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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. Huttenlocker
Director
Investigative and Enforcement Services

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