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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
SNEHALATHA PARNA, D.V.M. Veterinary License No. 5369	*	DOCKET NO. 08-86
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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 22nd day of January 2009, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Snehalatha Parna, D.V.M. ("Dr. Parna"), License No. 5369. This Agreement concerns the resolution of charges filed by the Board in November 2008, alleging that Dr. Parna's failure to delay discharge of Lisa Davis' cat, "Lacey," after the administration of anesthetic agents, to ensure complete ambulatory recovery of the cat, violated the minimal standard of care expected of veterinarian in this State, a violation of COMAR 15.14.01.07.

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 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. Parna, 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. Parna did not delay the discharge of "Lacey"-- despite the administration of anesthetic agents--to ensure complete ambulatory recovery of the cat, and that the cat left the care of Dr. Parna still asleep. Based on these findings of fact, Dr. Parna acknowledges that the Board could conclude as a matter of law that Dr. Parna 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. Parna violated the Veterinary Practice Act, it is this 22nd day of January 2009, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED**:

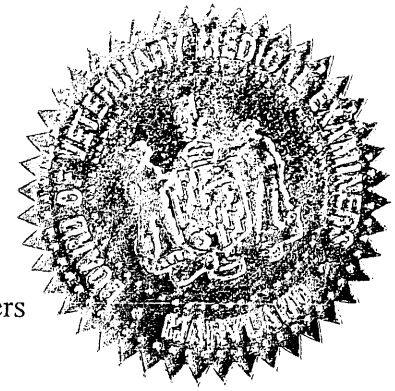
1. That Dr. Parna is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00);

2. That Dr. Parna's license is suspended for one week, however, this suspension is stayed;

3. That Dr. Parna is placed on probation for a period of six months from the date of this Agreement & Order, requiring her to obey all laws and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine in this State; and

4. That Dr. Parna must complete 6.0 credit hours of Board-approved continuing education relating to anesthesia by June 30, 2009.

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



CONSENT

I, Snehalatha Parna, 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 three 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.

01/19/2009
Date

Dr. M. Snehalatha
SNEHALATHA PARNA, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND
CITY/COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19 day of JAN, 2009, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Snehalatha Parna, D.V.M., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Agreement and Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Eileen B. Lee
Notary Public

My Commission expires: Aug 1, 2009