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October 14, 2009

Daniel Negola, D.V.M.
Negola's Ark
9401 Fields Road
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Re: *Notice of Agency Action* --Docket # 08-59
(Dismissal of Complaint and Letter of Censure)

Dear Dr. Negola:

The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") investigated a complaint filed against you by Ms. Ellen Miller in March 2008 concerning a surgery you performed on her dog, a Bernese mountain dog named "Promise," in January 2008 to repair a severe entropion. After reviewing the owner's complaint, your response, and the animal's medical records, in addition to requesting an expert to review the case, the Board brought charges in May 2009 alleging that you failed to conform to the minimal standard of care with respect to the choice of suture material used in the operation and your failure to refer the case to a specialist because of the severity of the entropion.

In subsequent consultation with your attorney, Jeremy R. Krum, Esquire, and the Board's attorney, Assistant Attorney General Claudia Diamond, the Board has agreed to dismiss the charges in the complaint and issue instead this **LETTER OF CENSURE** pursuant to its authority under the Maryland Veterinary Practices Act, Annotated Code of Md., Agriculture Article §§ 2-301 *et seq*. This Letter of Censure reprimands you for your choice of suture material; specifically, using 3-0 suture material instead of a smaller suture material, to repaire "Promise's" entropion.

There are no additional disciplinary sanctions, such as a fine, probation or a

suspension of your license, for the violation identified herein. However, it has been agreed upon by you and the Board that you will attend the November 7, 2009 portion of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists 40th Annual Conference in Chicago, IL. (Please send proof of attendance to the Board upon completion.)

This Letter of Censure is subject to disclosure under Maryland's Public Information Act, Annotated Code of Md., State Gov't Article §§ 10-611 *et seq.* and may be taken into account by the Board in any future proceedings regarding your practice.

This Letter of Censure is a final Order of the Board, and no appeal, as agreed upon by the parties, will be noted.

Sincerely,

Chris H. Runde, DVM

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Board President

Encl.
cc: Board file

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

IN THE MATTER OF: *

DANIEL NEGOLA, D.V.M. * DOCKET NO. 08-59

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ORDER OF DISMISSAL

It is this 14th day of OCTOBER, 2009, by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED**:

That the complaint titled "Charges Under the Maryland Veterinary Practices Act" filed against Dr. Daniel Negola is dismissed.

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