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

IN THE MATTER OF: *

Paul F. Deal *
Veterinary License No. 1656

COUNTRYSIDE ANIMAL HOSPITAL *
50 Weber Road
Oakland, MD 21550 *
Hospital License No. 11-001

Docket No. 08-27

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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 19th day of JUNE, 2008, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Paul F. Deal, D.V.M. ("Dr. Deal"), License No. 1656. This Agreement concerns the resolution of charges filed by the Board in March 2008 alleging that Dr. Deal owned and operated Countryside Animal Hospital, located at 50 Weber Road, Oakland, Maryland, without a veterinary hospital license from July 1, 2007, to October 29, 2007.

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. Deal, 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. Deal owned and was operating Countryside Animal Hospital, a veterinary hospital, without a valid veterinary hospital license from July 1, 2007 to October 29, 2007, (b) Dr. Deal renewed his veterinary hospital license on October 30, 2007, and (c) based on these findings of fact, conclude as a matter of law that Dr. Deal did violate the Veterinary Practice Act, specifically Agriculture Article, § 2-304.1 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and COMAR 15.14.03.01-1C.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law finding that Dr. Deal violated the Veterinary Practice Act, it is this 18th day of JUNE 2008, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Deal is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00).

Chris H. Runde, DVM

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President
Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Exami...

CONSENT

I, Paul F. Deal, 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.

6/10/08
Date

Paul F Deal DVM
Paul F. Deal, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Garrett

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 10 day of June, 2008, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Paul F. Deal, 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.

Martha A. Keener
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 3/24/2012