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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
TIFFANY BROWN, D.V.M Veterinary License No. 5014	*	Docket No. 09-68
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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 20th CH2 14th day of November 2009, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Tiffany Brown, D.V.M. ("Dr. Brown"), License No. 5014. This Agreement concerns the resolution of charges filed by the Board in September 2009 alleging that Dr. Brown violated the Veterinary Practices Act and its regulations. Specifically, the charging document alleges that, by not performing a physical examination of "Alabama," a ~~cat~~ DOG owned by Sarah Carson Mauer, within twelve hours of the administration of anesthesia on March 23, 2009, Dr. Brown violated the minimal standard of care expected of veterinarian in this State, a violation of COMAR 15.14.01.07. Alternatively, if she did perform a physical exam, she failed to record her findings, a violation of COMAR 15.14.01.10A(7).

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. Brown, 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 (a) find, as fact, that Dr. Brown did not record in "Alabama's" medical record physical exam findings that she made prior to the administration of anesthesia and, (b) based on these findings of fact, conclude as a matter of law that Dr. Brown did violate the Veterinary Practice Act and its regulations, specifically COMAR 15.14.01.10A(7).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law finding that Dr. Brown violated the Veterinary Practice Act, it is this 20th day of November 2009 by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Brown is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00).

Chris H. Runde, DVM

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

CONSENT

I, Tiffany Brown, 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.

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Date

Tiffany Brown, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF

CITY/COUNTY OF Anne Arundel

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 14 day of November, 2009, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Tiffany Brown, 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.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: April 8, 2012

AMY CAMPBELL
NOTARY PUBLIC
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
MARYLAND
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 08, 2012