

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

JAMES L.B. THOMPSON, D.V.M.

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DOCKET NO. 04-032

LICENSE NO. 1938

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CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated this ²⁵15 day of March, 2005 is between the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and James L.B. Thompson, D.V.M., License No. 1938 ("Dr. Thompson"). The Agreement concerns the charges that the Board filed against Dr. Thompson, alleging that he violated the Maryland Veterinary Practice Act (Md. Code Ann., Agric Art. §§2-301, *et seq.*), pertaining to his treatment of "Gracie," a four-year old Maltese owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Debbie Hickman.

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).

More specifically, in this matter, the Board's charges against Dr. Thompson include the following:

- (1) He failed to comply with the record-keeping requirements for companion animals provided under COMAR 15.14.01.10; and
- (2) The care he provided Gracie fell below the minimal standard required of a veterinarian in this State, a violation of COMAR 15.14.01.07.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Dr. Thompson, by entering into and signing this document, acknowledges that