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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
KELLY N. SHEASLEY, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 01-056
LICENSE NO. 5210, and	*	
MICHAEL M. FORNEY, D.V.M.	*	
LICENSE NO. 1534	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated this 17 day of July, 2002, is between: (1) the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board"); and (2) Kelly N. Sheasley, D.V.M., License No. 5210, Michael M. Forney, D.V.M., License No. 1534, and the Chestertown Animal Hospital. The Agreement resolves the complaint that Rosalie D. Ready filed concerning the care provided her cat, Scooter, at the Chestertown Animal Hospital, where Dr. Sheasley is employed.

Under the Veterinary Practice Act, the Board is charged with regulating the veterinary profession, and "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 $5000 (Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art., §2-310.1).

In lieu of taking any other action in this matter, including, possibly, formal disciplinary action, Dr. Sheasley, Dr. Forney, and the Chestertown Animal Hospital ("Hospital") enter into this Consent Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, to resolve Ms. Ready's complaint, the parties agree as follows:

1.) The Hospital, by Dr. Forney, agrees to forgive the balance of the bill (to wit: $200), and any late fee, charged Ms. Ready in this matter, and so notify Ms. Ready, and if need be, any collection agency; additionally, within 30 days from the date of this Agreement, the Hospital agrees to reimburse Ms. Ready one hundred, seventy-two dollars, and sixty-six cents ($172.66), which figure represents the amount she already paid the Hospital for the veterinary services provided her cat in this matter; and

2.) Within one year from the date of this Agreement, Dr. Sheasley agrees to attend and successfully complete a continuing veterinary educational course on internal medicine problem solving that is approved by the Board.

Upon proof that the Hospital, by Dr. Forney, has dealt with Ms. Ready's bill in the manner described above, the Board shall dismiss Ms. Ready's complaint against him; and upon proof that Dr. Sheasley has completed the educational course described above, the Board shall dismiss Ms. Ready's complaint against her.

Date

Donald M. Carman, D.V.M.
President
State Board of Veterinary
Medical Examiners

CONSENT

I, Kelly N. Sheasley, 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. In order to resolve this matter, I agree to accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement, consisting of 3 pages.

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

7/17/02
Date

Kelly N. Sheasley, D.V.M.

I, Michael M. Forney, 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. In order to resolve this matter, I agree to accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement, consisting of 3 pages.

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7/17/02
Date

Michael M. Forney, D.V.M.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Kent

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17 day of July, 2002, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Kelly N. Sheasley, D.V.M., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Judith A Cooper
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3-1-2006

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Kent

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17 day of July, 2002, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Michael M. Forney, 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.

Judith A Cooper
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3-1-2006