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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
TARRON O. HERRING Veterinary License No. 6093	*	
	*	Docket No. 08-26
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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order"), dated this 20th day of March, 2008, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Tarron O. Herring, D.V.M. ("Dr. Herring"), License No. 6093. This Agreement concerns the resolution of charges filed by the Board in January 2008 alleging that Dr. Herring practiced veterinary medicine without an annual veterinary registration from approximately February 5, 2007, until October 5, 2007, while employed at Banfield, The Pet Hospital of Glen Burnie.

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. Herring, 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. Herring did not have a valid annual veterinary registration from February 5, 2007, until October 5, 2007, and was practicing veterinary medicine during this time while employed at Banfield, The Pet Hospital of Glen Burnie; and (b) based on these findings of fact, conclude as a matter of law that Dr. Herring did violate the Veterinary Practice Act, specifically, Agriculture Article, §§ 2-308, 2-313 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and COMAR 15.14.01.11.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, finding that Dr. Herring violated the Veterinary Practice Act, it is this 20th day of March 2008, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Herring is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars ($450.00).

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

CONSENT

I, Tarron O. Herring, 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.

3-18-08
Date

Tarron O. Herring, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF

CITY/COUNTY OF Anne Arundel

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 18th day of March, 2008, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Tarron O. Herring, 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: 12/2/2008