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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
RONALD K. SAND, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 08-82B
LICENSE NO. 4386	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order (Consent Agreement), dated this 13th day of March, 2012, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) and Ronald K. Sand, D.V.M. (Dr. Sand), License No. 4386. This Consent Agreement resolves the charges filed by the Board on July 27, 2010 in Docket No. 08-82B, alleging that Dr. Sand violated COMAR 15.14.01.10 pertaining to record keeping on or about May 11 and 12, 2006, by failing to adequately document the records concerning the care and treatment of "Roger," a male German Shepherd Mix who was presented by Dr. William Agnew for diagnosis and treatment of a mass on the chest. On or about September 2, 2010, Dr. Sand requested to resolve the charges informally. Thereafter, the parties entered into discussions and were able to reach a resolution. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Dr. Sand waives the right to a hearing and appeal on the charges in Docket No. 08-82B. Dr. Sand has a disciplinary history with the Board of a censure for record keeping in Docket No. 09-07.

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 related regulations. 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 impose a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 for a first offense or $10,000 for a second or subsequent offense in lieu of or in addition to suspending a veterinarian's

license. Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., § 2-310.1. In setting the amount of a civil penalty, the Board shall consider the severity of the violation, the good faith of the violator, and any history of prior violations as well as the Board's regulatory civil penalty standards. Md. Code Ann., State Gov't Art. § 10-1001(b); COMAR 15.14.11 Civil Penalty Standards for Veterinarians.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Sand, by entering into and signing this Consent Agreement, while generally and specifically denying liability in this case, agrees to the provisions of this Consent Agreement, acknowledging that the Board nas sufficient evidence to find, as fact, and conclude as a matter of law that he did violate a certain regulation adopted under the Veterinary Practice Act; specifically, COMAR 15.14.01.10 pertaining to record keeping. On or about May 11 and 12, 2006, Dr. Sand failed to record pertinent details concerning 1) a fine needle aspirate procedure, 2) an abdominal ultrasound, and 3) ACTH and LDDS tests for "Roger," a twelve-year-old male German Shepherd Mix owned by Dr. William Agnew.

Taking all the facts and circumstances into consideration, including the severity of the violation, and Dr. Sand's disciplinary history of a censure for record keeping, the Board concluded that the most reasonable and appropriate resolution in these matters included the following sanctions.

ORDER

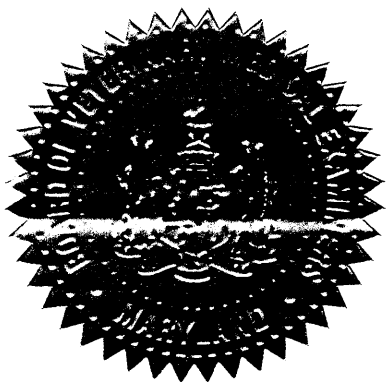
Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 13th day of March, 2012, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, ORDERED that:

a. For the three violations of COMAR 15.14.01.10 Record Keeping, Dr. Sand is assessed a civil penalty in the total amount of $500, payment to be made to the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("SBVME") within **30** days of the date of the Order.

b. Within **six** months of the date of this fully executed order, Dr. Sand shall complete six credit hours of continuing education (CE) in record keeping; specifically, Dr. James Wilson's on-line record-keeping module, a part of Dr. Wilson's 15-credit hour course, Veterinary Law and Ethics. Within 30 days of completion of the record keeping module, Dr. Sand shall forward to the Board documentation from the CE provider showing proof of completion of the CE

credits required under this Order. Proof from the CE provider shall include Dr. Sand's name, the number of hours of CE completed, the topics covered, and the dates the CE were given. Completion of this CE will **not** be counted towards the 18 credit hours of CE required annually for re-registration of the veterinary license.

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



CONSENT

I, Ron Sand, 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. In order to resolve this matter, I agree to accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement, consisting of four pages, including this page. I sign this Consent without reservation as my voluntary act after having had an opportunity to consult with counsel, and I acknowledge that I fully understand the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Agreement.

3/2/12
Date

Ron Sand, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of March 2, 2012, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Ron Sand, 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.

Carol H Easton
Notary Public
My Commission expires: 2/5/2016