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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
AMANDA J. STUMP, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 12-46
LICENSE NO. 6460	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER OF CENSURE

This Consent Agreement and Order of Censure (Consent Agreement), dated this 4th day of JANUARY 2013 JLH, ~~2012~~, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) and Amanda J. Stump, D.V.M. (Dr. Stump), License No. 6460. On March 12, 2012, Don Pfeiffer, owner of a one-year-old female mixed breed dog, "Honey," filed a complaint with the Board concerning Dr. Stump. This Consent Agreement resolves the violation described by the Board in its Notice of Agency Action to Dr. Stump on July 6, 2012, alleging that Dr. Stump violated certain Board regulations; specifically, Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 15.14.01.07, pertaining to professional judgment and practice, and 15.14.01.10, pertaining to record keeping, on or about March 6, 2012, relating to the care and treatment and documentation of records for "Honey," who was presented by Mr. Pfeiffer for a low-cost option spay at Small Miracles Cat Rescue, a veterinary hospital (License No. 13-046), which operates as an animal rescue shelter. The parties have agreed to resolve this matter by entering into this Consent Agreement. Dr. Stump waives the right to a hearing and appeal on the Board's charging document in Docket No. 12-46.

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 or veterinary practitioner . . . [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, or revoking, a

veterinarian's license, respectively. Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., § 2-310.1. In setting the amount of a civil penalty, the Board shall consider the severity of the violation, the good faith of the violator, and any history of prior violations, as well as the Board's regulatory civil penalty standards. Md. Code Ann., State Gov't Art. § 10-1001(b); COMAR 15.14.11 Civil Penalty Standards for Veterinarians.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Stump, 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 she violated COMAR 15.14.01.07, pertaining to professional judgment and practice, on or about March 6, 2012, by failing to properly manage Mr. Pfeiffer's one-year-old female mixed breed dog, "Honey," during the post-operative period; specifically, an intravenous catheter and fluids were not available at the Small Miracles Cat Rescue where the procedure was performed; and Dr. Stump violated COMAR 15.14.01.10, pertaining to record keeping, by failing to prepare an appropriate surgical record; specifically, she did not indicate the technique, materials used for ligatures, and use of gas anesthesia.

Taking all the facts and circumstances into consideration, including the nature of the assertions, Dr. Stump's good faith effort to resolve this matter, and Dr. Stump's lack of disciplinary history with the Board, 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 4th day of JANUARY, 2013 ~~2012~~, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED** that Dr. Amanda J. Stump, License No. 6460, is **CENSURED.**

John L. Heizer, DVM

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Vice President
Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

CONSENT

I, Amanda J. Stump, DVM, 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.

12/20/12 _____, D.V.M.
Date

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF BALTIMORE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 20th day of DECEMBER, 2012, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared AMANDA J STUMP, 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.

Daniel L. Babcock
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 01-01-2013

DANIEL L. BABCOCK NOTARY PUBLIC COMM. EXP. JANUARY 01, 2013 HARFORD COUNTY, MD