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

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	
ANWARUL H. CHAUDRY, D.V.M.	*	DOCKET NO. 04-055
LICENSE NO. 2314	*	

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CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Consent Agreement, dated this 25th day of August, 2005, is between the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Anwarul H. Chaudry, D.V.M., License No. 2314. The Agreement concerns the complaint filed against Dr. Chaudry, stemming from the onychetomy he performed upon "Alexie," a three-year old feline owned by Carolyn Frye, née Fitzsimmons (to wit: the alleged failure to properly remove all of the cat's claws).

Under the Veterinary Practice Act, the Board is charged with regulating the practice of veterinary medicine in this State. 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).

More specifically, in this matter, Ms. Frye complained that several months after Dr. Chaudry performed the onychetomy upon Alexie, she took her cat to Meghan Nahill, D.V.M., who, after examining the animal and observing claws growing back on several toes, performed a second operation to remove them. To perform this procedure, Dr. Nahill charged Ms. Frye Two Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents ($269.88), which Ms. Frye paid.

To resolve this matter, the parties agree as follows:

1.) Within thirty days from the date of this Agreement, Dr. Chaudry shall reimburse Ms. Frye Two Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents ($269.88).

which figure represents the costs she incurred to have Dr. Nahill perform the second procedure upon Alexie; and

2.) Upon proof that Dr. Chaudry has reimbursed Ms. Frye this money, and in recognition of Dr. Chaudry's good record with the Board and Ms. Frye's agreement to dispose of her complaint in this manner, the Board shall dismiss the aforementioned complaint filed against him, substituting in its place an informal letter critiquing Dr. Chaudry's management of this case.

8-25-05
Date

Chris H. Runde, D.V.M.
President
State Board of Veterinary
Medical Examiners

CONSENT

I, Anwarul H. Chaudry, 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 acknowledge that the Board had grounds to review the complaint filed against me in this matter. In order to resolve this matter, I agree to accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement, consisting of two pages.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Agreement and I am waiving my right to a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by the laws of the State of Maryland. I also affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal from this Consent Agreement.

I sign this Consent Agreement without reservation as my voluntary act and deed, and I acknowledge that I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Agreement.

Date

Anwarul H. Chaudrey, D.V.M.
Respondent

NOTARY

STATE OF MD

CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 22nd day of August, 2005, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Anwarul H. Chaudry, D.V.M., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Agreement was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: 6/11/2007