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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
LINDA A. FERRARO, V.M.D.	*	DOCKET NO. 02-049
LICENSE NO. 2188	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated this 2nd day of October, 2003, is between the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Linda A. Ferraro, V.M.D. ("Dr. Ferraro"), License No. 2188. The Agreement concerns the allegation that Dr. Ferraro's hospital, that being, St. Michaels Veterinary Clinic, was not in compliance with certain sanitation standards covering licensed veterinary hospitals in this State. More specifically, the Board charged that (a) certain areas of her veterinary hospital were disorderly and cluttered, a violation of COMAR 15.14.03.02; and (b) she stored expired medications with medications that had not expired, a violation of COMAR 15.14.01.12. Under the Veterinary Practice Act, the Board may suspend or revoke a hospital's license if the veterinary hospital is not maintained properly. Md. Code Ann., Agric. Art. §2-304.1.

On July 2, 2003, the Board conducted a resolution conference in this matter. Attending the conference were: (1) Dr. Ferraro, (2) John P. O'Mara, D.V.M., the Board's President, (3) Robin Roscher, the Board's inspector, and (4) Thomas F. Filbert, Assistant Attorney General, the Board's Presenter of Evidence. At the conference, Dr. Ferraro agreed to take certain steps to correct the problems with which her hospital was cited, and complete them by August 4, 2003. On August 4, 2003, Ms. Roscher inspected the hospital and determined that Dr. Ferraro did complete the steps she agreed to take in a timely manner.

To resolve the complaint against Dr. Ferraro, and in light of Dr. Ferraro's actions to address the problems at her hospital, the Board and Dr. Ferraro enter into this Consent Agreement. The Board shall remove the charges filed against Dr. Ferraro in

this matter from its "pending" docket, and place them on its "inactive" docket. If Dr. Ferraro's hospital is maintained properly for a period of two years from the date of this Agreement, the Board shall dismiss the case. Conversely, if Dr. Ferraro's hospital is not maintained properly during this two year period, the Board may place this matter again on its "pending" docket and reschedule it for a hearing.

11/3/03
Date

John Paul O'Mara, D.V.M.

CONSENT

I, Linda A. Ferraro, V.M.D., 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 2 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, and have no objection to having the charges in this matter placed on the Board's "inactive" docket.

9-24-03
Date

Linda A. Ferraro, V.M.D.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Talbot

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 24 day of September, 2003, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Linda A. Ferraro, V.M.D., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Agreement was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Karen A Sawdray
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 3-28-07