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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
RAYMOND H. CRAFT, DVM	*	DOCKET NO. 15-08
LICENSE NO. 1949	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

This Consent Agreement and Order (Consent Agreement), dated this 6th day of October, 2015, is between the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) and Raymond H. Craft, DVM (Dr. Craft), License No. 1949. This Consent Agreement resolves the charges filed by the Board on May 27, 2015 in Docket No. 15-08, alleging that Dr. Craft violated certain Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), specifically COMAR 15.14.01.07 and 15.14.01.10, beginning on or about December 30 2013 until January 2, 2014, concerning the care and treatment of "Makalu," a 14-month-old male Himalayan cat presented by Jacolyn Dunbar (Owner) for follow-up treatment for bite wounds. On or about August 17, 2015, Dr. Craft asked to resolve the charges informally. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Dr. Craft waives the right to a hearing and appeal on the charges in Docket No. 15-08. Dr. Craft has no disciplinary history with the Board.

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 Sections 2-301 through 2-316, Annotated Code of Maryland and related COMAR 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., Section 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., Section 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. Section 10-1001(b); COMAR 15.14.11 Civil Penalty Standards for Veterinarians.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Raymond H. Craft, DVM, License No. 1949, by entering into and signing this Consent Agreement, while generally and specifically denying liability in this case, agrees to the provisions of this Consent Agreement, acknowledging that the Board has sufficient evidence to find, as fact, and conclude as a matter of law that on or about December 30, 2013 through January 2, 2014 at Pet Vacx, 14636 Rothgeb Drive, in Rockville, Maryland 20850, Dr. Craft violated COMAR 15.14.01.10 pertaining to record keeping in his care and treatment of Jacolyn Dunbar's 14-month-old male Himalayan cat, "Makalu," when he failed to adequately maintain records for the patient, including the patient's status and detail of the care and safety measures he alleges to have taken; and during the same period, when he failed to record concentrations of drugs administered to the patient.

Taking all the facts and circumstances into consideration, including the nature of the violation, Dr. Craft's lack of a disciplinary history with the Board, and his good faith efforts to resolve this matter promptly, the Board concluded that the most reasonable and appropriate resolution in these matters includes the following sanctions.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 6th day of October, 2015, by the Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, ORDERED that:

a. For the violation of COMAR 15.14.01.10 Record Keeping, Dr. Craft is assessed a total civil penalty of $1,500, payable by paper check to the "Maryland Department of Agriculture" with the notation "SBVME – 15-08" to be sent to 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Rm. 102, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. Payment shall be made not later than 30 days from the date of this Order.

b. Dr. Craft shall serve a period of probation of six months. While on probation, the veterinarian shall obey all laws and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine in this State and the conditions of this Consent Agreement. Violation of probation means that the veterinarian is charged

and the Board ultimately concludes that the veterinarian violated the Veterinary Practice Act, related regulations, or the terms of this Consent Agreement during the period of probation.

c. Within **five** months of the date of this order, Dr. Craft shall complete six continuing education (CE) program hours in pain management/emergency medicine, to be preapproved by the Board, and the record-keeping module of Dr. James Wilson's Veterinary Law and Ethics online course. Within **30** days of completion of this continuing education (CE), Dr. Craft shall forward to the Board documentation from the CE provider showing proof of completion of the CE credits required under this Order. Proof from the CE provider shall include Dr. Craft's name, the number of hours of CE completed, the topics covered, and the dates the CE modules were completed. Completion of this CE will **not** be counted towards the 18 credit hours of CE required annually for re-registration of the veterinary license.

David L. Handel, DVM

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President
State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

CONSENT

I, Raymond Craft, 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 four 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.

10/1/15
Date

, DVM

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Montgomery

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of 1st day of October, 2015, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Raymond H. Craft, DVM, 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: 3/26/2018