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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
DOCKET NO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION  
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

LOUIS A. GRASSO, D.V.M.

TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners upon receipt of the information that in July 1992 licensee Louis A. Grasso, D.V.M., pleaded guilty in New York State to three counts of possession and distribution of anabolic steroids on three separate occasions. He was placed on probation for three years, the first two months to be served as home detention, and ordered to perform 400 hours of community service and to pay an assessment of \$150.00. In addition, as the result of a forfeiture proceeding against his home brought by the Federal government contending that it had been used in connection

with the sale of steroids, Dr. Grasso paid \$53,800.00 in settlement.

In May 1992 Dr. Grasso, an equine specialist whose practice consisted entirely of the treatment of horses at race tracks, surrendered the license which had been issued to him by the New York State Racing & Wagering Board, Division of Harness Racing. Although no state license was suspended or revoked, Dr. Grasso effectively ceased practice in this country at that time.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:16-6(i), the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners may suspend or revoke a license to practice veterinary medicine in this State upon proof to the satisfaction of the Board that a licensee has committed acts of fraud or dishonesty. Based on Dr. Grasso's guilty plea to three counts of possession and distribution of anabolic steroids, this Board is satisfied that sufficient grounds exist for the suspension or revocation of his license to practice veterinary medicine.

Dr. Grasso, represented in this matter by Byron Lassin, Esq., wishing to settle this matter without the necessity for formal administrative action, and the Board being satisfied that this Order is adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause existing for the entry thereof:

IT IS on this 6 day of November, 1993,

ORDERED that the license of Louis A. Grasso, D.V.M., to practice veterinary medicine in the State of New Jersey be and hereby is suspended for a period of five years, the first year to

be served as an active suspension and the remaining four years to be considered a period of probation, and it is further

ORDERED that, should Dr. Grasso wish to commence practice in this State at the end of one year of active suspension, he shall first appear before the Board or a committee thereof to demonstrate his fitness to do so, and it is further

ORDERED that the period of suspension shall be considered to have commenced on August 1, 1993.

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY Thomas Sanguini VMD  
Thomas Sanguini V.M.D.  
President

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by the terms therein. Consent is hereby given for the Board to enter this Order.

Louis A. Grasso D.V.M.  
Louis A. Grasso, D.V.M.

Byron Lassin  
Byron Lassin, Esq.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY

Marianne C. Kehoe  
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Executive Director