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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
LAWRENCE F. STEINBERG, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 11-37
LICENSE NO. 2169	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order (Consent Agreement), dated this 6th day of July, 2011, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) and Lawrence F. Steinberg, D.V.M. (Dr. Steinberg), License No. 2169. This Consent Agreement resolves the charges filed by the Board on May 20, 2011 in Docket No. 11-37, alleging that Dr. Steinberg violated a certain Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR) under the Veterinary Practice Act. Specifically, in Docket No. 11-37, the Board alleged that Dr. Steinberg violated COMAR 15.14.01.10 Record Keeping, on or about March 13, 2009, by failing to maintain adequate records in the treatment of Katherine L. Senft's one-year-old male Pug, "Frankie." On May 25, 2011, Steinberg requested to resolve the charges informally. Thereafter, the parties entered into discussions and were able to reach a resolution. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Dr. Steinberg waives the right to a hearing and appeal on the charges in Docket No. 11-37.

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 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

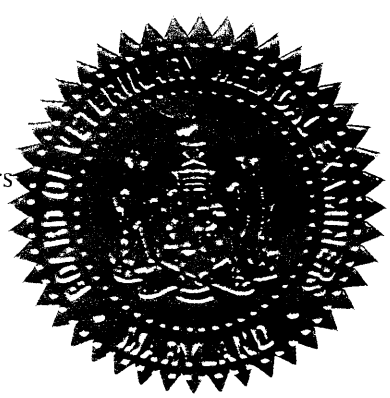
Dr. Steinberg, by entering into and signing this Consent Agreement, while generally and specifically denying liability in this case, agrees to this Consent Agreement, acknowledging that the Board has sufficient evidence to find, as fact, and conclude as a matter of law that he did violate a regulation adopted under the Veterinary Practice Act, specifically, COMAR 15.14.01.10 Record Keeping. On March 13, 2009, Dr. Steinberg failed to maintain adequate records for a one-year-old Pug, "Frankie," presented for neutering by the owner, Katherine Senft; that is, Dr. Steinberg failed to adequately record in the patient's medical record the physical examination performed prior to the administration of anesthesia, and the amount, frequency, and route of administration for pain medication given to the patient before he was neutered. Taking all the facts and circumstances into consideration, the Board concluded that the most reasonable and appropriate resolution in this matter included the following sanction.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 6th day of July, 2011, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that for the violation of COMAR 15.14.01.10 Record Keeping, Dr. Steinberg is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of $300.00; the Board acknowledges that payment has been received from Dr. Steinberg.

John L. Heizer, DVM

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



CONSENT

I, [illegible], 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 three 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.

6/29/2011
Date

[signature], D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29th day of JUNE, 2011, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared LAWRENCE F STEINBERG, 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.

[signature]
Notary Public

My Commission expires: JAN 26, 2012

TARIQ ZAFAR
NOTARY PUBLIC
Anne Arundel County, Maryland
My Commission Expires January 26, 2012