# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE INVESTIGATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

## **REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

Case Number: MO09099-AC

Subject(s): John Dollarhite

(Contact Information) 1537 Osborne Lane

Nixa Missouri 65714

417-839-4835

Investigator:

(Contact Information) **USDA APHIS IES** 

2150 Centre Avenue

Bldg B3 W10

Fort Collins Colorado 80526

970-494-7485 Office

Cell

Date of Report: 2/22/10

Substantiated allegation(s)

No violation(s)

Insufficient evidence

Fact finding

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\* Reviewer(s) Larry Carson

#### **SYNOPSIS**

In 2008 John Dollarhite (DOLLARHITE) sold at least 145 rabbits & 5 guinea pigs in commerce for \$1674.00 and in 2009 he sold at least 378 rabbits & 89 Guinea Pigs in commerce for \$4866.00 without obtaining a USDA Animal Welfare (AW) Dealers License.

## **BACKGROUND**

#### Subject(s) Information

DOLLARHITE owns and operates Dollarvalue Rabbitry (Exhibit 73). The purpose of his business is to breed and sell rabbits and guinea pigs in commerce.

## Subject(s) Previous History

Prior Enforcement Actions N/A

Prior Adjudications

N/A



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#### **NARRATIVE**

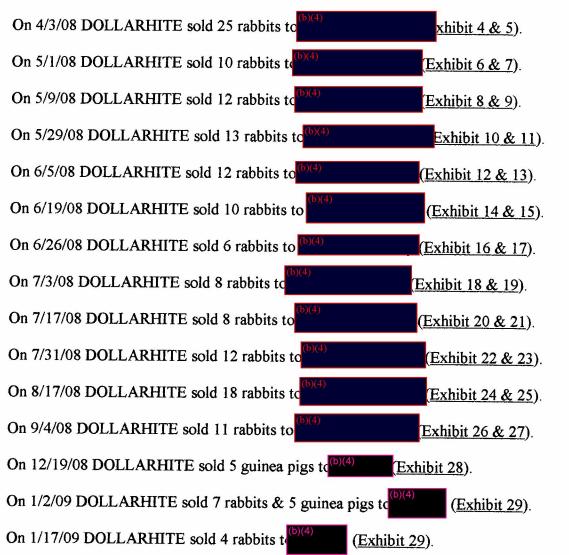
#### **Basis for Investigation**

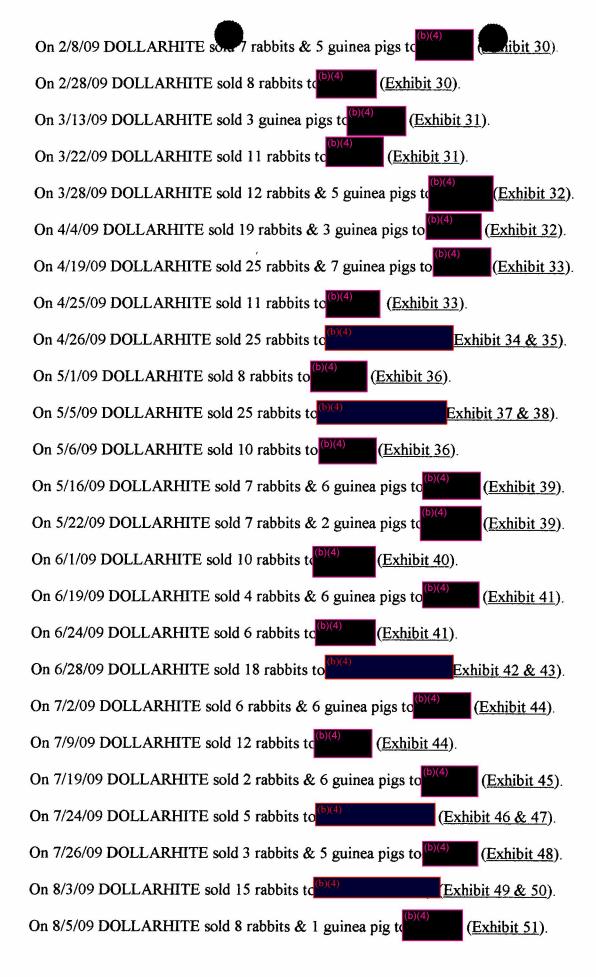
On 9/9/09 Dr. Robert Gibbens, Director Western Region USDA APHIS AC, requested USDA APHIS IES initiate an investigation of DOLLARHITE for selling rabbits in commerce without a USDA AWA Dealers License (Exhibit 1).

#### **Investigative Findings**

On 3/16/06 DOLLARHITE requested a Info/App Kit from USDA APHIS AC (Exhibit 2).

On 3/16/06 USDA APHIS AC sent DOLLARHITE a USDA AWA Dealer Licensing Information/Application Kit (Exhibit 3).

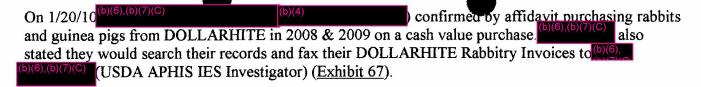




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relating to a Search for Unlicensed Activity. Jan Feldman documented she informed him of the licensing requirements, gave him a licensing kit and did a courtesy look at the rabbit pens (Exhibit 52). On 8/20/09 Jan Feldman sent a email to her supervisor Dr. David Sabala (USDA APHIS AC Veterinary Medical Officer (VMO)) documenting her contact and conversation with DOLLARHITE on 8/18/09. Jan Feldman notes DOLLARHITE admitted to her he sold rabbits to nd DOLLARHITE seemed to understand that he was operating as a dealer and without a license. Jan Feldman also noted DOLLARHITE was strongly opposed to licensing or government regulation of his business (Exhibit 53). On 8/22/09 DOLLARHITE sold 8 rabbits to (Exhibit 54). On 9/4/09 DOLLARHITE sold 6 rabbits to (Exhibit 55). On 9/7/09 DOLLARHITE sold 6 rabbits & 5 guinea pigs to (Exhibit 56). On 9/12/09 DOLLARHITE sold 8 rabbits to (10)(4) (Exhibit 56). On 9/15/09 DOLLARHITE sold 8 rabbits & 6 guinea pigs to (Exhibit 57). On 9/19/09 DOLLARHITE sold 6 rabbits & 2 guinea pigs to (Exhibit 58). On 9/23/09 DOLLARHITE sold 6 rabbits to Exhibit 58). On 10/3/09 DOLLARHITE sold 6 rabbits & 5 guinea pigs t (Exhibit 59) On 10/9/09 DOLLARHITE sold 13 rabbits to (Exhibit 60). On 10/11/09 DOLLARHITE sold 8 rabbits to (Exhibit 60). On 10/21/09 DOLLARHITE sold 6 rabbits to (Exhibit 61). On 10/30/09 DOLLARHITE sold 6 rabbits to (Exhibit 62). On 11/12/09 provided all their 2008-2009 purchase invoices from DOLLARHITE, confirmed by affidavit s licensed with USDA as a Exhibitor 43-C-003 (b)(4) also confirmed rabbit purchases from DOLLARHITE and noted they exhibited the purchased rabbits at their site in Branson Missouri and in addition to exhibiting the purchased DOLLARHITE rabbits the also sold the rabbits to their guest (Exhibit 63). On 11/20/09 DOLLARHITE sold 3 rabbits & 5 guinea pigs to (Exhibit 64). On 12/15/09 DOLLARHITE sold 8 rabbits & 6 guinea pigs to (Exhibit 65). On 12/17/09 DOLLARHITE sold 6 guinea pigs to (Exhibit 65). On 12/21/09 DOLLARHITE sold 13 rabbits to (Exhibit 66).

On 8/18/09 Jan Feldman (USDA APHIS AC Animal Care Inspector (ACI)) contacted DOLLARHITE



On 1/21/10 Jan Feldman by affidavit noted she reviewed and confirmed her 8/18/09 DOLLARTIE Survey for Unlicensed Activity, 8/20/09 DOLLARTIE email to Dr. Sabala and her 9/9/09 memo to Karen March (USDA APHIS AC) were true and correct (Exhibit 68).

On 1/21/10 DOLLARHITE was interviewed by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) relating to his knowledge of the AWA Regulations relating to dealing rabbits and guinea pigs without a USDA Dealers License and to DOLLARHITE's sales of rabbits and guinea pigs to (b)(4) and to and expressed his confusion about his need for a "Dealers" license with USDA (Exhibit 69).

On 2/1/1((b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(4) confirmed her search for (b)(4)

2009 rabbit and guinea pig purchase invoices from DOLLARHITE and faxed 40

DollarValue Rabbitry receipts to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 70 & 71).

These findings substantiate the following alleged violation(s):

9 CFR 2.1(a)(1) – <u>Licensing Requirements and application</u>. DOLLARHITE sold at least 145 rabbits for a gross dollar amount of \$1674.00 in 2008 and sold at least 378 rabbits and 89 guinea pigs in 2009 for a gross dollar amount of \$4866.00 without obtaining a USDA Dealers License.

This regulation requires a USDA Dealers License for any person selling more than \$500.00 of any regulated animal other than wild, exotic animals or dogs and cats per calendar year.

These findings indicate that the evidence does not support a violation of the following section(s):

N/A

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#### MITIGATING AND/OR AGGRAVATING FACTORS

N/A

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A 9/9/09 email by Jan Feldman to Karen March (USDA APHIS AC Western Regional Office), Connie Morris (USDA APHIS AC Western Regional Office) and (b)(6)(6)(7)(C) noting DOLLARHITE, (Exhibit 72).

Name	Title	Address / Phone Number
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an Feldman	USDA APHIS AC Inspector	USDA APHIS IES 2150 Centre Avenue Bldg B3 W10 Fort Collins Colorado 80526 970-494-7478 Office (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) Cell
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#### **CASE UPDATES**

#### Program Official(s)

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#### **Primary Investigator**

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

IES Investigator Missouri

#### IES Area Manager

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USDA APHIS IES Area Manager Great Plains

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#### **EXHIBIT LIST**

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September 9, 2009

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Animal Care Western Region

2150 Centre Ave. Building B Mail Stop # 3W11 Ft. Collins, CO 80526 Phone: 970/494-7478 Fax: 970/494-7461 Tim Fordahl

Western Regional Director

Investigative & Enforcement Services

Request for Investigation of Alleged Violations Regarding the Animal Welfare Act, Regulations, and/or Standards

Please initiate an investigation on the following individual:

NAME:

John Dollarhite

ADDRESS:

1537 Osburn Lane

CITY:

Nixa, MO 65714

LIC / REG #:

None / customer 36116

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Unlicensed dealer

Received an application packet in March 2006 but failed to apply.

He has continued to sells rabbits to a licensed exhibitor an

(b)(4)

MO.

Has sold at least 88 rabbits this year, and over 145 rabbits last year to an exhibitor.

If further information is needed, please let me know.

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

Robert M. Gibbens Director, Western Region USDA, APHIS, Animal Care





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# Memorandum

**TO**:

Larry Carson,

Area Manager

FROM:

Eric Nickerson

Western Regional Deputy Director

DATE:

September 9, 2009

SUBJECT:

Request for Investigation

Please find enclosed a request for investigation from Robert Gibbens, Director of Animal Care in Fort Collins, CO, regarding alleged violations involving:

John Dollarhite 1537 Osburn Lane Nixa, MO 65714

Lic/Cust#: None/customer #: 36116

Re: Unlicensed dealer – Received an application packet in March 2006, but failed to apply. He has continued to sell rabbits to a licensed exhibitor and (b)(4) MO. He has sold at least 88 rabbits this year, and over 145 rabbits last year to an exhibitor.

Please assign this investigation accordingly. Investigators are directed to:

- Open an investigation in the IES Tracking System within (five) 5 days of receipt of this request
- E-mail the case number to your PSA, Area Manager (b)(6)(b)(7)(C)
   within 10 working days
- Complete this investigation within the required 100 day time frame outlined in the IES Training Manual

If a complication arises, or, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, notify your Area Manager immediately.

TO BE COMPLETED BY FIELD INVESTIGATOR:

Case Number Assigned: \_

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Date entered into IES Tracking System: (6),(b)(7)(C)

9/17/09

Eric Nickerson Regional Deputy Director Western Regional Office Investigative and Enforcement Services Page OT APHIS FORM TUTO (MAR 95)

#### **INFO/APP KIT REQUEST**

CUSTOMER #: \_\_\_\_ ball b CURRENT LICENSE/REGISTRATION#: NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_PHONE: 4/7 45-3 BUSINESS NAME\_\_\_\_\_PHONE:\_\_\_\_ MAILING ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: V V I V PHYSICAL ADDRESS/ACTUAL LOCATION OF ANIMALS (SITE) ADDRESS / S CITY MIKE STATE ZIP 21 14 COUNTY Lice TYPE OF ANIMALS LICENSE TYPE: (circle one) A (breeder) B (dealer) C (exhibitor) R (research facility) T (carrier) H (intermediate handler) APP KIT TYPE: (circle one) Breeder/Broker Exhibitor Registration GOVERNMENT NOTES: 

DATE

FILLED BY\_\_\_\_\_



United States Department of Agriculture

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Animal Care Western Region

2150 Centre Ave Building B Mail Stop # 3W11 Ft. Collins, CO 80526 Phone: 970-494-7478 John Dollarhite Post Office Box 396 Nixa, MO 65714 March 16, 2006

Customer No: 36116

RE: USDA LICENSE INFORMATION

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in obtaining a license from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to conduct activities regulated under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). As you requested, we have enclosed the appropriate information and forms, including copies of the AWA regulations and standards. As you will note, the different classes for licensing are outlined on Page 19 of the AWA regulations (9CFR, Part 1, Section 1.1). If your operation meets the definition of a Class A, B, or C license, please complete the enclosed application (APHIS Form 7003A) and return it to the above address, along with a \$10 check, money order or credit card authorization in payment of the non-refundable application fee. We cannot accept cash payments.

In addition, you must have your veterinarian complete and sign the enclosed program of veterinary care (PVC) form; you must also sign this form. Keep the completed PVC with your facility records, which will be reviewed by your USDA Inspector. Please do not send the completed PVC form to this office.

One of our field inspectors will contact you to schedule a pre-licensing inspection of your facility following receipt of your application and the \$10.00 fee. Once your facility and records are in compliance with all AWA regulations and standards, you will be asked to pay an annual license fee. We will issue a license after all the necessary documentation and inspections have been completed and the necessary fees paid.

The licensing process must be completed within 90 days after your initial prelicense inspection. If, after the initial inspection, your facility is not in compliance with the AWA regulations and standards, you will be allowed two additional inspections within the 90-day period. If your facility is still not in compliance by the 3rd inspection or the 90-day period has elapsed, your application will be denied and you must wait 6 months before reapplying.

We hope this information is helpful, and we look forward to hearing from you. Contact this office at 970-494-7469 if you have any questions regarding this letter or the Animal Welfare Act.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Gibbens Regional Director - Animal Care Western Region

cc: Robert Whiteley, ACI Enclosures

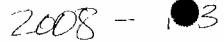




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Dollarvalue Rabbitry

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Ph. 417-839-4835, Fax 417-724-9783

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P.O. Box 396

Nixa, mo 65714

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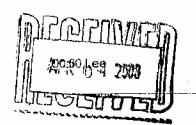
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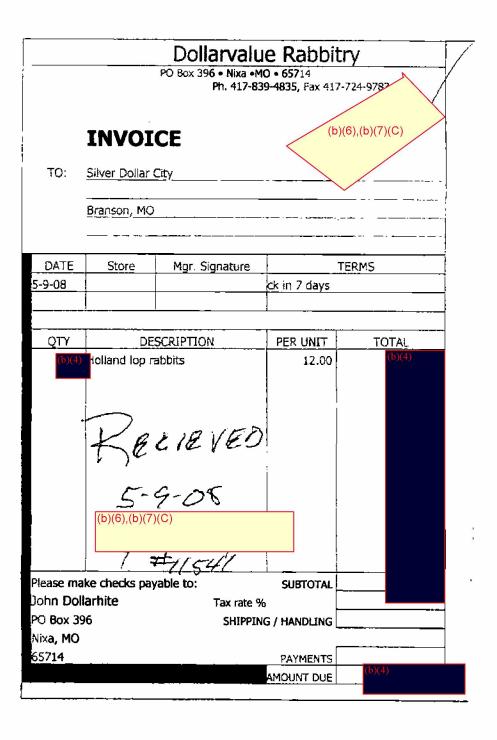
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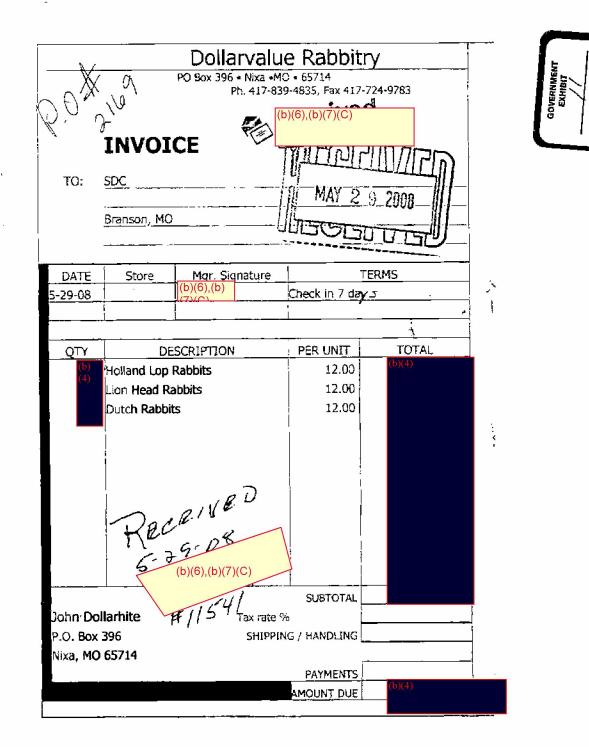
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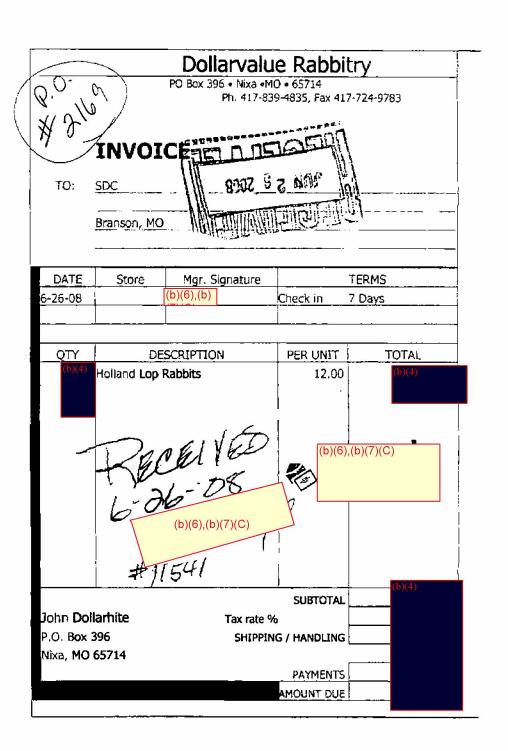
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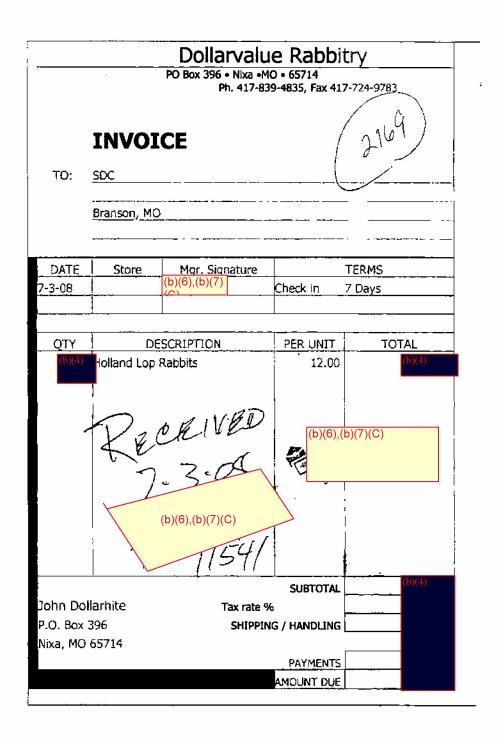
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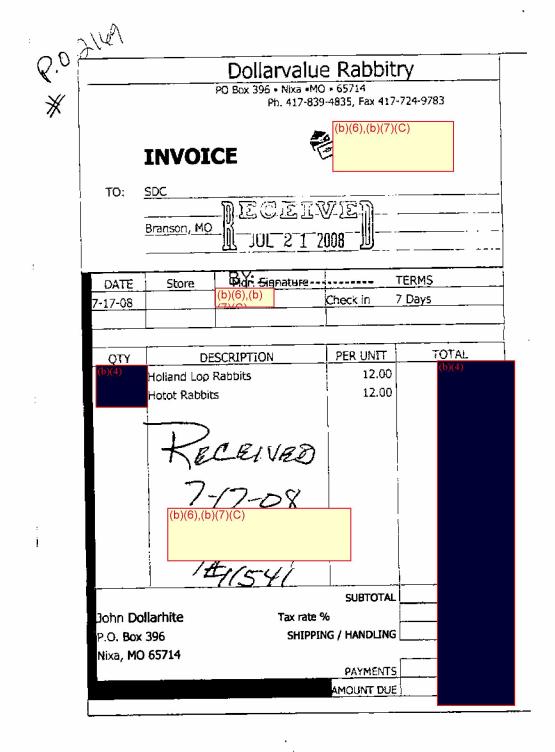
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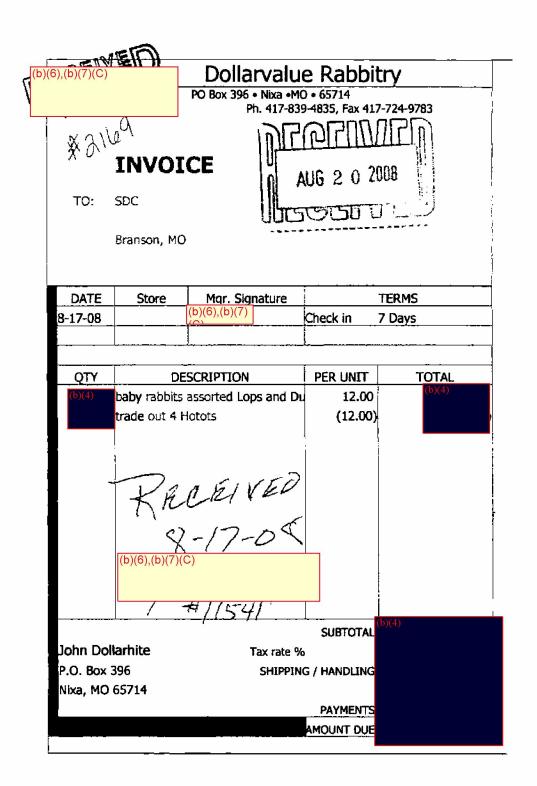
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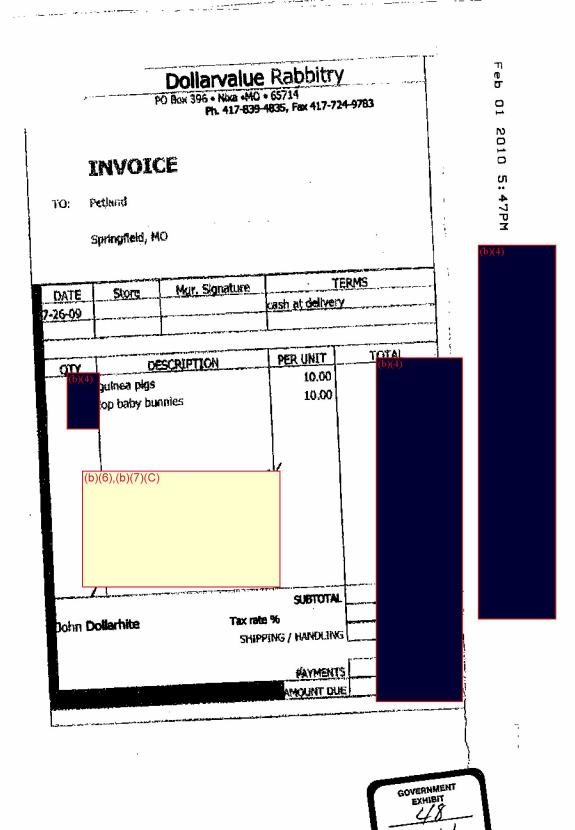
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Jan Feldman/MO/APHIS/USDA 08/20/2009 03:53 PM To David L Sabala/OK/APHIS/USDA@USDA

cc Sandra K Meek/MO/APHIS/USDA@USDA

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Subject Dollarhite CID 36116 Investigation request

I talked to you ealier this week about the rabbit dealer who was selling to the last	Turns out he
got an app kit in March 2006. I had the wrong spelling of his name so missed it initially.	_

In 2009 he sold at least 88 rabbits to (b)(4) (based on their records) and admitted to me he got about 10.00 per rabbit.

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Since he had received an app kit in the past and did seem to understand that he was operating as a dealer without a license (he was strongly opposed to licensing or government regulation of his business) I would like to request an investigation into his unlicensed dealing since March of 2006

He also stated that he had moved the rabbits to another location owned by a friend of his (no info or details given) and he was going to have his friend raise the rabbits and he (Dollarhite) would sell them. I explained that if he continued to sell wholesale he would require a class "B" license and his friend would require a class "A" license (if he grossed more than 500.00).

I will mail you a hard copy of this email and the copies of the sales records showing regulated activity.

Info:

John Dollarhite CID 36116

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Thanks!

Jan R. Feldman USDA APHIS Animal Care Western Region



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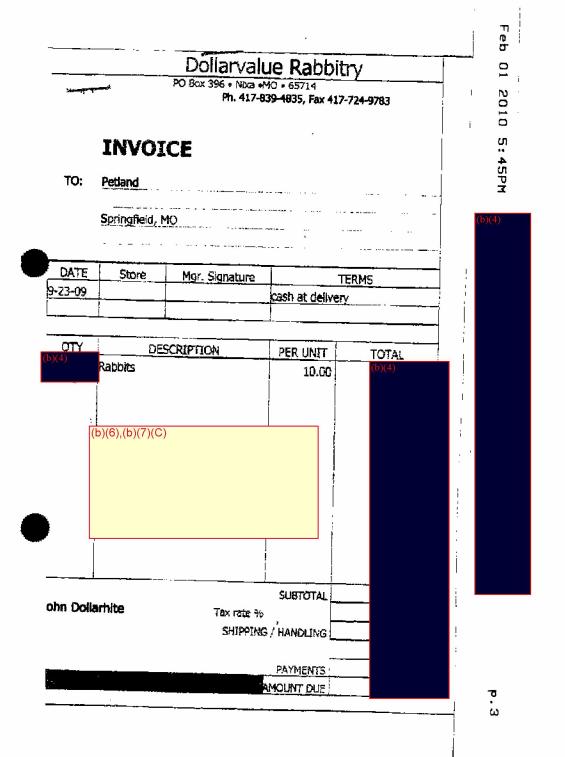
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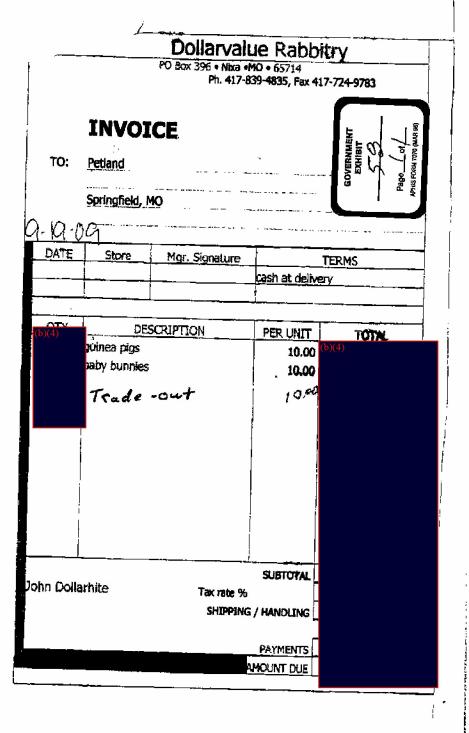


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John Dollartite (Dollarvalue Rabbitry) Nixa Missouri for 2008-2009. I am giving (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) our purchase invoices dated 5/1/08, 5/9/08, 5/29/08, 6/5/08, 6/19/08, 6/26/08, 7/3/08, 7/17/08, 7/31/08, 8/17/08, 9/4/08, 4/26/09, 6/5/09, 6/28/09, 7/24/09& 8/3/09 that list all the rabbits we purchased from John Dollarite on the listed dates. We stopped purchasing rabbits from him when we were informed by our USDA inspector Mr. Dollarite was not USDA Licensed. We exhibited the rabbits we purchased from John Dollarite at our listed site in Branson Missouri. In addition to exhibiting the purchased rabbits we also sold the rabbits to our guests at this site upon their

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SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Branson Missouri on this 12 day of November , 2009.

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## **Dollarvalue Rabbitry** PO Box 396 • Nixa • MO • 65714

Ph. 417-839-4835, Fax 417-724-9783

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being duly sworn on oath make the following statement:

Of my own free will and I swear it is true and correct. I am employed by

USDA APHIS IES requested information from us today regarding our purchases of rabbits and guinea pigs from John Dollarite (Dollarvalue Rabbitry) Nixa Missouri in 2009 & 2010. We do purchase rabbits and guinea pigs from John Dollarite. We purchase the animals from him on a cash value purchase. We do not keep store invoices to document our purchases of rabbits/guinea pigs from John Dollarite. We do purchase more than \$500 worth of rabbits a year from John Dollarite. We did purchase guinea pigs from John Dollarite this past Sunday 1/17/10. We will search our records for Dollarvalue Rabbitry Invoices for 2009/2010 and will fax the same to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) within the next week or two.

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SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Springfield Missouri on this 20 day of Jan , 2010.

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I, Jan Feldman, being duly sworn on oath make the following statement:

Of my own free will and I swear it is true and correct. I am employed by USDA APHIS AC as a Animal Care Inspector. My duty area is South Central and Southwestern Missouri. My office address is 2150 Centre Ave Bldg B 3W11 Fort Collins CO 80526. My office phone # is 970-494-7478. My government cell phone # is 240-461-9187.

On 8/18/09 I contacted John Dollarhite 1537 Osborne Lane Nixa Missouri as a Search for Unlicensed Activity. I documented this search with our Search for Unlicensed Activity on John Dollarhite. I have reviewed a copy of this presented to me by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) USDA APHIS IES and this is true and correct. I also reviewed a Memo I wrote to Dr. David Sabala on 8/20/09 regarding Dollarhite sales t (5)(4) This also is true and correct. I also reviewed a Memo to Karen March 9/9/09 Dollarhite Investigation on safety, this memo also is true and correct.

On 8/25/09 I inspected (C) at her USDA Licensed Site in Reed Springs MO. I documented the following non-compliant items with a USDA Inspection Report. 9 CFR 2.40(b)(2) – Adequate Veterinary Care.

- 3.11(a) Cleaning.
- 3.11(d) Pest control.

I also photographed this facility during this inspection. I used my government camera and downloaded these inspection photographs to my government computer then to a CD labeled Peggy Ryan Inspection 8/25/09. I placed each photograph in a template and labeled the template.

I have reviewed each of the inspection documents and photographs presented to me by (b) (6),(b)(7)

The inspection and photographs are true and correct.

s/s Jan Feldman signature of affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Mt Vernon Missouri on this 21 day of Jan , 2010.

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## **INTERVIEW LOG** USDA, APHIS, IES

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON(S) CONTACTED: John Dollarite 1537 Osborne Lane Nixa Missouri 65714

DATE: January 20 2010

TYPE OF INTERVIEW (BY PHONE OR IN PERSON): In Person	ORGANIZATION: Dollarvalue Rabbitry	TELEPHONE NUMBER: 417-839-4835
SUBJECT: MO09099-AC		LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Nixa Missouri
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I 1/18/10 I contacted John Dollarite and arranged to met with him at his retail computer store (Dollarvalue Computers) in Nixa Missouri on 1/20/10. On 1/20/10 at the arranged time of 6pm I entered his place of business and introduced myself. I told them I was a USDA APHIS IES Investigator, presented them with my USDA Identification. John Dollarite introduced himself and nd his attornev Richard Anderson. I briefly explained my department IES conducted investigations for APHIS Programs VS, PPQ & AC at the program request. I described that after receipt of an Investigation Request for noncompliant activity IES would conduct an investigation relating to the alleged non-compliant activity and would report the finding in a report to requesting program and to the IES Staff. I briefly described the processing of the investigative report and possible penalties that could occur as a result of failure to comply with USDA Laws and Regulations. I briefly described options that would be available to USDA and the Subject(s) of the Investigation to settle the alleged violations. I then informed them that I had been requested by my IES Regional Office and AC Regional Office to conduct an investigation of John Dollarite relating to his alleged sales of regulated animals (rabbits & guinea pigs) in commerce without a USDA Dealers License. I promised them that I would be honest with them and would not mislead them. I stated to them that I had information that John Dollarite had requested and received a Dealer Licensing Packet from USDA in 2006. John Dollarite stated he did receive this information and he in reading that material and talking with other rabbit breeders believed the USDA Regulations did not apply to him. John Dollarite stated he did not sell rabbits wholesale and only sold animals to individuals who came to his

I read 9 CFR 2.1(a)

and the definition of 9 CFR 1.1 Dealer to them. John Dollarite stated he sell rabbits and guinea pigs to the two however he did not sell the animals wholesale only retail like a Pet Store and the regulations did not apply to his sales. I read the definition of 9 CFR 1.1 Retail Pet Store (4) and explained that sales of regulated animals to would be considered wholesale sales rather than to one person as a pet. John Dollarite went into detail how the IRS looks at wholesale sales in relationship to his computer store and taxes and how could the US Government have different views. I stated I do not know the IRS Regulations and other State and Federal Laws concerning taxes but in my 34 years working with USDA APHIS Animal Care Regulations I was confident that sales of rabbits/guinea pigs more than \$500 a year to an USDA Exhibitor and to a Pet Store would require the seller to obtain a Dealer's License and would not meet the definition of a Retail Pet Store. John Dollarite continued to explain on why he believed his sales were not regulated because he believed he only sold retail as pets. I stated he could continue to believe what he wished but my report would document alleged violations of sales without a Dealer's License and he could if he wished to debate this issue in a Administrative Hearing if the issue went to that adjudication level. I stated it was important to understand that continued sales in commerce to buyers like fter our discussion could possibly lead to more severe penalties in the future. I stated that if they wished to continue their

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON(S)
CONTACTED:
John Dollarite
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Nixa Missouri 65714

DATE:

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rabbit/guinea pig sales they could apply for and obtain a USDA Dealers License and explained the process for this action. I also told them they could limit their sales to less than \$500 a calendar year or only retail to individuals as pets. John Dollarite stated in discussion with Rabbit Breeders in Missouri USDA was on a mission to put all rabbit breeders out of business. I replied that I had been in Missouri as one of two IES Investigators and I was not aware of one USDA AC Investigation into rabbit facilities that had compliance problems. John Dollarite then presented me with a computer printout that noted USDA inspection requirements and fees and asked me to explain how this applied to his site. In reading this material I noticed that the USDA referred to USDA FSIC Inspection and Licensing of a Slaughter and Packing Facility for animals other than domestic livestock. I pointed this information out to them and stated this did not apply to USDA AWA Regulations and Standards. I again discussed how they could apply and want a Prelicense Inspection would constitute. John Dollarite questioned who would be their USDA Inspector the gal who visited with them last fall. I questioned was this Jan Feldman and they replied yes and stated she had been very rude to them and threatened them. I stated I had known Jan Feldman for years and she was a very strong and very talented inspector and I could not believe she intended them any harm other than to warn them not to continue to sell their regulated animals in commerce without a Dealer's License or possibly face severe monetary fines or penalties. I stated that if they applied for a license and thought that they were being treated unfairly they could report this to the AC Regional Office and or contact me and I would pass the information forward. I again stated my purpose was to inform them that USDA believed they were selling regulated animals in violation of the AWA Regulations and give them a opportunity respond to the compliant. John Dollarite stated he still did not believe the US Government had the authority to regulate his animals sales. I told them I had information that he and his family may be a safety concern regarding this investigation and future inspection processes. I asked them if this was warranted and should I or any USDA Inspector be concerned on visiting their site in the future. This upset John Dollarite an and in no way felt they had ever treated any USDA Inspector in any manner that should be considered threatening. John Dollarite stated

not in any way questioning their rights and was only concerned about their activities regarding the AW Regulations and safety and welfare of USDA Inspectors in the future. I asked them if they had any questions regarding my visit and had I conveyed the importance compliance with the USDA AWA Regulations and Standards. They replied they understood I felt they should be licensed as a Dealer but they would make that decision or just get out the rabbit business. I thanked them for the time and told them if they had any questions in the future they could contact me at the information on my Government Business Card. This concluded the interview.

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING INTERVIEW- (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)	<b>SIGNATURE:</b> (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)	DATE:
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Please find attached 40 receipts for DollarValue Rabbitry for 2009, if you have any questions please

Let me know, thank you!!

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Jan R. Feldman USDA APHIS Animal Care Western Region



## Welcome to Dollarvalue Rabbitry

Your On-line Source for your snuggle bunny

- Home Page
- Holland Lops/Mini Rex We have Holland Lops, Netherland Dwarfs,
- Lion Head's
- Mini Rex, New Zealands, Wooleys and Lion
- Rabbits For Sale
- Heads.
- Contact Us

The Holland Lops are 3 to 4 lbs. and are lovely pets that potty train very easily. \$20.00ea w/ Pedigree \$30.00

The Mini Rex rabbits are 4 to 5 lbs. Their fur fells like plush velvet. (\$15.00ea)

The Lion Head rabbits are 3 to 4 lbs. They have fur on their head like a lion's mane. (\$15.00ea)

The New Zealand is a larger breed that average 6 to 12 lbs. and are primarily bred for meat, but are very tame and docile animals making them a great pet as well. The all white one's have pink eyes.

Check back offen as we have various litters year round, so if you don't see what you are looking for on our website just give us a call for what is coming out of the nest box!

We can deliver in the Southwest, MO area at an additional cost or meet somewhere in between.

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4700 River Road Riverdale, MD 20737 Mr. John Dollarhite c/o Richard Anderson P.O. Box 2145 Branson West, Missouri 65737-2145

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Dear Mr. Dollarhite:

We would like to offer you the opportunity to settle allegations that you violated the Animal Welfare Act. We have revised the terms of the enclosed Settlement Agreement to address the concerns you raised in prior correspondence and discussions. As outlined in the Settlement Agreement, these terms are as follows:

- 1. You agree to a two-year disqualification from obtaining an AWA license, with the two-year period beginning retroactively on April 19, 2011.
- 2. You acknowledge that the Secretary has the authority to administer and enforce the AWA. The intent of this term is simply to recognize that the Settlement Agreement falls within the Secretary's jurisdiction to enforce the AWA. We clarified that this acknowledgment does not give the Secretary any control, ownership, or authority over your property, or any new authority to enter on to or otherwise affect your real property, beyond the Secretary's pre-existing authority.
- 3. You are not required to relinquish ownership or possession of any animals.

Please review the terms of this Settlement Agreement, and, if you agree with these terms, please sign and return it to our office by January 24, 2012, at:

USDA, APHIS, IES MO09099-AC 4700 River Road, Unit 85, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234.

If you sign and return this Settlement Agreement, we will close your case with no further action.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call me on (301) 734-7453.

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Robert J. [Juttenlocker Director Investigative and Enforcement Services

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### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by the United States Department of Agriculture,
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ("APHIS"), Animal Care, and John Dollarhite
(doing business as Dollarvalue Rabbitry), with reference to the following facts:

- I. At all times mentioned herein, John Dollarhite was an individual whose mailing address is 1537 Osborne Lane, Nixa, Missouri 65714.
- II. APHIS has documented evidence of John Dollarhite's non-compliance with the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et. seq.) (AWA) and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.), and, specifically, has documented evidence of John Dollarhite operating as a dealer by selling rabbits and guinea pigs used for exhibition and for resale without a valid USDA license as required by the AWA regulations (9 C.F.R. § 2.1(a)(1)).
- III. APHIS has not instituted an administrative enforcement action based on the findings described above in paragraph II.
- IV. APHIS and John Dollarhite have determined to settle the issues related to the potential violations of the AWA and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, as described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

- A. John Dollarhite admits that the Secretary has the authority to administer and enforce the AWA and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, and that this Settlement Agreement falls within the Secretary's jurisdiction to enforce the AWA. John Dollarhite waives oral hearing and further procedure.
  - B. Nothing in paragraph A gives the Secretary any control, ownership, or authority

over John Dollarhite's property, real or personal, or any new authority to enter on to or otherwise affect John Dollarhite's real property.

- C. John Dollarhite consents and agrees to the following:
- 1. John Dollarhite and any partnership, firm, corporation, or other legal entity that he controls or in which he has a substantial interest, financial or otherwise, are disqualified for a two-year period, from April 19, 2011, through April 19, 2013, from (a) obtaining an AWA license, and (b) engaging in activities governed by the AWA (7 U.S.C. § 2131 *et seq.*) and regulations issued thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 *et seq.*), either directly or indirectly, on or off 1537 Osborne Lane, Nixa, Missouri 65714.
- D. John Dollarhite consents and agrees that his failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement shall automatically void paragraph E below, and that APHIS shall have the right to immediately institute enforcement proceedings against John Dollarhite based upon the non-compliant items documented in connection with animal welfare investigation MO09099-AC, and any future violations, and to pursue any and all remedies available to APHIS under the AWA.
- E. For and in consideration of John Dollarhite's agreements and actions described in paragraph C above, and the promises and admissions of John Dollarhite set forth herein, APHIS agrees not to institute an administrative or civil enforcement action against John Dollarhite in connection with the alleged AWA violations documented in animal welfare investigation MO09099-AC.

APHIS and John Dollarhite warrant and represent that their respective representatives,
whose signatures appear below, have the authority to execute this Settlement Agreement and to
bind each of the parties, respectively, to this Settlement Agreement.
JOHN DOLLARHITE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Robert M. Gibbens
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Attached please find the Office of General Counsel transmittal memorandum for the following case:

John Dollarhite, d/b/a/ Dollarvalue Rabbitry – MO09099-AC

The Report of Investigation and case exhibits are available upon request to Please return the referral letter to Investigative and Enforcement Services with any alterations, or upon review and approval.

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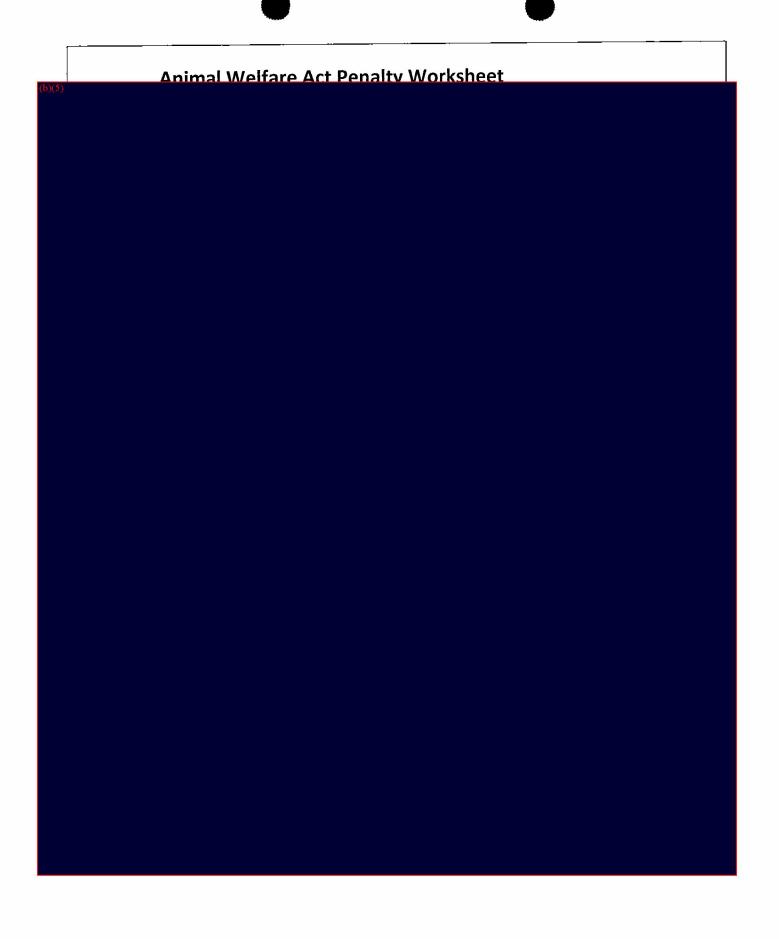
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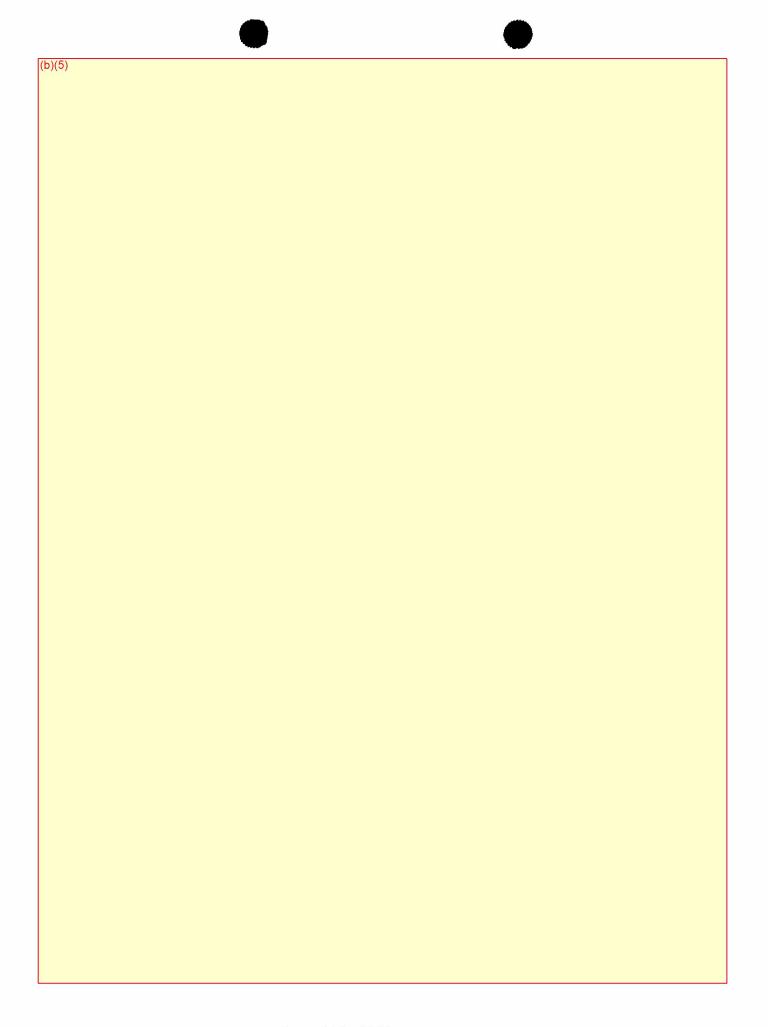
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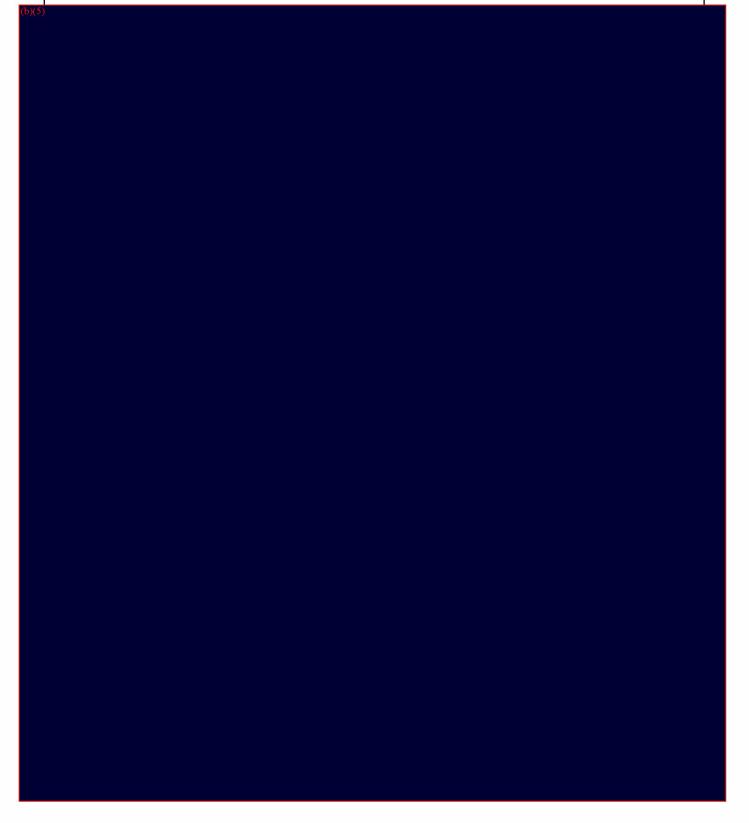
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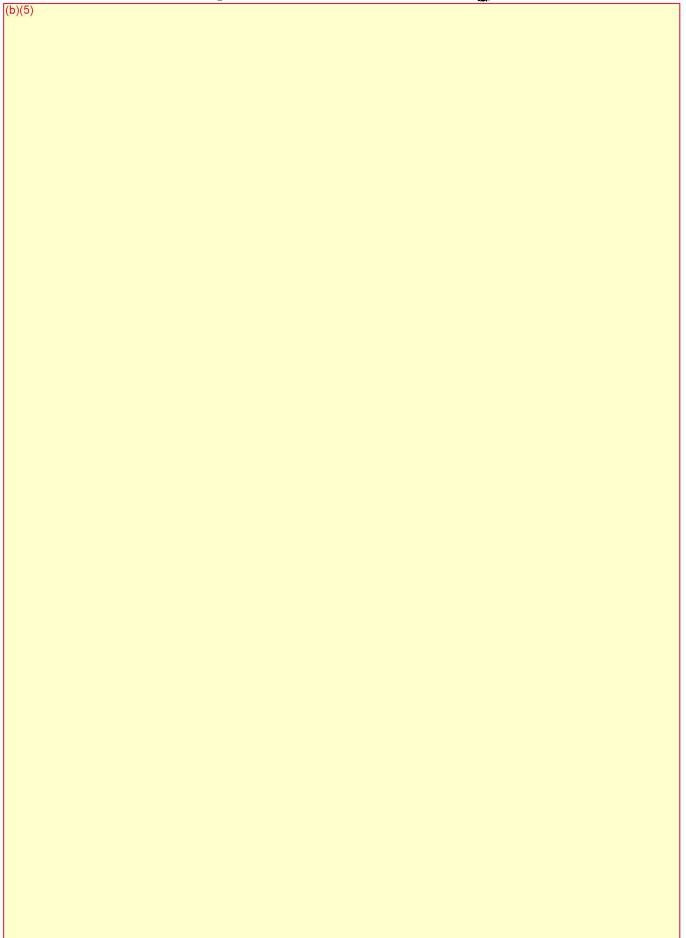




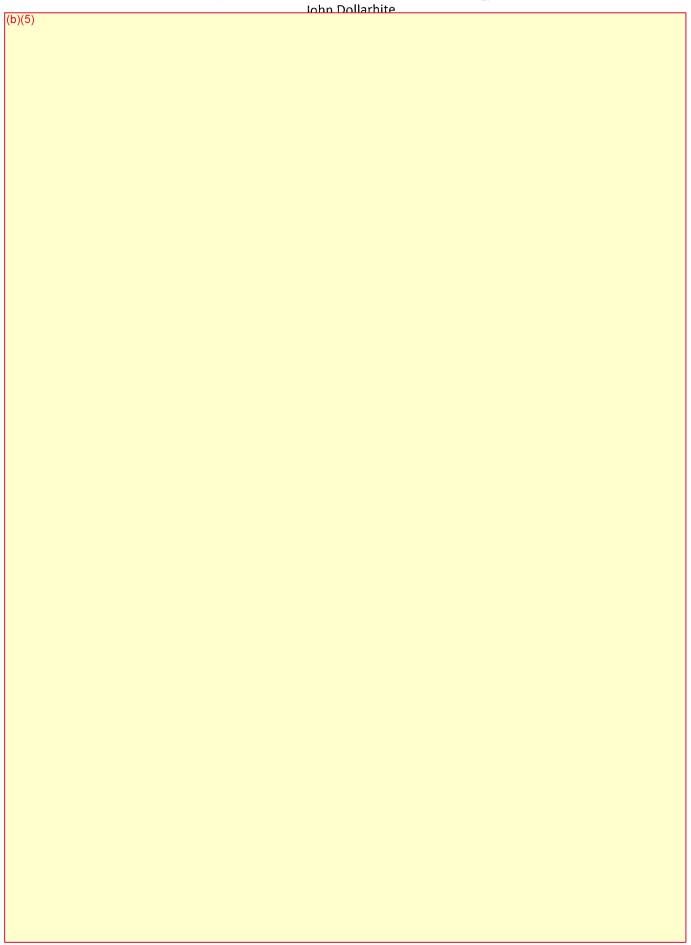
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From:

Conant, Sarah L (APHIS)

Sent:

Monday, August 29, 2011 1:03 PM

To:

Subject:

FW: Dollarhite

FYI.

Thank you, Sarah

From: Juarez, Bernadette R (APHIS) Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 10:41 AM

**To:** Conant, Sarah L (APHIS) **Subject:** RE: Dollarhite

I have the investigation on my desk and will return it to you for preparation of an OGC referral

Thanks,

В.

Bernadette Juarez, Deputy Director Investigative and Enforcement Services Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service U.S. Department of Agriculture 4700 River Road Unit 85 (Room 6B-03B) Riverdale, Maryland 20737 (301) 734-0884 (301) 734-4328 (facsimile) bernadette.r.juarez@aphis.usda.gov

From: Conant, Sarah L (APHIS)

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 1:27 PM

To: Juarez, Bernadette R (APHIS)

Subject: RE: Dollarhite

No, I agree that we should refer it to OGC. I am a bit concerned about whether OGC will support an enforcement action given all the circumstances of this case, but I still think that is the best option at this point.

Thank you, Sarah

Sarah L. Conant Branch Chief Animal Health and Welfare Enforcement Branch Investigative and Enforcement Services USDA APHIS MRPBS sarah.l.conant@aphis.usda.gov (301) 734-0886, office phone 4700 River Rd., Unit 85 Riverdale, MD 20737

**From:** Juarez, Bernadette R (APHIS) **Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2011 12:03 PM

**To:** Conant, Sarah L (APHIS) **Subject:** FW: Dollarhite

See the exchange below. Do you have a different thought on how to proceed with Dollarhite?

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**From:** Huttenlocker, Robert J (APHIS) **Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2011 8:14 AM **To:** Juarez, Bernadette R (APHIS)

Subject: FW: Dollarhite

Fyi/a.

Thanks,

#### Rob

Robert J. Huttenlocker, Director Investigative and Enforcement Services Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service United States Department of Agriculture 4700 River Road, Unit 85 (6B-03C) Riverdale, Maryland 20737

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From: Munno, Joanne L (APHIS)
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 8:14 AM
To: Huttenlocker, Robert J (APHIS)

Subject: RE: Dollarhite

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From: Huttenlocker, Robert J (APHIS) Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 7:33 AM

To: Munno, Joanne L (APHIS)
Subject: FW: Dollarhite
Importance: High

#### Good morning.

Please see attached. Bernadette spoke to Mr. Dollarhite's attorney yesterday to discuss our willingness to bridge the gap between no disqualification and a lifetime ban with a five-year disqualification. We did not make any of the other changes to our standard agreement that Mr. Dollarhite requested, including his request that we take out the passage wherein he admits that "the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter." Mr. Dollarhite's attorney continues to assert that the Secretary does not have jurisdiction over unlicensed sales, which is, of course, nonsense. Making the other changes requested would undermine our process, particularly in light of Mr. Dollarhite's penchant for posting our correspondence to Internet. Mr. Dollarhite's attorney indicated that it is unlikely that Mr. Dollarhite will agree to these terms, but to send it to them and they would look it over. They have, of course, seen the agreement as is with the exception of the change to five-year disqualification. After thinking about this overnight, I am inclined to prepare the case for referral to OGC. Do you have a different view?

Thanks,

#### Rob

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From: Juarez, Bernadette R (APHIS)
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 5:13 PM
To: Huttenlocker, Robert J (APHIS)

Cc: Conant, Sarah L (APHIS)

Subject: Dollarhite

Rob:

Attached is a copy of the Dollarhite settlement agreement, as revised, to provide a five-year period of disqualification, from September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2016.

Do you want to discuss this one last time Kevin on Monday before we issue the revised settlement agreement?

В.

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From:

Conant, Sarah L (APHIS)

Sent:

Friday, August 12, 2011 11:25 AM

To:

Folk, Roxanne (APHIS)

Subject:

FW: Dollarhite

Attachments:

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Thank you, Sarah

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July 15, 2011

Sarah Conant Chief, Animal Health and Welfare Enforcement Branch USDA, APHIS, IES 4700 River Road, Unit 85 Riverdale, MD 20737-1234

#### Dear Madam:

Mr. Dollarhite has reviewed the proposed Stipulation Agreement of June 22, 2011, and is of the opinion that it does not adequately reflect the terms that had previously been discussed with him. Specifically, the Stipulation Agreement provided by the USDA asks Mr. Dollarhite to waive any future right to challenge the USDA's jurisdiction over his alleged activities and it seeks to prohibit him from engaging in future activities that in no way violate the Animal Welfare Act or current regulations adopted pursuant to that Act. This is neither fair, nor acceptable. Mr. Dollarhite is absolutely willing to conform his future behavior to the restrictions imposed on all other citizens, but he will not sacrifice his right to be treated like his neighbors or to question the USDA's authority in any legal proceeding that should arise as a result of his actions. Accordingly, Mr. Dollarhite proposes the affached Substitute Stipulation Agreement.

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Kichard L. Anderson

Attorney for John Dollarhite RLA/ja

#### SUBSTITUTE STIPULATION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ("APHIS"), Animal Care, and John Dollarhite (doing business as Dollarvalue Rabbitry), with reference to the following facts:

- I. At all times mentioned herein, John Dollarhite was an unlicensed individual whose mailing address is 1537 Osburn Lane, Nixa, Missouri 65714.
- II. APHIS has alleged John Dollarhite's non-compliance with the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et. seq.) (A WA) and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.), and, specifically, has alleged that John Dollarhite sold rabbits used for exhibition and/or for resale without a valid USDA license as required by the A W A regulations (9 C.F.R. § 2.1(a)(I)). APHIS does not allege John Dollarhite has abused or neglected any animal in his possession.
- III. APHIS has not instituted an administrative enforcement action based on the findings described above in paragraph II.
- IV. APHIS and John Dollarhite have determined to settle the issues related to the alleged violations of the AWA and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, as described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

- A. APHIS agrees not to institute an administrative enforcement action based on the findings described above in paragraph II or other facts currently known to APHIS or IES alleged to constitute violations committed prior to the date this agreement is entered.
  - B. John Dollarhite consents and agrees to the following:
- 1. John Dollarhite agrees not to initiate any legal action challenging the jurisdiction of the USDA or the constitutionality of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et. seq.) (A WA) and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.); provided, he reserves his right to raise jurisdictional or constitutional arguments as affirmative defenses to any administrative or legal action against him initiated by government agencies or officials.
- 2. John Dollarhite agrees not to sell, own, or possess buy or sell breeding rabbits or other animals for the purpose of exhibition or resale under any circumstance under which a valid USDA license is required by the A W A regulations [9 C.F.R. § 2.1(a)(I)] without first applying for, obtaining, and being issued the required license. "Breeding rabbits", for purpose of this paragraph, are rabbits which have not been spayed or neutered. [Under current A W A regulations, Dollarhite may own and possess breeding

rabbits not intended or used for exhibition or resale (for example, meat rabbits kept only for home consumption).]

- 3. John Dollarhite and any partnership, firm, corporation, or other legal entity that he controls or in which he has a substantial interest, financial or otherwise, shall not engage in activities governed by the AWA (7 V.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) and regulations issued thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.) as related to breeding rabbits, either directly or indirectly, on or off 1537 Osburn Lane, Nixa, Missouri 65714, without first applying for and obtaining an AWA license for the exhibition or resale of rabbits and shall not hereafter in any manner violate the terms of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. Section 2131, et. seq.). or the Λ W A regulations (9 C.F.R. Sec. 1, et. seq.)
- C. John Dollarhite consents and agrees that his failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement shall automatically void paragraph D below, and that APHIS shall have the right to immediately institute enforcement proceedings against John Dollarhite based upon the non-compliant items alleged in connection with animal welfare investigation M009099-AC, and any future violations, and to pursue any and all remedies available to APHIS under the AWA.
- D. For and in consideration of John Dollarhite's agreements and actions described in paragraph B above, and the promises of John Dollarhite set forth herein, APHIS agrees not to institute an administrative or civil enforcement action against John Dollarhite in connection with the alleged AWA violations documented in animal welfare investigation M009099-AC. APHIS and John Dollarhite warrant and represent that their respective representatives, whose signatures appear below, have the authority to execute this Agreement and to bind each of the parties, respectively, to this Agreement.

	JOHN DOLLARHITE — — — —
	Date: _July 15, 2011
	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
By:	Authorized Representative
	Date:
	Robert M. Gibbens, Director, Animal Care, Western Region Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service United States Department of Agriculture



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John Dollarhite c/o Richard Anderson P.O. Box 2145 Branson West, Missouri 65737-2145

Dear Sir:

With your time.

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Please sign and return the enclosed Stipulation Agreement to the following address:

> USDA, APHIS. IES (MO09099-AC) 4700 River Road, Unit 85 Riverdale, MD 20737-1234

You may contact our office at (301) 734-8684 if you have any questions.

Sincerely.

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Sarah L. Conant

Chief. Animal Health and Welfare Enforcer Investigative and Enforcement Services

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#### Harris, Lorna D (APHIS)

To:

APHIS-IES AC WR; Hutchings, Daniel M (APHIS); Carson, Larry M (APHIS)

Subject:

MO09099-AC, John Dollarhite Pre-lit

**Attachments:** 

MO09099-AC, John Dollarhite.pdf

Hello,

Attached is the Pre-lit Agreement for John Dollarhite.

Lorna D. Harris Compliance Case Examiner USDA-APHIS-MRPBS-IES Riverdale, MD 20736 Work 301-734-0803 Fax 301-734-4328



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Chief, Animal Health and Welfare Enforcement Bra Investigative and Enforcement Services

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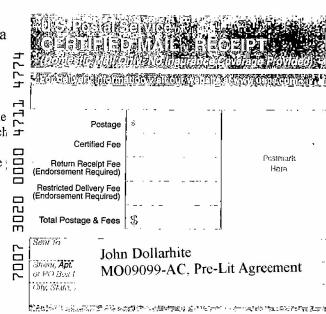
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From:

Gibbens, Robert (APHIS)

Sent:

Wednesday, June 15, 2011 12:30 PM

To:

Cc:

Conant, Sarah L (APHIS); Blanton, Laura M (APHIS); March, Karen L (APHIS); Morgan,

Subject:

RE: MO09099-AC; Final Pre- Lit Agreement and Cover Letter

I concur.

Robert M. Gibbens, DVM Director, Western Region USDA, APHIS, Animal Care Phone: 970-494-7478

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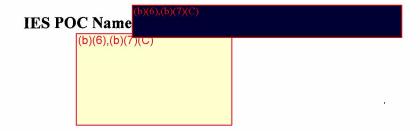
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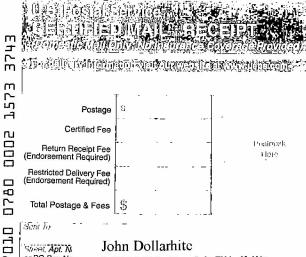
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Dea: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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My client rejects that proposal. I note that a descriptive pamphlet enclosed with your letter states, under "Who We Are", that IES investigates cases received by referral from APHIS' program clients and cooperators, and that IES "now conducts more than 6,000 cases and collects approximately \$ 2 million in civil penalties annually." That averages a penalty of \$ 333.33 per case, and yet you contend it would be appropriate my client tender a penalty of \$ 90,643.00.

With regard to this case, it is my understanding that Mr. Dollarhite has never been accused of having abused or neglected any animals, but as I understand it, only that he sold rabbits and guinea pigs that he raised in a manner that required him to have a license which he did not have. This business is located near the geographical center of America, it is a rural community, and apart from tourism, is largely an agrarian community. John

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To my client's understanding, the first "formal notification" he received that he violated the law by not having a required license, was the present letter/notice of April 19, 2011. If there was any formal notice which preceded that notice, I would like you to provide me a copy of that notice, in order that I might discuss it with him. [I am aware there were informal conversations in which he expressed a belief he had not violated the law, whereas a representative of APHIS or IES expressed a contrary opinion, but he was told

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Many months passed, and then he received your certified mail letter dated April 19, 2011. He had long since ceased all sales of rabbits and had no plans to re-engage in marketing rabbits in the future. The terms of the proposed Settlement Agreement are unacceptable to Mr. Dollarhite and he will not be forwarding payment of the requested \$90,643.00. If your office would choose to modify the Settlement Proposal to remove the penalty provision, and instead recite simply that he shall cease and desist from engaging in any sales of regulated animals in violation of 9 C.F.R. Sec. 2.1(a)(1), that would be an agreement he could voluntarily enter. Since that has not been an option offered:

## He does request a hearing.

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Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Anderson RLA/ja

cc: John Dollarhite

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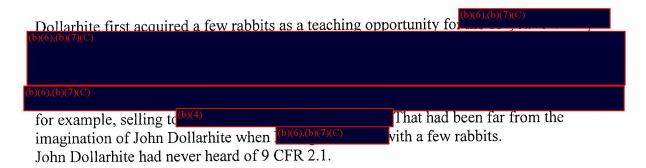
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My client rejects that proposal. I note that a descriptive pamphlet enclosed with your letter states, under "Who We Are", that IES investigates cases received by referral from APHIS' program clients and cooperators, and that IES "now conducts more than 6,000 cases and collects approximately \$ 2 million in civil penalties annually." That averages a penalty of \$ 333.33 per case, and yet you contend it would be appropriate my client tender a penalty of \$ 90,643.00.

With regard to this case, it is my understanding that Mr. Dollarhite has never been accused of having abused or neglected any animals, but as I understand it, only that he sold rabbits and guinea pigs that he raised in a manner that required him to have a license which he did not have. This business is located near the geographical center of America, it is a rural community, and apart from tourism, is largely an agrarian community. John

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As he now understands it, when he began selling rabbits to someone who intended to resell those rabbits, it made what had been a perfectly lawful business unlawful, since he did not first apply for and receive a license that he did not know was required. When this rabbit business began his son would have been ineligible to apply for a license, because he was not yet 18. Specifically, the formal charge now made is that he sold "619 regulated animals" [rabbits and guinea pigs] between April 3, 2008 and December 21, 2009, without a valid license. The description of the offense states that he did so "after being formally notified on several occasions" by APHIS officials of the licensing requirement.

My client met with an investigator in January, 2010. The inspector summarized it as follows, that Mr. Dollarhite could sell any number of rabbits to persons who came to his home to purchase those rabbits for meat on their dinner table, but he could not sell any rabbits to anyone who was buying them to resell them as pets, without first having a license. Mr. Dollarhite then asked the investigator whether, if Mr. Dollarhite ceased immediately to raise and sell rabbits and guinea pigs, and just got "totally out of the business", that would suffice to settle the investigation. The investigator responded it would "look good for him", but that the investigator was not asking or directing him either to become certified, or to cease sales or production. My client shortly afterward voluntarily chose to cease operations, disposed of his stock, his cages, his equipment, and never sold another guinea pig or rabbit to anyone.

To my client's understanding, the first "formal notification" he received that he violated the law by not having a required license, was the present letter/notice of April 19, 2011. If there was any formal notice which preceded that notice, I would like you to provide me a copy of that notice, in order that I might discuss it with him. [I am aware there were informal conversations in which he expressed a belief he had not violated the law, whereas a representative of APHIS or IES expressed a contrary opinion, but he was told

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the matter was still under investigation and he would be informed when the investigation was completed.]

Many months passed, and then he received your certified mail letter dated April 19, 2011. He had long since ceased all sales of rabbits and had no plans to re-engage in marketing rabbits in the future. The terms of the proposed Settlement Agreement are unacceptable to Mr. Dollarhite and he will not be forwarding payment of the requested \$90,643.00. If your office would choose to modify the Settlement Proposal to remove the penalty provision, and instead recite simply that he shall cease and desist from engaging in any sales of regulated animals in violation of 9 C.F.R. Sec. 2.1(a)(1), that would be an agreement he could voluntarily enter. Since that has not been an option offered:

## He does request a hearing.

I cannot imagine that the actions of Mr. Dollarhite would merit a fine or penalty that would be 272 times larger than what the "average" fine (\$ 333) collected by the USDA, IES, APHIS would be, under the circumstances of this case, and would certainly hope that a reasonable hearing examiner would agree.

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Richard L. Anderson

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cc: John Dollarhite

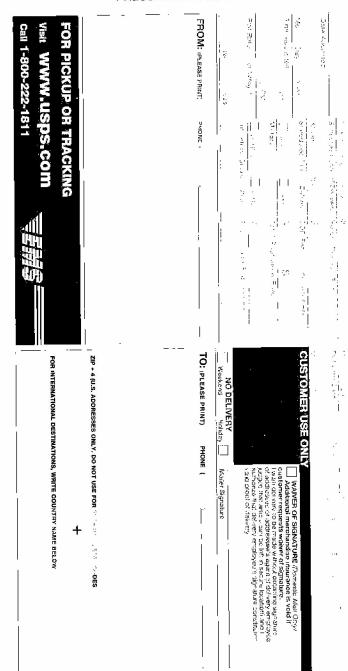
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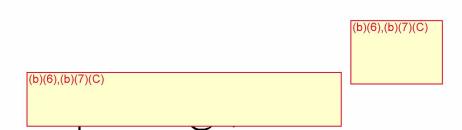
As a follow-up to your telephone call and in response to your request, I have attached a link to the USDA, APHIS, Animal Care website. Specifically the page with copies of the Animal Welfare Act.

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\_welfare/awa\_info.shtml

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#### John Dollarhite

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04/19/2011 11:37 AM

The subject case has been sent a Stip for \$90,643.00. Attached are the Settlement Letter and Cover Sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Thank You.

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Thank You,

Compliance Assistant Investigative & Enforcement Services 4700 River Road, Unit 85 Riverdale, Maryland 20737 Phone: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C Email: @aphis.usda.gov

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RETURN RECEIPT

United States Department of Agriculture

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Marketing & Regulatory Programs Business Services

4700 River Road Riverdale, MD 20737 John Dollarhite DBA: Dollarvalue Rabbitry 1537 Osborne Lane Nixa, MO 65714

Dear Sir(s):

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) enforces regulations to protect the health and care of animals, plants, and agricultural industry. Violations of these regulations jeopardize the animal and plant health systems that are vital to protect American agriculture.

Our investigation shows that you have violated the United States Code of Federal Regulations as described on the enclosed Stipulation. APHIS laws and regulations provide for administrative and criminal penalties to enforce these regulatory requirements, including civil penalties of up to \$10,000 for each of the violations documented in our investigation.

The Secretary of Agriculture may, after providing notice and opportunity for a hearing, impose civil penalties or other sanctions. You may, however, waive your right to a hearing and settle this matter by paying \$90,643 by May 23, 2011 and signing the enclosed Stipulation.

Please pay the \$90,643 penalty by certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of the United States or go to <a href="www.pay.gov">www.pay.gov</a> to pay by credit card. Write the Case Number (MO09099-AC) on your check or money order and mail it with the signed Stipulation to:

USDA, APHIS, (General) (MO09099-AC) P. O. Box 979043 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If we do not receive your signed stipulation agreement and payment or notice that you wish to exercise your right to a hearing by May 23, 2011, this matter will be forwarded to the Department's Office of the General Counsel (OGC) for litigation. Please know that the penalty offered in this Stipulation represents a fraction of the civil penalty APHIS may seek should we refer this matter to OGC. You may contact our office at telephone number (301) 734-8684 if yo

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## **Investigative and Enforcement Services**

## Settlement Agreement

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John Dollarhite

DBA: Dollarvalue Rabbitry

1537 Osborne Lane Nixa, MO 65714

CASE NUMBER MO09099-AC DUE ON OR BEFORE CONTACT PHONE

May 23, 2011

DATE

CITATION

**DESCRIPTION** 

Various	Licensing. Requirements and application. Any person operating or intending to operate as a dealer, exhibitor, or operator of an auction sale must have a valid license.
	Respondent sold rabbits and guinea pigs (regulated animals) in commerce without the required USDA license, after being formally notified on several occasions by APHIS officials of the licensing requirement. Sales were made on various dates from April 3, 2008 through December 21, 2009. During this time, there were 56 transactions for 619 regulated animals sold in commerce.

PENALTY \$ 90,643.00

**TERMS** 

Titles 7, 15, 19, and 21 of the United States Code authorize the Secretary of Agriculture, after providing notice and opportunity for a hearing, to impose civil penalties and other sanctions to resolve violations.

Prior to the issuance of a formal complaint seeking sanctions under the Act, The Department may enter into a stipulation to resolve the above-described violations. Your payment constitutes a waiver of your right to a hearing, a finding that the violations of law have occurred, and settlement of such violations.

If you do not pay the specified penalty within the designated time or wish to exercise your right to a hearing, this matter will be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel for litigation. The penalty offered in this stipulation is not relevant to the sanctions the Department may seek, or that will be assessed, upon issuance of a formal complaint.

Signature of Respondent:

#### PAYMENT RECORD - FOR IES USE ONLY

Payment Type	Date	Amount	Signature of IES Representative
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Re: MO09099-AC; John Dollarhite, dba Dollarvalue Rabbitry (Concurrence of \$90,643 stipulation)

Robert M Gibbens to Roxanne Folk

04/14/2011 11:38 AM

I concur.

Robert M. Gibbens, DVM Director, Western Region USDA, APHIS, Animal Care 2150 Centre Ave., Bldg B Ft. Collins, CO 80526 (970)494-7478

Roxanne Folk

Hi, We have reviewed case number MO09099-A.

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To Robert M Gibbens/CO/APHIS/USDA@USDA

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Subject MO09099-AC; John Dollarhite, dba Dollarvalue Rabbitry (Concurrence of \$90,643 stipulation)

Hi,

We have reviewed case number MO09099-AC; John Dollarhite DBA: Dollarvalue Rabbitry that documents Mr. Dollarhite conducting regulated activities (operating as a dealer) without the required license, and will be issuing a stipulation in the amount of \$90,643.

A reply with your concurrence is **required** to proceed with our recommended enforcement action.

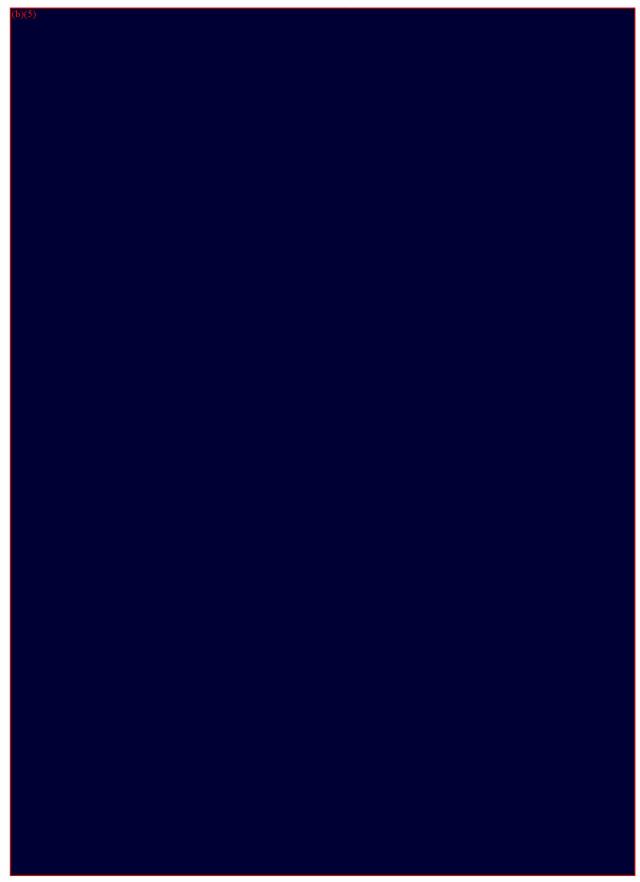
A draft of the stipulation and penalty worksheet are attached for your information, review, and concurrence.

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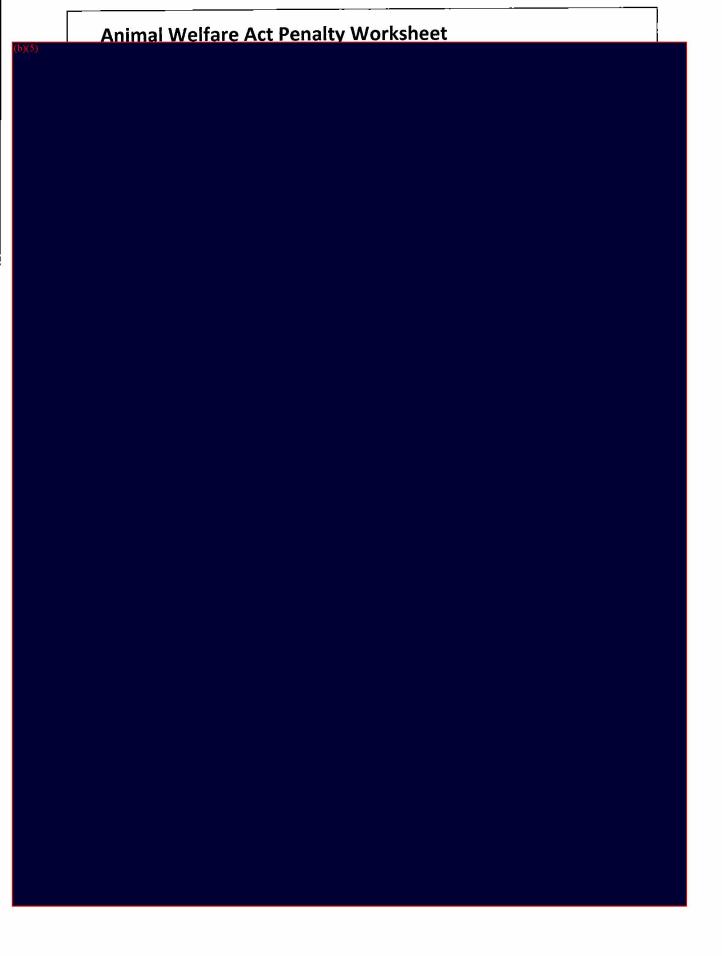
## **Animal Welfare Act Penalty Worksheet**



T23 AC Penalty Worksheet after 6-1-05 Rev 1 (Sep 2010)

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Subject Fw: Dollarhite Case # MO9099-AC

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Another recommendation.

Ruth Ann

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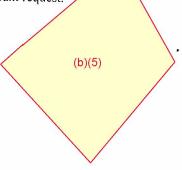
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The investigative report documents the violation of conducting regulated activity without a license obtained by Animal Care inspector during the course of a search for unlicensed activity in 2009. Sales invoices and admissions demonstrate that Mr. Dollarhite sold at least 145 rabbits and 5 guines pigs in commerc (5)(4)

without having a USDA license. These requires a USDA Dealers License for any person selling more that \$500.00 of any regulated animal other than wild, exotic animals or dogs and cats per calendar year.

An application packet was sent to Mr. Dollarhite on 3/16/06 per applicant request.

Statutory Factors



Gravity = serious; Operating without a license impedes the Secretary's efforts to enforce the Act.

a required USDA license over a two year period.

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Good faith = no evidence; Mr. Dollarhite was aware of the licensing requirements prior to the dates of the alleged violations as evidenced by the request of an application packet in March of 2006.

A stipulation is recommended.

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for

Robert M. Gibbens, DVM

Director, Western Region

USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

2150 Centre Ave., Bldg B

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

TO: Robert M. Paul

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THROUGH: Dr. Gregory L. Parham

Administrator

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Countries

FROM:

Robert J. Huttenlocker

Director

Investigative and Enforcement

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

SUBJECT:

Violations of 9 C.F.R., Part 2 Case No. MO09099-AC AC - Unlicensed Dealer Case

Attached please find Report of Investigation (ROI) MO09099-AC, dated February 22, 2010, involving violations of 9 C.F.R., Part 2 by the following subject:

> John Dollarhite d/h/a**Dollarvalue Rabbitry** 1537 Osburn Lane Nixa, MO 65714

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Represented by Legal Counsel: Richard L. Anderson Attorney at Law P.O. Box 2145 **Branson West, MO 65737-2145** 

John Dollarhite (Dollarhite) is an unlicensed individual who owned and operated Dollarvalue Rabbitry. Dollarhite formerly bred and sold rabbits and guinea pigs.

Dr. Robert M. Gibbens, Western Regional Director, Animal Care (AC), APHIS, USDA, requested that Investigative and Enforcement Services (IES) investigate Dollarhite's noncompliance with the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations and standards.

In March 2006, Dollarhite requested a licensing/informational application kit from AC. In response to his request, Dollarhite was sent an AWA Dealer licensing information/application kit and a copy of the AWA.

In August 2009, following up on a search for unlicensed activity, an AC inspector visited with Dollarhite and personally informed him of the requirement to be licensed, gave him another licensing/information application kit, and performed a courtesy inspection of the rabbit pens on his premises. During this visit, Dollarhite admitted he sold regulated

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animals and seemed to understand he was operating as a dealer without the required USDA license. After the visit, Dollarhite continued operating as a dealer without a valid license.

We believe the attached ROI substantiates the following alleged violations of the regulations by Dollarhite:

### **April 3, 2008, through December 21, 2009:**

9 C.F.R. § 2.1(a)(1) Licensing. Requirements and application. Respondent sold rabbits and guinea pigs (regulated animals) in commerce without the required, valid USDA license, after APHIS officials notified him of the licensing requirement. During this time, respondent sold 619 animals in commerce in 56 transactions.

On April 19, 2011, IES issued a Settlement Agreement (e.g., monetary stipulation) to Dollarhite for \$90,643. In a response dated May 19, 2011, Dollarhite rejected this offer and requested an administrative hearing.

In response to concerns raised in Dollarhite's correspondence and his purported interest in ceasing to engage in regulated activity, on May 26, 2011, IES issued a revised Settlement Agreement that contained no monetary penalty provided that Dollarhite agreed to, among other things, permanent disqualification from obtaining a license under the AWA. In correspondence dated July 15, 2011, Dollarhite rejected this offer, expressing his belief that doing so would "prohibit him from engaging in future activities that in no way violate the [AWA] or current regulations pursuant to the Act."

APHIS requests that your office seek a civil penalty of \$13,238.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> APHIS calculated the proposed stipulated penalty for Dollarhite by considering the size of his business, his prior history of violations, the gravity and number of violations, and whether he demonstrated good faith. Based on these factors, APHIS calculated a stipulated penalty of \$90,643, which represented

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> APHIS recently revised its guidelines for calculating penalties under the AWA, including its guidelines for calculating penalties for unlicensed animal sales. APHIS has recalculated its recommended penalty for Dollarhite using the revised guidelines. Dollarhite earned at leas(b)(4) gross proceeds from the unlicensed sales. Based on these gross proceeds, and taking into account that Dollarhite had no prior history of noncompliance with the AWA, APHIS's recalculated penalty recommendation is \$13,238(b)(5)

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is the Enforcement Specialist who reviewed this case. If you have any questions concerning this case, please call her at (301) 734-7453.

### Attachment

cc: R. Gibbens, AC, WR

T. Fordahl, IES, WR

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### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ("APHIS"), Animal Care, and John Dollarhite (doing business as Dollarvalue Rabbitry), with reference to the following facts:

- At all times mentioned herein, John Dollarhite was an individual whose mailing address is 1537 Osborne Lane, Nixa, Missouri 65714.
- II. APHIS has documented evidence of John Dollarhite's non-compliance with the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et. seq.) (AWA) and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.), and, specifically, has documented evidence of John Dollarhite operating as a dealer by selling rabbits and guinea pigs used for exhibition and for resale without a valid USDA license as required by the AWA regulations (9 C.F.R. § 2.1(a)(1)).
- III. APHIS has not instituted an administrative enforcement action based on the findings described above in paragraph II.
- IV. APHIS and John Dollarhite have determined to settle the issues related to the potential violations of the AWA and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, as described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

- A. John Dollarhite admits that the Secretary has the authority to administer and enforce the AWA and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, and that this Settlement Agreement falls within the Secretary's jurisdiction to enforce the AWA. John Dollarhite waives oral hearing and further procedure.
  - B. Nothing in paragraph A gives the Secretary any control, ownership, or authority

over John Dollarhite's property, real or personal, or any new authority to enter on to or otherwise affect John Dollarhite's real property.

- C. John Dollarhite consents and agrees to the following:
- 1. John Dollarhite and any partnership, firm, corporation, or other legal entity that he controls or in which he has a substantial interest, financial or otherwise, are disqualified for a two-year period, from April 19, 2011, through April 19, 2013, from (a) obtaining an AWA license, and (b) engaging in activities governed by the AWA (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) and regulations issued thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.), either directly or indirectly, on or off 1537 Osborne Lane, Nixa, Missouri 65714.
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## JOHN DOLLARHITE

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Date: 12-14-11

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4700 River Road Riverdale, MD 20737 Mr. John Dollarhite c/o Richard Anderson P.O. Box 2145

Branson West, Missouri 65737-2145

Dear Mr. Dollarhite:

We would like to offer you the opportunity to settle allegations that you violated the Animal Welfare Act. We have revised the terms of the enclosed Settlement Agreement to address the concerns you raised in prior correspondence and discussions. As outlined in the Settlement Agreement, these terms are as follows:

- 1. You agree to a two-year disqualification from obtaining an AWA license, with the two-year period beginning retroactively on April 19, 2011.
- You acknowledge that the Secretary has the authority to administer and enforce the AWA. The intent of this term is simply to recognize that the Settlement Agreement falls within the Secretary's jurisdiction to enforce the AWA. We clarified that this acknowledgment does not give the Secretary any control, ownership, or authority over your property, or any new authority to enter on to or otherwise affect your real property, beyond the Secretary's pre-existing authority.
- 3. You are not required to relinquish ownership or possession of any animals.

Please review the terms of this Settlement Agreement, and, if you agree with these terms, please sign and return it to our office by January 24, 2012, at:

USDA, APHIS, IES MO09099-AC 4700 River Road, Unit 85, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234.

If you sign and return this Settlement Agreement, we will close your case with no further action.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call me on (301) 734-7453.

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Director
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Date: 12 - 14-11

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

Date:\_\_\_\_

Robert M. Gibbens

Director, Animal Care, Western Region Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service United States Department of Agriculture To:

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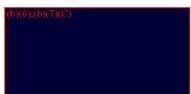
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Subject: Attachments:

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The subject case has been sent a Pre-litigation Settlement Agreement letter, attached is your copy. If you should have any questions please contact (100,00,00) Thank you." For tracking purposes, we've included the Certified Mail #7008 1830 0003 3885 8268.



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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Investigative and Enforcement Services

4700 River Road Riverdale, MD 20737 Mr. John Dollarhite c/o Richard Anderson P.O. Box 2145 Branson West, Missouri 65737-2145

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Dear Mr. Dollarhite:

We would like to offer you the opportunity to settle allegations that you violated the Animal Welfare Act. We have revised the terms of the enclosed Settlement Agreement to address the concerns you raised in prior correspondence and discussions. As outlined in the Settlement Agreement, these terms are as follows:

- 1. You agree to a two-year disqualification from obtaining an AWA license, with the two-year period beginning retroactively on April 19, 2011.
- 2. You acknowledge that the Secretary has the authority to administer and enforce the AWA. The intent of this term is simply to recognize that the Settlement Agreement falls within the Secretary's jurisdiction to enforce the AWA. We clarified that this acknowledgment does not give the Secretary any control, ownership, or authority over your property, or any new authority to enter on to or otherwise affect your real property, beyond the Secretary's pre-existing authority.
- 3. You are not required to relinquish ownership or possession of any animals.

Please review the terms of this Settlement Agreement, and, if you agree with these terms, please sign and return it to our office by January 24, 2012, at:

USDA, APHIS, IES MO09099-AC 4700 River Road, Unit 85, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234.

If you sign and return this Settlement Agreement, we will close your case with no further action.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call me on (301) 734-7453.

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Robert J. Huttenlocker Director Investigative and Enforcement Services Batch #: 62,485

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#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by the United States Department of Agriculture,
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ("APHIS"), Animal Care, and John Dollarhite
(doing business as Dollarvalue Rabbitry), with reference to the following facts:

- I. At all times mentioned herein, John Dollarhite was an individual whose mailing address is 1537 Osborne Lane, Nixa, Missouri 65714.
- II. APHIS has documented evidence of John Dollarhite's non-compliance with the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et. seq.) (AWA) and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 *et seq.*), and, specifically, has documented evidence of John Dollarhite operating as a dealer by selling rabbits and guinea pigs used for exhibition and for resale without a valid USDA license as required by the AWA regulations (9 C.F.R. § 2.1(a)(1)).
- III. APHIS has not instituted an administrative enforcement action based on the findings described above in paragraph II.
- IV. APHIS and John Dollarhite have determined to settle the issues related to the potential violations of the AWA and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, as described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

- A. John Dollarhite admits that the Secretary has the authority to administer and enforce the AWA and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, and that this Settlement Agreement falls within the Secretary's jurisdiction to enforce the AWA. John Dollarhite waives oral hearing and further procedure.
  - B. Nothing in paragraph A gives the Secretary any control, ownership, or authority

over John Dollarhite's property, real or personal, or any new authority to enter on to or otherwise affect John Dollarhite's real property.

- C. John Dollarhite consents and agrees to the following:
- 1. John Dollarhite and any partnership, firm, corporation, or other legal entity that he controls or in which he has a substantial interest, financial or otherwise, are disqualified for a two-year period, from April 19, 2011, through April 19, 2013, from (a) obtaining an AWA license, and (b) engaging in activities governed by the AWA (7 U.S.C. § 2131 *et seq.*) and regulations issued thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 *et seq.*), either directly or indirectly, on or off 1537 Osborne Lane, Nixa, Missouri 65714.
- D. John Dollarhite consents and agrees that his failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement shall automatically void paragraph E below, and that APHIS shall have the right to immediately institute enforcement proceedings against John Dollarhite based upon the non-compliant items documented in connection with animal welfare investigation MO09099-AC, and any future violations, and to pursue any and all remedies available to APHIS under the AWA.
- E. For and in consideration of John Dollarhite's agreements and actions described in paragraph C above, and the promises and admissions of John Dollarhite set forth herein, APHIS agrees not to institute an administrative or civil enforcement action against John Dollarhite in connection with the alleged AWA violations documented in animal welfare investigation MO09099-AC.

APHIS and John Dollarhite warrant and represent that their respective representatives, whose signatures appear below, have the authority to execute this Settlement Agreement and to bind each of the parties, respectively, to this Settlement Agreement.

JOHN DOLLARHITE	
	Date:
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPE	
	Date:

Robert M. Gibbens Director, Animal Care, Western Region Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service United States Department of Agriculture

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APHIS No. MO 09-099-AW	Respondent:
	JOHN DOLLARHITE, an individual doing business as DOLLARVALUE RABBITRY,
Marketing Division Attorney: Colleen Carroll	
	<u>Initials</u> <u>Date</u>
Marketing Division, OGC	$\frac{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}\sqrt{h}}{\text{Attorney}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}\sqrt{h}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$
	Assistant General/Counsel
Director Investigative and Enforcement Services	
Deputy Administrator Animal Care	
Administrator, APHIS Room 312-E, Administration Bldg. Washington, DC	

## **ATTENTION -- APHIS ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE:**

WHEN COMPLAINT HAS BEEN SIGNED, PLEASE CALL FOR PICKUP:

Ada Quick, OGC 202-720-8119

Please return ENTIRE PACKET to Ms. Quick