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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
MARGARET M. HOFFECKER, D.V.M. Veterinary License No. 2634	*	
SHAWSVILLE VETERINARY HOSPITAL & PET CARE CENTER 4534 Norrisville Road White Hall, Maryland 21161 Hospital License No. 03-068	*	Docket No. 08-29

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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 1st 26th day of ~~January~~ February, 2008, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Margaret M. Hoffecker, D.V.M. ("Dr. Hoffecker"), License No. 2634. This Agreement concerns the resolution of charges filed by the Board in December 2007 alleging that Dr. Hoffecker, the owner of Shawsville Veterinary Hospital and Pet Care Center, operated Shawsville Veterinary Hospital without a veterinary hospital license from July 1, 2007, to October 3, 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. Hoffecker, 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. Hoffecker did not have a veterinary hospital license from July 1, 2007, to October 3, 2007, and was operating Shawsville Veterinary Hospital and Pet Care Center during said time; and (b) based on these findings of fact, conclude as a matter of law that Dr. Hoffecker did violate the Veterinary Practice Act, specifically, Agriculture Article, § 2-304.1 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

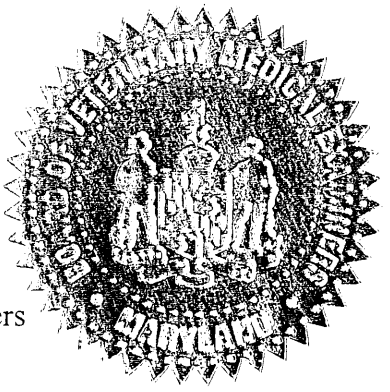
ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law finding that Dr. Hoffecker violated the Veterinary Practice Act, it is this 1st day of ~~January~~ February 2008, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED**:

1.) That Dr. Hoffecker is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars; and

2.) That Dr. Hoffecker is placed on probation for a period of six months from the date of this Agreement & Order requiring her to obey all laws and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine in this State.

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



CONSENT

I, Margaret M. Hoffecker, 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.

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Date

Margaret M. Hoffecker
Margaret M. Hoffecker, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF

CITY/COUNTY OF Harford

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 26th day of January, 2008, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Margaret M. Hoffecker, D.V.M., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Agreement and Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Linda A. Fist
Notary Public

My Commission expires: May 1, 2009