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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
SCOTT B. SANDERSON, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 09-78
LICENSE NO. 2778	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order (Consent Agreement), dated this 24th day of June JLH, 2011, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) and Scott B. Sanderson, D.V.M. (Dr. Sanderson), License No. 2778. This Consent Agreement resolves the charges filed by the Board on August 30, 2010, alleging that Dr. Sanderson violated certain regulations under the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act and the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) pertaining to veterinary medical care and treatment provided to Ms. Joanne Dolgow's seven-year-old neutered male Standard Poodle, "Avi." On September 6, 2010, Dr. Sanderson requested a hearing before the Board to dispute the charges. Thereafter, the parties entered into discussions and were able to reach a resolution. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Dr. Sanderson waives the right to a hearing and appeal on the charging document in Docket No. 09-78.

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. Sanderson, by entering into and 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 note the concentration of milligrams of the injections of vitamins A and D for the patient and an interpretation of the blood work from the CBC chemistry performed on February 9, 2008, for Joanne Dolgow's seven-year-old neutered male Standard Poodle, "Avi." Taking into account all of the facts and circumstances, the Board concluded that the following sanctions were reasonable and appropriate.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 24th JLH day of June, 2011, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that:

a. Dr. Sanderson is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Four Hundred Dollars ($400) for each of two record keeping violations for a total amount of Eight Hundred Dollars ($800) (payment to be made to the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners "SBVME" within 30 days of the date of this Order).

b. Dr. Sanderson shall serve a period of probation of six months from the date of this Order. While on probation, the veterinarian shall 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, related regulations, or the terms of this Consent Agreement during the period of probation. Violation of probation may result in further disciplinary action and sanctions.

c. As a condition of probation, Dr. Sanderson shall complete 6.0 credit hours of continuing education (CE) in internal medicine, as preapproved by the Board, within six months of the date of this Order. To fulfill this requirement, the veterinarian shall obtain approval for the selected CE from the Board before registering and attending in person the CE course. After completion of the 6.0 credit hours, the veterinarian shall forward to the Board proof of completion of the CE credit hours required under this Order. The Board specifically approves Dr. Sanderson's request to participate in 3 credit hours of CE

in gastrointestinal medicine on May 6, 2011, at the CVC in Washington, DC; however, Dr. Sanderson shall forward to the Board proof of completion within 60 days of this Order to obtain satisfaction in full of this condition of probation.

John L. Heizer, DVM

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

CONSENT

I, Scott Sanderson, 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.

6/3/11
Date

Scott B. Sanderson, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Howard

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 06 day of 03, 2011, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Scott Sanderson, 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.

Sara Iqbal
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

SARA IQBAL
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND
My Commission Expires March 20, 2012