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February 11, 2009

The Honorable Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harristown 2, 333 Market Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

2594.

Re: Final Regulation  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine  
16A-5721:Professional Conduct

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

Enclosed is a corrected page 3 of the Annex for the above-noted final rulemaking and a highlighted copy of the same page. A word was inadvertently stricken.

As always, the Board will be pleased to provide whatever information the Commission may require during the course of its review of the rulemaking.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. McGrath, D.V.M., Chairperson  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine

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Enclosure

cc: Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner  
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- (3) EXPLAINED THE POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS  
FROM THE VETERINARIAN'S LACK OF EXPERTISE  
OR EQUIPMENT, AND
- (4) HAS OBTAINED WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THE  
CLIENT.

~~(e)~~(D) Veterinarians shall participate in continuing education programs as provided under section 18 of the act. (63 P.S. § 485.18).

~~(d)~~(E) Veterinarians shall safeguard the public and the veterinary profession against veterinarians deficient in professional competence ~~or—ethical~~ , PROFESSIONAL conduct OR ETHICAL CONDUCT as described in this chapter.

- (1) When [veterinarians know or have] a veterinarian knows or has reason to believe that a professional colleague's actions [reflect] demonstrate DEVIATION FROM OR FAILURE TO CONFORM TO THE STANDARDS OF ACCEPTABLE AND PREVAILING VETERINARY MEDICAL PRACTICE OR professional incompetence, ~~neglect or animal abuse~~, [veterinarians having first hand knowledge of these activities] a veterinarian should [attempt to resolve the issue informally by bringing] bring the behavior to the attention of the [veterinarian] colleague. and, if the matter is not resolved, should bring the matter to the attention of the Board. [When a veterinarian cannot deal with the situation informally, the veterinarian should] If the conduct is grossly incompetent, or involves