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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
NAVE DHILLON, DVM		**DOCKET NO. 09-53**
Veterinary License No. 2322	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 23rd day of November 2009, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Nave Dhillon, DVM, License No. 2322. This Agreement concerns the resolution of charges filed by the Board on June 25, 2009. The Board's charges followed a consumer complaint by Kelly Spring with respect to the care and boarding of an abandoned Pitbull named "Snoop" from September 2008 to February 2009.

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

On June 25, 2009, the Board issued Charges against Dr. Dhillon under the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act for violations of Code of Maryland Regulations 15.14.01.07, 15.14.15.03(A)(1), and 15.14.01.10. The Board alleged, among other things, that Dr. Dhillon was aware of "Snoop's" failure to thrive while being boarded at Langley Animal Hospital. The Board also alleged that during "Snoop's" boarding, "Snoop" was provided medications for Coccidia and roundworms, but Dr. Dhillon failed to maintain adequate records charting "Snoop's" progress and disposition.

Following notice of the Board's charges, Dr. Dhillon requested a Hearing before the Board. Dr. Dhillon specifically and generally denied liability and/or any deviations in applicable standards of veterinary care and treatment. Prior to a Hearing, the parties agreed to enter into this Consent Order and Agreement.

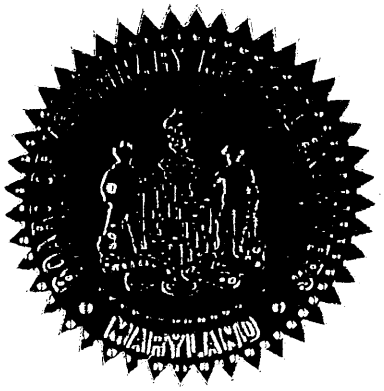
By entering into and signing this document, Dr. Dhillon generally and specifically denies any liability in this case. However, Dr. Dhillon acknowledges the Board has sufficient evidence to find that "Snoop" failed to thrive at Langley Animal Hospital, and that Dr. Dhillon did not adequately document in "Snoop's" medical record "Snoop's" progress and disposition in violation of COMAR 15.14.01.10.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, on this 23rd day of November 2009, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, the parties hereby agree that Dr. Dhillon will make a charitable donation and/or gift on behalf of "Snoop" in the amount of $1,000.00 payable to a K9 Lifesavers or another animal rescue organization (payment to be permitted in two installments of $500.00 over the course of six months) as approved by the Board. Dr. Dhillon further agrees to a period of probation for twelve months to begin on the date of this Order. Finally, Dr. Dhillon agrees that during this period of probation, he will provide forty (40) hours of community service as a veterinarian to the Montgomery County Humane Society, or to another volunteer organization approved by the Board. Notice of the days and hours volunteered will be provided to Laura Downes, the Executive Director of the Board. To the extent Dr. Dhillon fails to comply with the requirements of this Order, or is otherwise found by the Board to have violated his probationary status, the Board has the authority to impose additional sanctions following the applicable Notice and Hearing opportunities established by the Maryland Code.

Chris H. Runde DVM

Chris H. Runde, DVM, President
Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners



CONSENT

I, Nave Dhillon, DVM, 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 four 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.

11/11/2009
Date

Nave Dhillon
Nave Dhillon, DVM

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 12th day of November, 2009, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Nave Dhillon, DVM, 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.

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Notary Public

My Commission expires: Feb 1, 2010

LECHINE CHEA
Notary Public
Montgomery County
Maryland
My Commission Expires Feb 1, 2010