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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 :  
: Administrative Action  
**LAUREN ROGINSKI, 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 ("Board") following the Board's review of a consumer complaint, filed by Patricia Hoffmann on or about August 17, 2007, concerning the veterinary services rendered by the respondent, Lauren Roginski, D.V.M. Ms. Hoffmann alleged in her complaint that the respondent had engaged in negligence in the treatment of her three (3) year old male Labrador Retriever, "Sargeant."

Ms. Hoffmann presented Sargeant to Dr. Roginski at the Ringwood Animal Hospital on August 8, 2007 for a routine neuter. Dr. Roginski performed the surgery which was uneventful. An hour post-operatively, Sargeant developed a scrotal hematoma and active bleeding at the surgery site. Respondent performed a second surgery and clamped and re-ligated the sutures on the left side. According to Dr. Roginski, there was no apparent bleeding on the right side. Sargeant was stable following the second surgery for several hours, until about 4:00 p.m.

At approximately 5:00 p.m., Sargeant became much quieter, his gums were very pale pink, he had cold extremities, and a rapid heart rate. Respondent diagnosed and treated him for shock, with insertion of an I.V. catheter, I.V. fluids, 500 mg bolus of Solu-Delta I.V., and external warmth. An abdominal radiograph was taken which failed to indicate internal bleeding and an abdominocentesis was negative for blood. Respondent consulted with the practice owner, Frank Riccardelli, V.M.D., who concurred in the treatment for shock, since there was no evidence of internal bleeding. At approximately 6:00 p.m. Sargeant's gum color and body temperature improved and his heart rate returned to normal. Respondent informed the owners of the complications and the owners visited Sargeant at 7:30 p.m. At approximately 9:00 p.m., Dr. Roginski reports that the dog responded to voices, wagged his tail, urinated and was walking with assistance. However, by 11:00 p.m., Sargeant was dead.

At the owner's request, a necropsy was performed, which concluded that the cause of death was internal bleeding, although the specific source of the bleeding was not found. In her August 27, 2007 response to the Board, Dr. Roginski denied that she was negligent in her surgery or care of Sargeant. Rather, she maintained that the death was an unfortunate and rare complication that can accompany any surgery.

The Board, following its review of the patient records and other relevant documents in this matter, has concluded that Dr. Roginski engaged in repeated acts of negligence, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d), in that she: 1) failed to determine whether the dog had a clotting problem after Sargeant went into shock following the second surgery; 2) failed to provide a referral option to a specialist for ultrasound if she was unable to follow up with the critical care of Sargeant; and 3) failed to communicate effectively with the owner. The Board concludes that these facts as detailed above establish a basis for disciplinary action.

The Board has further concluded that the records Dr. Roginski maintained for Sargeant failed to contain requisite information, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) and N.J.A.C. 13:44-4.9(a), which requires all patient records to accurately reflect the treatment or services rendered. Specifically, the Board found that respondent's records failed to: 1) document the

name of the veterinary facility on the records. The Board concludes that these facts as detailed above establish a basis for disciplinary action.

It appearing that the respondent desires to resolve this matter without admission of any wrongdoing and without recourse to further proceedings; and the Board having been satisfied that the within resolution adequately protects the public health, safety and welfare; and for good cause shown:

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ON THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY

OF JANUARY 2009, ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Roginski is hereby assessed a civil penalty, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(b), in the aggregate amount of \$3,000.00 consisting of: 1) \$2,500.00 for engaging in repeated acts of negligence, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d), and \$500.00 for record keeping violations, contrary to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) and N.J.A.C. 13:44-4.9. Payment for the civil penalty shall be submitted contemporaneously with the signing of this 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 subject to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

2. Dr. Roginski has previously provided proof of restitution to consumer Patricia Hoffman, totaling \$650.00, in August 2007.

3. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Consent Order or remit any and all payments required by this Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt and 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.

Lauren Roginski DVM  
LAUREN ROGINSKI, D.V.M.

DATED: 1/27/09

Consented as to form and entry:

Deborah A. Cmielewski  
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DATED: 1/23/09

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