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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
AMRITPAL SINGH ANAND, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 07-08
LICENSE NO. 5550	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 10th day of January, 2008, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Amritpal Singh Anand, D.V.M. ("Dr. Anand"), License No. 5550. This Agreement concerns the resolution of a complaint filed with the Board in 2006 by Tracy Simmons, owner of a dog named "Tyson," as a result of a procedure to remove the dog's undescended testicle. As a result of Ms. Simmon's complaint, the Board charged Dr. Anand with violations of the Maryland Veterinary Practices Act and regulations thereunder. Of relevance to this Agreement & Order, the Board charged that Dr. Anand failed to recognize that he had removed the dog's lymph node instead of a testicle and therefore violated COMAR 15.14.01.07 by not conforming to the minimal standards of care and treatment that are customary among veterinarians in this State.

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 regulations adopted thereunder. 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 also impose a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 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

A resolution conference was held in this matter on December 12, 2007, attended by Dr. Anand, Dr. Anand's attorney Kathleen J. Masterton, President of the Board Dr. Chris Runde and Assistant Attorney General Claudia Diamond. At the conference, Dr. Anand acknowledged that the Board had sufficient evidence to find, as fact, that Dr. Anand had violated COMAR 15.14.01.07 by removing the dog's lymph node instead of testicle. It was also acknowledged at the conference that Dr. Anand had taken appropriate steps to prevent similar outcomes from occurring, including attending the following continuing education courses since the incident in August 2006:

1. A five day intensive course on Medicine Surgery offered by the Banfield Academy on October 15-20th in Portland, Oregon;
2. A six hour seminar on Respiratory Problems & Management in Clinical

Settings on April 22, 2007 in Gaithersburg, Maryland;

3. An online seminar on "Pericardial Effusion—Diagnosis and Management" offered by Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine;

4. A six hour seminar on "Gastroenterology – Medicine and Surgery" offered by the D.C. Academy of Veterinary Medicine on September 6, 2007, and

5. A six hour seminar on "Endocrinology-Medicine and Surgery" on November 4, 2007.

In addition, the Board acknowledged that Dr. Anand is registered to attend a three-day educational symposium in January 2008 that includes a medical lab on "Reproductive Surgical Complications" which will cover complications relating to cryptorchid, the removal of undescended testicles. Dr. Anand was also found to be an active member of continuing medical and veterinary education in the State of Maryland. Taking all of the facts and circumstances of the matter into account, it was concluded that the most reasonable and appropriate sanction for this matter is to assess a civil penalty and place Dr. Anand on probation for a period of six months.

ORDER

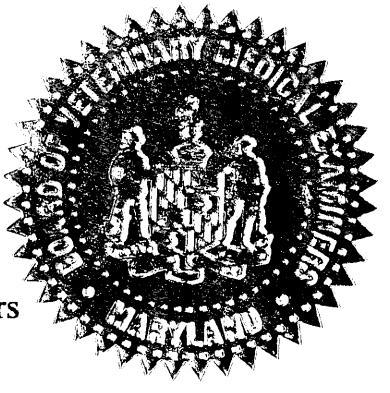
Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 10th day of January, 2008, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED**:

1.) That Dr. Anand is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Nine Hundred Dollars

($900); and

2.) That Dr. Anand is placed on probation for a period of six months from the date of this Agreement & Order requiring him to obey all laws and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine in this State. Violation of probation could result in the Board's sanctioning of Dr. Anand by reinstating the charges and suspending Dr. Anand's license for a period of two weeks. The Board shall not initiate any step to bring this Consent Agreement and Order or the fine and probation embodied herein to the attention of any employer of Dr. Anand, whether present or future.

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



CONSENT

I, Amritpal Singh Anand, 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 five 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.

12/22/07
Date

Amritpal Singh Anand, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF BALTIMORE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 22 day of December, 2007, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Amritpal Singh Anand 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.

Kathleen Masterton
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

KATHLEEN J. MASTERTON
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND
My Commission Expires September 1, 2008