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

IN THE MATTER OF:

ADRIENNE A. EDWARDS, D.V.M.
Veterinary License No. 2894 _

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DOCKET NO. 06-049

PET DEPOT PET CARE CLINIC
8337 Grubb Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Hospital License No. 15-056

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CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated this 21st day of November, 2006, is between the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and Adrienne A. Edwards, D.V.M., License No. 2894 ("Dr. Edwards"). The Agreement concerns the charges that the Board filed against Dr. Edwards, alleging that she violated the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act (Md. Code Ann., Agric Art. §§2-301, et seq.), by operating a veterinary hospital for a period of time without renewing its license.

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).

FINDINGS OF FACT

Dr. Edwards, by entering into and signing this document, acknowledges that the Board could produce evidence establishing the following Findings of Fact:

1. At all times relevant to the charges, Dr. Edwards was, and is, licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Maryland; and owned and operated the Pet Depot Pet Care Clinic, located at 8337 Grubb Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.
2. From July 1, 2005 to June 21, 2006 (to wit: the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Licensing

period), Dr. Edwards operated the above-referenced facility as a veterinary hospital. Dr. Edwards, however, did not have a license from the Board to operate this facility as a veterinary hospital for this time period.

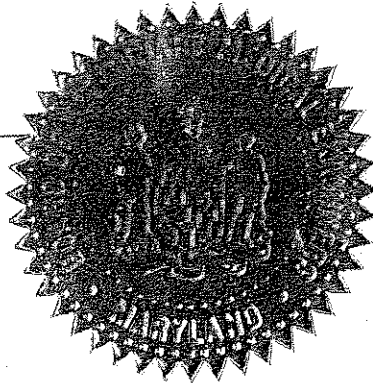
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Board makes the following Conclusions of Law: From July 1, 2005 to June 21, 2006 (to wit: the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Licensing period), Dr. Edwards owned and operated a veterinary hospital known as Pet Depot Pet Care Clinic, located at 8337 Grubb Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, without a valid hospital license from the Board, and in so doing, violated Agriculture Article, §2-304.1, Annotated Code of Maryland.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, finding that Adrienne A. Edwards, D.V.M., License No. 2894, violated Agriculture Article, §2-304.1, Annotated Code of Maryland, it is this 21st day of November, 2006, by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, **ORDERED**: That Dr. Edwards pay a civil penalty in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) (the Board acknowledges Dr. Edward's payment of this penalty).

11/21/06
Date



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

CONSENT


I, Adrienne A. Edwards, 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, by a preponderance of the evidence, could prove the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein. Accordingly, in order to resolve these matters, I agree to accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement, consisting of three pages (including this page).

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Agreement as if entered after the conclusion of 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 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.

11/15/06
Date



Adrienne A. Edwards, D.V.M.
Respondent

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND
CITY/COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGES

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 15th day of November, 2006, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Adrienne A. Edwards, D.V.M., 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.

Charles Hess
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 1 MARCH 2009