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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
LISA M. DIXON, D.V.M. Veterinary License No. 5514	*	DOCKET NO. 09-56
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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 31st day of August 2009, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Lisa M. Dixon D.V.M. ("Dr. Dixon"), License No. 5514. This Agreement concerns the resolution of charges filed by the Board in April 2009 concerning Dr. Dixon's care and treatment of Loretta Sheetz's dog "Shadow" on February 13, 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 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 Dixon, 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 she did not record that she performed a physical examination of "Shadow" within twelve hours of the administration of anesthesia on February 13, 2008, and that she failed make a surgical report of the mammary surgery that she performed on "Shadow" on February 13, 2008. Based on these findings of fact, Dr. Dixon acknowledges that the Board could conclude as a matter of law that she violated the recordkeeping requirements set forth in COMAR 15.14.01.10 that govern veterinarians in the State of Maryland.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law finding that Dr. Dixon violated the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act and its affiliated regulations, it is this 31st day of August 2009, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Dixon is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $500.00 to be made in two $250.00 installments—one installment due immediately and the second due within sixty days of the date of this Order.

Chris H. Runde, DVM

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

CONSENT

I, Lisa M. Dixon, 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 two 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.

7/25/2009
Date

Lisa M. Dixon

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF CECIL

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 25th day of JULY, 2009, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Lisa M. Dixon, D.V.M., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Agreement and Order was a voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Notary Public

SPENSER McCOWN NOTARY PUBLIC CECIL CO., MD

My Commission expires: 7-28-12