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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
THOMAS SCHMIDT, D.V.M. Veterinary License No. 2534	*	
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CLINTON ANIMAL HOSPITAL 9414 Brandywine Road Clinton, MD 20735 Hospital License No. 16-015	*	Docket No. 08-64

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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 22nd day of September, 2008, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Thomas Schmidt, D.V.M. ("Dr. Schmidt"), License No. 2534. This Agreement concerns the resolution of charges filed by the Board in May 2008 alleging that Dr. Schmidt, who owns and operates Clinton Animal Hospital, failed to conspicuously display his veterinary registration and hospital's license in a location accessible to the public, in violation of COMAR 15.14.03.01-2.

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. Schmidt, by entering into and signing this document, generally and specifically denies liability in this case but agrees to this Agreement & Order, acknowledging that the Board has alleged that the hospital's license and Dr. Schmidt's veterinarian registration were not conspicuously displayed in a place accessible to the public in violation of COMAR 15.14.03.01-2.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 22nd day of September, 2008 by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Schmidt is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00).

Chris H. Runde, DVM

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

CONSENT

I, Thomas Schmidt, 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.

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.

Sept 22nd 2008
Date

Thomas Schmidt, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF

CITY/COUNTY OF Montgomery

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 22 day of September, 2008, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas Schmidt, 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.

My Commission expires: 8/28/2011

Notary Public Karen Kerr