medical record shall contain.

Specifically, your records did not comply with COMAR 15.14.01.10 in the following ways:

- The March 13, 2006 records on "A.J.," while noting amount in milliliters of acepromazine and Torb given, failed to provide the concentrations, therefore, the total milligrams the patient received were not provided.

- The March 13, 2006 records on "A.J." did not note the route of administration by which the acepromazine and Torb were given.

The Board has concluded that it is appropriate at this time to issue this **LETTER OF CENSURE** so that you may take steps to rectify the deficiencies noted. You also are hereby **ORDERED TO CEASE AND DESIST** from all further acts that would violate COMAR 15.14.01.10, a copy of which is enclosed. There is **no disciplinary sanction for the violations identified herein,** although this Letter of Censure is subject to disclosure under Maryland's Public Information Act §§ 10-

611 *et seq.* of the State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be taken into account by the Board in any future proceedings regarding your practice.

If you wish to be heard on this matter before the Board, please contact the Board in writing within ten (10) days from receipt of this letter. If we do not hear from you during this ten-day period, this letter is final. You may appeal, if you so choose, this determination to the Board of Review of the Department of Agriculture pursuant to § 2-402 of the Agriculture Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Downes, Executive Director of the Board, at 410-841-5862.

Sincerely,

Chris H. Runde, DVM/ecd

Chris H. Runde, D.V.M.
Board Member

cc: Board file
Encl.