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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
ERNEST A. SLOVON, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 10-77
LICENSE NO. 2779	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER OF CENSURE

This Consent Agreement and Order of Censure (Consent Agreement), dated this 6th day of April, 2011, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) and Dr. Ernest A. Slovon, D.V.M. (Dr. Slovon), License No. 2779. On June 11, 2010, Laurie Wildstein (Owner) of a then four-month-old Pug puppy, ("Benny") filed a complaint with the Board against Dr. Slovon. This Consent Agreement resolves the violation described by the Board in the attached Notice of Agency Action, alleging that Dr. Slovon violated the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act and related regulations, specifically, COMAR 15.14.01.07, in May of 2010 by administering a second distemper vaccination in three days to Laurie Wildstein's three-month-old sick Pug puppy ("Benny"). The parties have agreed to resolve this matter by entering into this Consent Agreement. Dr. Slovon waives the right to a hearing and appeal on the attached Notice of Agency Action.

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 to 2-316, 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

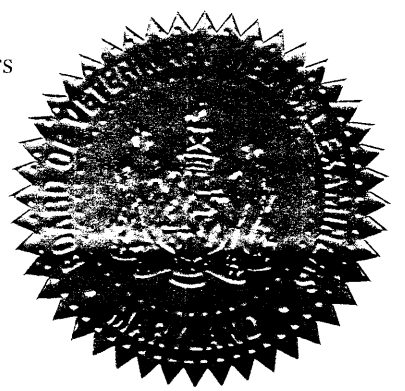
Dr. Slovon, by signing this Consent Agreement, while generally and specifically denying liability in this case, agrees to this Consent Agreement, acknowledging that the Board has sufficient evidence to find, as fact, and conclude as a matter of law that he did violate COMAR 15.14.01.07 Professional Judgment and Practice, by administering a second distemper vaccination to Laurie Wildstein's three-month-old ill Pug puppy, "Benny," on or about June 10, 2010. Administering a second distemper vaccination under these circumstances was not medically needed and was not in the patient's best interests. Taking all the facts and circumstances into consideration, the Board concluded that the most reasonable and appropriate resolution in this matter is a Censure.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 6th day of APRIL, 2011, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Slovon is **CENSURED.**

Chris H. Runde, DVM

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



CONSENT

I, Ernest A. Shaw, 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. To resolve this matter, I agree to the terms of this Consent Agreement, consisting of three pages, including this page. 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.

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Date

[signature], D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 1st day of April, 2011, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Ernest A. Shaw, 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.

[signature]
Notary Public

My Commission expires: March 18, 2013