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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	
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<b>CONRADO ROBLEJO, D.V.M.</b>	:	<u>Administrative Action</u>
License No. 29VI00150300	:	
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TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE	:	PROVISIONAL ORDER
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	OF DISCIPLINE
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made;

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent, Conrado Roblejo, D.V.M., License No. 29VI00150300, is a veterinarian licensed in the State of New Jersey and has been licensed at all times relevant hereto.

2. On or about February 23, 2005, the State Board of Veterinary Medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, issued a Final Adjudication and Order suspending Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine ". . . indefinitely, for not less than one year." The Board's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Discussion concluded that Respondent failed to conform to the acceptable and prevailing standard of veterinary medical practice by failing to: 1) perform appropriate diagnostic testing on a dog, Venus; and 2) provide appropriate treatment for Venus' veterinary medical condition on January 18 and 26, and February 10, 2000.

3. The Board imposed a civil penalty of \$1,000.00, a total of sixteen (16) hours of continuing education, successful completion of the Companion Animal Proficiency Examination of the National Board of Examiners in Veterinary Medicine and the indefinite period of suspension lasting at least one (1) year followed by two (2) years of probation. (A copy of the Order and available supporting materials are annexed hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof).

4. The respondent appealed the Board's final adjudication and Order to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania in or about September 2005. The reviewing court affirmed the civil penalty and the continuing education requirement. However, the Commonwealth Court limited the active suspension of Dr. Roblejo's

license to a maximum one year period and reversed the requirement of the Companion Animal Proficiency examination and the additional two year probationary period in an Order issued in October 2005. (A copy of the Order and available supporting materials are annexed hereto as Exhibit B and made a part hereof).

5. During the pendency of the appeal process, respondent complied with the Pennsylvania Board's Order and completed the imposed continuing education, paid the civil penalty and ceased practicing veterinary medicine in the State. He then filed a petition for reinstatement and expedited decision with the Pennsylvania Board in November 2005. The Board concluded that the seriousness of Dr. Roblejo's offenses outweighed his evidence of prompt completion of the imposed sanctions and that said compliance did not persuade the Board to reduce or deviate from the imposed one year suspension. Therefore, respondent's petition for reinstatement was denied in a Board Order issued in February 2006. (A copy of the Order and available supporting materials are annexed hereto as Exhibit C and made a part hereof).

#### **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

1. The above disciplinary actions taken by the sister state of Pennsylvania provides grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g), in that Respondent's license has been suspended in another state.

2. The above disciplinary action taken by the sister state of Pennsylvania provides grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d), in that Respondent has engaged in repeated acts of negligence.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS** on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2006,

**ORDERED THAT:**

1. Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of New Jersey is suspended until such time as Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is fully reinstated without any restrictions.

2. Prior to resuming active practice in New Jersey, Respondent may be required to appear before the Board or a committee thereof, to demonstrate fitness to resume practice, to show that he has satisfied all requirements of any sister state disposition. Any practice in this State prior to said appearance, if so required, shall constitute grounds for the charge of unlicensed practice. In addition, the Board reserves the right to place restrictions on Respondent's practice should his license be reinstated.

3. The within Order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following entry hereof unless

Respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Leslie G. Aronson, Executive Director, State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 45020, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.

c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons thereof or offered in mitigation of the penalty.

4. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board, and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through the supplemental submissions during the thirty (30) day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

5. In the event that Respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to, an evidentiary hearing, Respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein shall serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. Furthermore, in the event a hearing is held

and/or upon further review of the record, the Board shall not be limited to the findings, conclusions and sanctions contained herein.

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