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

IN THE MATTER OF :	*	
WILLIAM C. MITCHELL, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 00-043
LICENSE NO. 2699	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated this 2 day of April, 2004, is between the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and William C. Mitchell, D.V.M., License No. 2699 ("Dr. Mitchell"). The Agreement concerns the charges that the Board filed against Dr. Mitchell, alleging that he violated the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act (Md. Code Ann., Agric Art. §§2-301, *et seq.*), by permitting a non-veterinarian to practice veterinary medicine on animals that were patients of his veterinary hospital.

Under the Veterinary Practice Act, 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 ... regulations after receiving a license" (Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., §2-310(8)); and in lieu of, or in addition to, suspending a veterinarian's license, the Board may impose a civil penalty of not more than $5,000 (Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., §2-310.1).

In light of Dr. Mitchell's agreement not to contest the charges filed against him in Docket No. 02-042 and enter into a Consent Agreement with the Board in that action, the Board and Dr. Mitchell agree that the charge filed against him in this matter shall be removed from the Board's "Pending Docket," and placed on its "Inactive Docket," under the following terms and conditions:

(1) Dr. Mitchell shall comply with the terms of his probation set forth in the Consent Agreement he entered into with the Board in Docket No. 02-042;

(2) If, following a hearing, the Board finds that Dr. Mitchell has not complied with the terms of his probation set forth in Docket No. 02-042, in addition to taking any further discipline in that action, the Board may reschedule a hearing on the merits of the

charge filed against him in this matter;

(3) Dr. Mitchell may not renew his registration to practice veterinary medicine in this State when it expires on June 30, 2004; and

(4) If Dr. Mitchell seeks to renew his registration to practice veterinary medicine in this State after it expires on June 30, 2004, the Board may refuse to take action on this request until such time that it can conduct a hearing on the merits of the charge filed against him in this matter and, following the hearing, determine what disciplinary action, if any, is warranted.

2 April 2004
Date

John Paul O'Mara, D.V.M.
President
State Board of Veterinary
Medical Examiners

CONSENT

I, William C. Mitchell, D.V.M., acknowledge that I had an opportunity to consult with counsel before entering into and signing this document. By this Consent, I hereby waive any right to an immediate hearing on the charge filed against me in this matter. Accordingly, in order to resolve this matter, I agree to accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement, consisting of two pages.

I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Agreement.

I sign this Consent Agreement without reservation as my voluntary act and deed after having an opportunity to consult with counsel, and I acknowledge that I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Agreement.

3/23/04
Date

William C. Mitchell, D.V.M.,
Respondent

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

~~**CITY/**~~**COUNTY OF** FREDERICK

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 23rd day of March, 2004, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared William C. Mitchell, D.V.M., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Lisa R. Brandenburg
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 12/1/07