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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
BRANDY C. WATSON, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 09-73
LICENSE NO. 6036	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order (Consent Agreement), dated this 25th day of JANUARY, ~~2010~~ 2011 JLH, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) and Brandy C. Watson, D.V.M. (Dr. Watson), License No. 6036. This Consent Agreement resolves charges filed by the Board on September 2, 2010, alleging that Dr. Watson violated the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act and related regulations in May 2009 regarding the care and treatment of "Rebel," a 1/2-year-old domestic short hair cat owned by Owen Yates. On September 17, 2010, Dr. Watson requested a hearing before the Board as to the Board's charges. Thereafter, the parties entered into discussions and were able to reach this resolution. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Dr. Watson waives the right to a hearing and an appeal on the charges.

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 *et seq.*, 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. Watson, by entering into and signing the Consent, while generally and specifically denying liability in this case, agrees to this Consent Agreement. The parties specifically agree and acknowledge that the Board has sufficient evidence to find, as fact, and conclude as a matter of law that Dr. Watson did not violate applicable standards of veterinary medical care; however, Dr. Watson agrees and acknowledges that the Board has sufficient evidence to support a medical recordkeeping violation, specifically, Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 15.14.01.10, for not documenting in the medical record for "Rebel" the physical examinations performed on May 3 and 4, 2009 and her plan not to repeat laboratory diagnostics after discussion with the client. Taking all of the facts and circumstances into account, the Board concluded that the most reasonable and appropriate resolution in this matter included a civil penalty and a conditional probationary period, as referenced below.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 25th day of JANUARY, 2011 ~~2010~~, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that:

a.) Dr. Watson is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $1,000.00 of which $500.00 is stayed (payment to be made to the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners within 30 days of the date of this Order);

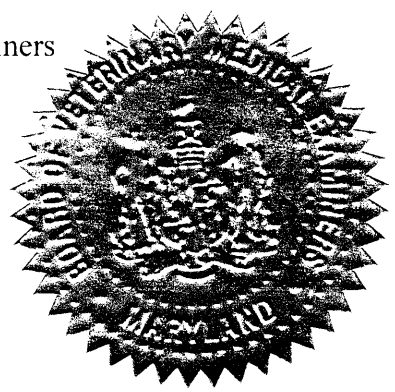
b.) Dr. Watson will serve a period of probation of six months from the date of this Order; while on probation, the veterinarian will obey all laws and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine in this State and the conditions of this Consent

Agreement. Violation of probation means that the veterinarian is charged and the Board ultimately concludes that the veterinarian violated the Veterinary Practice Act or the terms of this Consent Agreement during the period of probation. Violation of probation will result in the stay being lifted and the Board ordering the veterinarian to comply with the sanction, in this case, to pay the remaining $500 within 30 days of the Board's order.

c.) As a condition of probation, Dr. Watson will complete 6.0 credit hours of continuing education (CE) in internal medicine in the State of Maryland or online, preferably in fluid therapy, as preapproved by the Board, within six months from the date of this Order. To fulfill this requirement, Dr. Watson will obtain approval for her selected CE from the Board before registering and participating in the CE course. After completion of her 6.0 credit hours, Dr. Watson will forward to the Board proof of completion of the CE credits required under this Order. Proof will include Dr. Watson's name, the number of hours of CE completed, the topic(s) covered, and the date(s) the CE course was given. Completion of this CE will not be counted towards the 18 hours of CE required annually for re-registration of the veterinary license in Maryland.

John L. Heizer, DVM

John L. Heizer, D.V.M.
Vice President
Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners



CONSENT

I, Brandy Watson 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. In order to resolve this matter, I agree to accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement, consisting of four pages, including this page.

I sign this Consent without reservation as my voluntary act after having had an opportunity to consult with counsel, and I acknowledge that I fully understand the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Agreement.

1/20/11
Date

Brandy Watson, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 20 day of January, 2011, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Brandy Watson, 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.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: 4/12/12

JOSEPH MANDARA NOTARY PUBLIC BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD