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NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
on this date of: 8-30-16 **DA**

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 45020
Newark, NJ 07101
(973) 504-6500

Re: Settlement Letter in Lieu of Formal Disciplinary Proceedings in Complaint #112544

Dear Dr. Vaino:

The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry has completed its review of information concerning the above captioned complaint, including:

1. The complaint of J.S. concerning your treatment of her two canines for Rabies immunization on March 5, 2016;
2. A copy of your response dated March 29, 2016; and,
3. Other information available to the Board.

Based upon its preliminary review of these matters, it appears to the Board that you may have engaged in the following actions which, if proven, would constitute violations of the Board's statutes and regulations:

1. **Record Keeping** - You failed to create and maintain adequate patient records. Specifically, the records failed to contain the information required by N.J.A.C. 13:44-4.9, including, but not limited to, sufficient information to clearly identify what examinations were conducted prior to the vaccination of the canines.

This failure to maintain adequate patient records may be sufficient to initiate the filing of formal disciplinary proceedings. However, the Board has determined that it will first offer you an opportunity to settle this matter, and avoid the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings, should you agree to the following:

1. Pay a penalty of \$1,000 for violations of the Board's record keeping regulations.

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Settlement Letter

August 3, 2016

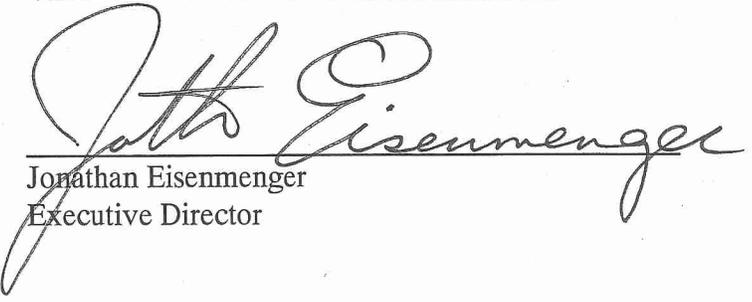
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If you are willing to settle this matter on the offered settlement terms, you may do so by signing the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter, and returning it to the Board office. The penalty may be paid by a check or money order made payable to the "State of New Jersey - Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners" and should be submitted to the Board office. You should be advised that upon receipt of your signed acknowledgment, this letter will be a matter of public record.

In the event you are unwilling to settle this matter on the offered terms, it will be referred to the Attorney General's Office for the initiation of an appropriate enforcement action. In such event, you will be afforded an opportunity to defend against the alleged violations. If an evidentiary hearing is deemed warranted, the Board will either conduct that hearing at a date and time to be scheduled or refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Law. You are advised, however, that in the event formal charges are filed, the Board may assess civil penalties in an amount greater than those offered in settlement here, in addition to other sanctions, should any charges against you be sustained. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts are found to so warrant, enter an order requiring you to reimburse certain monies and/or requiring you to pay the additional costs incurred by the Board. Should you have any questions concerning this letter or the settlement offer, I suggest that you contact Deputy Attorney General Swang Oo, who may be reached at (973) 648-2500.

If you elect to settle this matter, you should sign the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter and return it to the Board within fifteen (15) days following your receipt of this letter. In the event that the Board receives no response from you within fifteen (15) days, the Board's settlement offer will be withdrawn, and the matter will be referred to the Attorney General's Office for the initiation of appropriate enforcement proceedings.

Sincerely,
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS


Jonathan Eisenmenger
Executive Director

cc: Swang Oo, Deputy Attorney General

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: I, Dr. Suzanna Brown, have read and reviewed the settlement proposal set forth in this settlement letter. I acknowledge the Board's preliminary determination. I am aware that by signing this acknowledgment, I am waiving any rights I may have to defend myself against any charges of wrongdoing at an administrative hearing. I am also aware that the action taken against me by the Board is a matter of public record, and that this letter is a public document. I agree to comply with the directives noted. I will:

1. Pay a penalty of \$1,000 for violations of the Board's record keeping regulations.

8-18-16
Date

Suzanna Brown DM
Dr. Suzanna Brown

I did not receive this until 8/18/16.

I have given you notice 2x of my address change to
44 English Lane Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234.

As of today, I also have a NEW address:

108 Dogwood Ave., Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234

Please update your records.

I have also advised 2x that my name is now
Suzanna Vaino and that is the name I am
signing records with. I am remarried. Please
update your records! phone 609.829.8857

Thank you -