BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

IN THE MATTER OF: Dr. Melissa Eslahi

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Comes now Dr. Melissa Eslahi, (hereinafter "Dr. Eslahi"), and the West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (hereinafter "Board"), by Wanda Goodwin for the purpose of agreeing to disciplinary action which shall be taken against Dr. Eslahi, by the Board, pursuant to West Virginia Code §30-10-4.

As reflected in this document, the parties have reached an agreement concerning the proper disposition of this matter, and the Board approving such agreement, does hereby find and order as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is a state entity created by W. Va. Code §30-10-1, et seq., and is empowered to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine, pursuant to W. Va. Code §30-10-11.
- 2. Dr. Eslahi holds a veterinary license issued by the Board, enabling her to practice veterinary medicine in the State of West Virginia. Her West Virginia veterinary license number is # 9911.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

That Dr. Melissa Eslahi, a veterinarian;

Violated the conditions of her consent agreement dated the 26th day of December, 2000, by failing to apply to the West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine prior to her enrollment in a continuing education course in surgery and/or surgical, as specified in the Order of said consent agreement.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has the power to place on probation, suspend a license, limit or restrict a license, revoke any license issued by the Board, or set fines pursuant to W. Va. Code §30-1-8 and §30-10-4.
- 2. The West Virginia veterinary practice act states in §30-10-11

 "By a concurrence of four members, the Board may suspend for a certain time or revoke the license or otherwise discipline, for..
- 3. The Board finds, as specified in the Statement of Charges that there is probable cause to believe that Dr. Eslahi has violated the requirements of the December 26, 2000 consent agreement between her and The West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine.

CONSENT

Dr. Eslahi, by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

- 1) She is aware of her right to pursue this matter through the appropriate administrative and/or court channels, but intelligently, knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to do so.
- 2) She consents to the entry of the following Order, affecting her license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of West Virginia. She further recognizes and acknowledges that this document is a reprimand and an official discipline, due to her failure to abide by the conditions of the December 26, 2000 consent agreement.
- 3) She recognizes that this document is a public record.
- 4) Should proper cause arise or laws require, federal and state authorities shall be notified of this settlement via Consent Agreement.

ORDER

Dr. Melissa Eslahi, by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. Dr. Melissa Eslahi shall remit to The West Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), such amount being a fine for violation of the prior

consent agreement. The Board shall pay such fine directly to the general revenue fund of the State of West Virginia.

2. Any violations of the conditions of this consent agreement shall be immediate cause for a hearing to determine if the license to practice veterinary medicine by Dr. Melissa Eslahi in West Virginia should be further suspended, disciplined or revoked.

3. Dr. Eslahi shall sign and return this document to the Board with the required fine, no later than April 17, 2002, or the Board will puruse what further action is appropriate.

ENTERED this 10^{th} day of An , 2002.

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Dr Melissa Eslahi

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Wanda Goodwin

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