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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
PILAR J. WENDELL, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 10-50
LICENSE NO. 6531	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order (Agreement & Order), dated this 8th day of November, 2010, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) and Pilar J. Wendell, D.V.M. (Dr. Wendell), License No. 6531. This Agreement resolves a charging document filed by the Board on September 2, 2010, alleging that Dr. Wendell violated the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act and related regulations by practicing veterinary medicine in the State of Maryland without being registered with the Board.

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 in lieu of or in addition to the suspending a veterinarian's license. Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., § 2-310.1.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Wendell, by entering into and signing this document, while generally and specifically denying liability in this case, agrees to this Agreement and Order, acknowledging that the Board has sufficient evidence to find, as fact, and conclude as a matter of law that she violated the Veterinary Practice Act by practicing veterinary medicine in the State of Maryland without being registered with the Board on or about November 1, 2009 until on or about November 30, 2009, a violation of Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 15.14.01.11, which requires veterinarians who practice in the State to register annually with the Board and pay a registration fee.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 18th day of November, 2010, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Wendell is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $500.00 (payment to be made to the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners within 30 days of the date of this Order).

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

CONSENT

I, Rear Wendell, 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 after an opportunity to consult with counsel, and I acknowledge that I fully understand the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Agreement and Order.

11/08/2010
Date

_____, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 8 day of November, 2010, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Wendell, Rear J, 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:

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