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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Marketing & Regulatory Programs Business Services

4700 River Road Riverdale, MD 20737

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

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT

Dear Sir:

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) enforces the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA) and the regulations issued thereunder.

A recent APHIS investigation documents alleged violations of the AWA as described in the enclosed Stipulation Agreement. The AWA authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, after providing notice and opportunity for hearing, to impose civil penalties of up to \$10,000 for each of the violations documented in our investigation. You may, however, waive your right to a hearing and settle this matter by: (1) agreeing not to buy, sell, own, or possess breeding animals; (2) agreeing to permanent disqualification from obtaining a license; and (3) signing and returning the enclosed Stipulation Agreement no later than July 29, 2011.

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 Enforcement Branch Investigative and Enforcement Services

Enclosure

cc: R. Gibbens, AC, WR T. Forahl, IES, WR E. Nicke K. March, AC, WR L. Blanton, AC, WR D. Hutch

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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT form with postage and fee table, recipient name John Dollarhite, and address MO09099-AC, Pre-Lit Agreement.