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

IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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DONNA M. ALFIERI, D.V.M. :  
: CONSENT ORDER  
TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE :  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :  
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This matter was opened to the State Board of  
Veterinary Medical Examiners (hereinafter referred to as  
"Board") following its review of information received  
alleging that the respondent Donna M. Alfieri, D.V.M.,  
permitted unlicensed personnel to perform acts constituting  
veterinary medicine on patients at her practice, the

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Veterinary Center of Morris County ("the Center").

The Board's investigation revealed that the respondent permitted Daniel Buchwald, an individual with some prior veterinary medical training but unlicensed in New Jersey, to perform ear cropping surgeries in her hospital beginning in 2001 and ending in February 2006. Respondent permitted Mr. Buchwald to perform these surgeries on his own animals as well as other animals in her Center utilizing respondent's staff and medical supplies and equipment. The Board's review of its records indicated that Mr. Buchwald is not licensed in this State as a veterinarian. Dr. Alfieri did not submit any documentation to the Board disputing these allegations.

The Board, following its review of the submitted documents in this matter, has concluded that Dr. Alfieri permitted an unlicensed person to perform acts for which a veterinary medical license is required and aided and abetted an unlicensed person in performing acts constituting veterinary medicine, contrary to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n).

The above facts establish a basis for disciplinary action. It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without the need for formal disciplinary proceedings; and waiving any right to a

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hearing; and the respondent acknowledging and not contesting the findings of fact and conclusions of law made by the Board; and the Board having been satisfied that the within resolution adequately protects the public health, safety and welfare; and for good cause shown;

IT IS on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL 2008,

ORDERED that:

1. The respondent, Donna M. Alfieri, D.V.M., is hereby formally reprimanded for permitting an unlicensed person to perform an act for which a veterinary medical license is required; and/or for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine, contrary to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n).

2. Dr. Alfieri shall cease and desist from further violations of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n).

3. Dr. Alfieri is hereby assessed a civil penalty, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22, in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the violations of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(n). Payment for the civil penalty shall be submitted contemporaneously with the entry of this Consent Order, by certified check or money order, made payable to the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and shall be forwarded to Leslie G. Aronson, Executive Director, Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth

Floor, Post Office Box 45020, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

Subsequent violations will subject respondent to enhanced penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

In the alternative, the respondent may pay the civil penalty, totaling \$10,000.00 in equal installment payments of \$420.00 for a total twenty-three (23) months. The twenty-fourth (24th) and final payment will total \$340.00. The first payment shall be paid simultaneously with submission of this Order with subsequent payments due on the fifteenth of each month thereafter until the total amount is paid in full.

Any failure to make any installment payment within ten (10) days of the due date shall cause the entire remaining balance to become immediately due and payable without further notice. Further, failure to pay the penalty within the time period allotted above will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt, including the applicable interest permitted by the New Jersey Court Rules, and may result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings before the Board for failure to comply with an Order of the Board.

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4. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order may result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings for failure to comply with an Order of the Board.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF  
VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: Mark W. Logan VMD  
MARK W. LOGAN, V.M.D.  
President

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

Donna Alfieri 4/28/08  
DONNA ALFIERI, D.V.M. DATE:

Consented as to form and entry:

Deborah A. Cmielewski 4/28/08  
DEBORAH A. CMIELEWSKI, ESQUIRE DATED:  
WolfBlock Brach Eichler

*Handwritten initials/signature*