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. 09-07
LICENSE NO. 4386	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER OF CENSURE

This Consent Agreement and Order of Censure (Consent Agreement), dated this 29th day of ~~December~~ February 2012 CHR ~~2011~~, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) and Ronald K. Sand, D.V.M. (Dr. Sand), License No. 4386. On August 5, 2008, Helene G. Lutz, owner of a seven-year-old male neutered Maine Coon cat, "Bryce," filed a complaint with the Board concerning Dr. Sand. This Consent Agreement resolves the violation described by the Board in its Notice of Agency Action to Dr. Sand on July 29, 2010, alleging that Dr. Sand violated a certain Board regulation, specifically Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 15.14.01.10 pertaining to record keeping, on three days in June and July of 2008, by failing to adequately document records pertaining to the care and treatment of "Bryce." The parties have agreed to resolve this matter by entering into this Consent Agreement. Dr. Sand waives the right to a hearing and appeal on the Board's July 29, 2010 Notice of Agency Action 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 Maryland Veterinary Practice Act, Agriculture Article §§ 2-301 to 2-316, 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.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

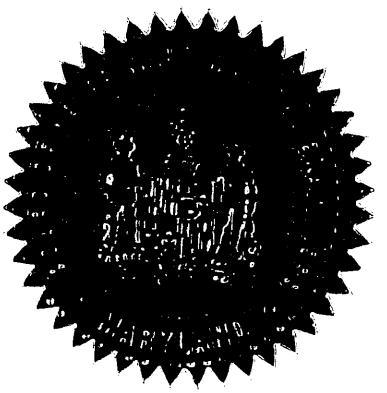
Dr. Sand, by signing this Consent Agreement, while generally and specifically denying liability in this case, agrees to this Consent Agreement, acknowledging that the Board has sufficient evidence to find, as fact, and conclude as a matter of law that he did violate COMAR 15.14.01.10 pertaining to record keeping, by failing to adequately document the records for Ms. Lutz's seven-year-old male neutered Maine Coon cat "Bryce," who was presented for treatment of a limp in a hind leg; specifically, Dr. Sand failed to record: 1) the physical examination of "Bryce" prior to surgery on or about June 19, 2008,; 2) the anesthetic drugs given to "Bryce" prior to surgery on or about June 19, 2008; 3) the concentration of Cefazolin administered to "Bryce" prior to the cat's discharge on or about June 20, 2008; and 4) the size of the Fentanyl patch placed on "Bryce" on or about July 12, 2008. The Board found no evidence of substandard care by Dr. Sand in the treatment of "Bryce" in June and July of 2008. Taking all the facts and circumstances into consideration, including the nature of the assertions, Dr. Sand's good faith in offering and agreeing to make a charitable donation of $500 to a humane society or animal shelter in Maryland, and Dr. Sand's disciplinary history of a prior censure for record keeping in 2009, the Board concluded that the most reasonable and appropriate resolution in this matter is a Censure. This document is subject to public disclosure under Md. Code Ann., State Government Article § 10-617.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 29th day of February, 2012 CHR ~~2011~~, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Ronald K. Sand, License No. 3608, is **CENSURED.**

Chris H. Runde, DVM

Chris H. Runde, D.V.M.
President
Maryland 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. To resolve this matter, I agree to the terms of this Consent Agreement, consisting of three pages, including this page. 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.

12/14/11
Date

R Sand, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 14 day of Dec., 2011, 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: 2/5/2012