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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
ARADOM DEBRETSION, D.V.M. Veterinary License No. 6111	*	DOCKET NO. 08-~~01~~ 51 CHR 2/12/09
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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 12th day of ~~January~~ February CHR 2009, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Aradom Debretsion, D.V.M. ("Dr. Debretsion"), License No. 6111. This Agreement concerns the resolution of charges filed by the Board in December 2008 alleging that Dr. Debretsion proceeded with a dental cleaning of "Chaka," a dog owned by Maria Quiles, despite the clinical evidence showing that the dog had severe thrombocytopenia. By doing so, the Board alleged that Dr. Debretsion violated the Veterinary Practices Act and its affiliated regulations, specifically COMAR 15.14.01.07, by not conforming to the minimal standards of care which are customary among veterinarians in this State.

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. Debretsion, 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 Dr. Debretsion did proceed with a dental cleaning of "Chaka" despite clinical evidence of severe thrombocytopenia. Based on this findings of fact, Dr. Debretsion acknowledges that the Board could conclude as a matter of law that Dr. Debretsion violated the minimal standard of care expected of veterinarian in this State, a violation of COMAR 15.14.01.07.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law finding that Dr. Debretsion violated the Veterinary Practice Act and its affiliated regulations, it is this 12th day of February 2009, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED**:

1. That Dr. Debretsion is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00);

2. That Dr. Debretsion's license is suspended for two weeks – this suspension, however, is stayed.

3. That Dr. Debretsion must complete 3.0 credit hours of Board-approved continuing education relating to internal medicine by June 30, 2009.

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

CONSENT

I, Aradom Debretsion, 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.

02/10/2009
Date

Aradom Debretsion, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Calvert

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 10 day of February, 2009, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Aradom Debretsion 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.

Julie F. Walker
Notary Public

My Commission expires: June 21, 2011

JULIE F. WALKER
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND
My Commission Expires June 21, 2011