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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
THOMAS LEDERMAN, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 08-65
LICENSE NO. 1918	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 13th day of May 2009, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Thomas Lederman, D.V.M. ("Dr. Lederman"), License No.1918. This Agreement resolves a charging document filed by the Board in April 2009 alleging that Dr. Lederman violated the Maryland Veterinary Practices Act and its affiliated regulations. Specifically, the Board alleged that Dr. Lederman failed to keep any records concerning the euthanasia he performed on Michael Minardi's dog on March 16, 2008.

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 .

. . [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. Lederman, 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. Lederman did not maintain any medical records in connection with the euthanasia procedure he performed on Michael Minardi's dog on March 16, 2008. Based on this finding of fact, Dr. Lederman also acknowledges that the Board could conclude as a matter of law that he did violate the Veterinary Practice Act and its regulations, specifically COMAR 15.14.01.10 (recordkeeping).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 13th day of May 2009, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Lederman is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $550.00.

Chris H. Runde, DVM

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

CONSENT

I, Thomas Lederman, 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 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.

5/7/09
Date

Thomas Lederman, D.V.M.
Thomas Lederman, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF

CITY/COUNTY OF Howard

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 1 day of May, 2009, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas Lederman, 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:

BETH JACKSON DAY
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND
My Commission Expires April 1, 2010