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State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Maryland Department of Agriculture
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway
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Re: Surrender of Veterinary Medical License
S. Candace Guyther, D.V.M.
License Number: 3865
SBVME Case Number: 10-62

Dear Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to surrender my license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Maryland, License Number 3865. I understand that if the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (the Board) accepts this Letter of Surrender, I may not give care or treatment, with or without compensation, to any animal in the State of Maryland, effective on the date the Board accepts the surrender of my license. I understand that I cannot prescribe medication, or otherwise engage in the practice of veterinary medicine as it is defined in Md. Agric. Art. Section 2-301(f) Code Ann. In other words, I understand that this surrender of my license in the State of Maryland means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual in this State.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a PUBLIC document and that the Board's acceptance of this Letter of Surrender is a FINAL ORDER.

My decision to surrender my license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Maryland has been prompted by my inability to practice competently due to an illness.

I acknowledge that if this case were to proceed to an evidentiary hearing, the investigative allegations would constitute a violation sufficient for suspension or revocation of my license under Md. Agric. Art. Section 2-310 Code Ann. and that I am voluntarily waiving my right to contest the investigative allegations. I understand that the Letter of Surrender shall become effective immediately upon its acceptance by the Board, that date being the date on which the Board accepts this Letter of Surrender. I further understand that the surrender of my license to practice veterinary medicine in this State shall remain in effect until such time as the Board may decide to reinstate my license.

I understand that for the Board to reinstate my license, I must apply for reinstatement and appear before the Board with satisfactory evidence of my current fitness to practice veterinary medicine and that I bear the burden of demonstrating to the Board that I am competent to practice veterinary medicine in this State. Additionally, I understand that if I apply for reinstatement of my veterinary license, the Board may request an independent evaluation of me by a physician approved by the Board prior to determining whether to reissue my license. I also understand that the Board may consider the

information obtained in this/these or any other investigations of my veterinary practice which may arise in the interim, when making a decision on my application for reinstatement. I further understand that if more than 2 years have elapsed from the Board's acceptance of my letter to surrender, I may obtain a license only by compliance with the same requirements that are imposed by Md. Agric. Art. Sections 2-301 *et seq.* Code Ann. on other license applicants.

I understand that I may not practice veterinary medicine in this State until such time as the Board decides whether to reinstate my license. I hereby affirm that I presently, as of June 24, 2010, have no veterinary practice in the State of Maryland.

I understand that the Board will advise the American Association of Veterinary State Boards and the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners of this Letter of Surrender.

I agree that I shall send by certified mail, return receipt required, my Drug Enforcement Administration Registration card to: Division Supervisor, Drug Enforcement Administration, 200 St. Paul Place, 22nd Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

I acknowledge that the Board will send a copy of this Letter of Surrender to both the State of Maryland Division of Drug Control and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), attesting that I am surrendering my privilege to prescribe controlled dangerous substances in the State of Maryland. I agree that I will not reapply for certifications for use in the State of Maryland with the United States DEA or the State of Maryland Division of Drug Control unless and until the Board reinstates my license to practice veterinary medicine.

I agree to surrender all active licenses to practice veterinary medicine that I have in any other states, and I agree not to apply for licensure or reactivation of any inactive license in any other state until such time as the Maryland Board reinstates my license to practice veterinary medicine.

Finally, I wish to make clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. I have been given the opportunity to consult with an attorney before signing this letter surrendering my license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Maryland.

I wish to make clear that I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning, terms, and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Sincerely,

S. Candace Guyther, D.V.M.

Encl.

STATE OF MARYLAND)
)
COUNTY OF St. Mary's)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 18th day of June, 2010, before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared S. Candace Guyther, D.V.M., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Letter of Surrender was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

Barbara J. Ann
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 2-6-12

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On behalf of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners this 24th day of June, 2010, I accept the Public Letter of Surrender of the license of Candace Guyther, D.V.M.

Chris H. Runde, D.V.M., President

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IF AGGRIEVED BY AN ADVERSE DECISION OF THE SECRETARY OR A FAILURE TO ACT WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TIME, YOU MAY APPEAL TO THE DEPARTMENT'S BOARD OF REVIEW BY SENDING AN ORDER OF APPEAL TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW AND A COPY TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN-RECEIPT REQUESTED; AND, AS PROVIDED IN COMAR 15.02.01.02, YOU MUST FILE THE ORDER OF APPEAL WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ACTION OR INACTION APPEALED FROM.

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YOU MAY CONTACT ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL THOMAS F. FILBERT, COUNSEL TO THE BOARD, AT (410) 841-5883, WITH ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING AN APPEAL.