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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION

December 1, 2009

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL -
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
Daniel Negola, DVM, ABVP
Negola's Ark Veterinary Hospital
9401 Fields Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Re: Docket #10-02 (***Dismissal of Complaint and Letter of Censure***)

Dear Dr. Negola:

The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") recently investigated a complaint filed against you by Ms. Lisa Fernandez concerning your care and treatment of her dog, "Diva," in August 2008. After the owner's complaint and your response and medical records, the Board has concluded that the allegations in the owner's complaint require no further action, and the complaint will be dismissed.

In investigating this matter, however, the Board carefully reviewed the medical records that were submitted and found that you failed to properly record the sedation given to "Diva." Specifically, you did not conform to COMAR 15.14.01.10A(8), which requires that you record the amount, frequency, and route of administration of any medication given to an animal. In this case, you failed to record the amount of domitor and antisedan that were given to "Diva," as only the volumes were noted as "0.4cc" of both drugs. There was no indication of the amount in milligrams, as required by regulation. The records were also unclear as to the route of administration of both drugs.

Although you have a previous disciplinary history before the Board, the Board has concluded that it is appropriate at this time to issue this **LETTER OF CENSURE** so that you may take steps to rectify the deficiencies noted. You also are hereby **ORDERED TO CEASE AND DESIST** from all further acts that would violate COMAR 15.14.01.10, a copy of which is enclosed. There is **no civil penalty, license suspension, or revocation for the violations identified herein**, although this Letter of Censure is subject to disclosure under Maryland's Public Information Act, §§10-611 et seq. of the State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be taken into account by the Board in any future proceedings regarding your practice.

If you wish to be heard on this matter before the Board, please contact the Board in writing within ten (10) days from receipt of this letter. If we do not hear from you during this ten-day period, this letter is final. You may appeal this determination, however, pursuant to Md. Ann. Code Agric. Art. §§2-401 et seq.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Downes, Executive Director of the Board, at 410.841.5862.

This is an Order of the Board.

Sincerely,

Chris H. Runde/lcd

Chris H. Runde, D.V.M.
Board President

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cc: Board file
Encl.