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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
OLUWASEYI SOBOWALE, D.V.M.		DOCKET NO. 08-28B
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LICENSE NO. 5686		
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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 16th day of June CHR 6/16/09 May 2009, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Oluwaseyi Sobowale, D.V.M. ("Dr. ~~Singh~~ Sobowale CHR 6/16/09"), License No. 5686. This Agreement resolves a charging document filed by the Board in April 2009 alleging that Dr. Sobowale violated the Maryland Veterinary Practices Act and its affiliated regulations regarding the care and treatment of Migo, an eleven-year old poodle owned by Jane and Robert Harris in March 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 Maryland Veterinary Practice Act, Agriculture Article §§ 2-301 *et seq.*, Annotated Code of Maryland and regulations adopted hereunder. 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 .

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. . [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 the suspending a veterinarian's license. Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., § 2-310.1.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Sobowale, 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 he failed to record in "Migo's" medical record that he administered fluids to "Migo" on March 20, 2007. Based on this finding of fact, Dr. Sobowale acknowledges that the Board could conclude as a matter of law that Dr. Sobowale did violate 15.14.01.10 of the Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR"), which governs the recordkeeping practices of veterinarians.

In addition, Dr. Sobowale acknowledges that he failed to diagnose "Migo's" symptoms, specifically the symptom related to the dog's central nervous system, coupled with the medications prescribed to him were indicative of Metronidazole toxicity. Based on this finding of fact, Dr. Sobowale also acknowledges that the Board could conclude that he violated the minimal standard of care expected of a veterinarian in this State, a violation of COMAR 15.14.01.07.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 16th day of ~~May~~ JUNE CHR 6/16/09 2009, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that

a.) Dr. Sobowale is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $500.00;

b.) Dr. Sobowale's license is suspended for a period of one week; this suspension, however, is stayed;

c.) Dr. Sobowale will serve a period of probation of six months from the date of this Order. Violation of probation (he is charged and the Board ultimately concludes that Dr. Sobowale was in violation of the Maryland Veterinary Practrices Act during the period of probation) will result in the stay being lifted, and Dr. Sobowale having to serve a one week suspension for the charges resolved here; and

d.) Dr. Sobowale will complete 3.0 credit hours of continuing education in clinical pharmacology as approved by the Board.

Chris H. Runde DVM

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

CONSENT

I, Oluwaseyi Sobowale, 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 after an opportunity to consult with counsel, and I acknowledge that I fully understand the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Agreement and Order.

6/5/09
Date

Oluwaseyi Sobowale, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Howard

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 5th day of June, 2009, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Oluwaseyi Sobowale, 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:

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Notary Public State of Maryland
My Commission Expires 2/8/2011