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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
ERNEST A. SLOVON Veterinary License No. 2779	*	
	*	Docket No. 07-18
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CONSENT AGREEMENT & ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order ("Agreement & Order") dated this 9 day of April, 2008, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Ernest A. Slovon, D.V.M. ("Dr. Slovon"), License No. 2779. This Agreement concerns the resolution of charges filed by the Board in February 2008 concerning Dr. Slovon's treatment in July and August of 2006 of " Mousse," a five-month Labrador retriever, owned by Larry G. Leiser, Jr. and Jessica Voelker. The charges alleged that Dr. Slovon, in treating "Mousse," failed to comply with the record-keeping requirements for companion animals specified under COMAR 15.14.01.10. The charges also allege that Dr. Slovon failed to conform to the minimal standards of care and treatment which are customary in this State as required under COMAR 15.14.01.07.

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 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 suspending a veterinarian's license. Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., § 2-310.1.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Slovon, by entering into and signing this document, while generally and specifically denying liability in this case, agrees to this Agreement & Order, acknowledging that the Board has sufficient evidence to (a) find, as fact, that Dr. Slovon did not comply with the record-keeping requirements for companion animals by failing to record his findings about "Mousse's" health after physical exams on July 20, 2006, and August 5, 2006 (*e.g.*, the dog's temperature, pulse, and respiratory rate), " and (b) based on these findings of fact conclude as a matter of law that Dr. Slovon did violate the Veterinary Practice Act and its regulations, specifically COMAR 15.14.01.10.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, finding that Dr. Slovon violated the Veterinary Practice Act, it is this 9th day of April 2008, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Slovon: (1) reimburse the owners of "Mousse" in the amount of $1,130.58, which is equal to the amount they paid subsequent treating veterinarians; and (2) pay a civil penalty in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00)

for failing to comply with the record-keeping requirements specified in COMAR 15.14.01.10.

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

CONSENT

I, Ernest A. Slovon, 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 and Order. In order to resolve this matter, I agree to accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement and Order, consisting of three pages.

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 and Order.

4-4-08
Date

Ernest A. Slovon, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

~~CITY~~/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 4 day of April, 2008, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Ernest A. Slovon, 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.

Notary Public
My Commission expires: 12/1/08

KAREN L. BECKER
Notary Public, State of Maryland
Baltimore County