

## 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