

# INTERVIEW LOG USDA, APHIS, IES

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

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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 Preliminary 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 complaint. 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 and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and in no way felt they had ever treated any USDA Inspector in any manner that should be considered threatening. John Dollarite stated (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated I was not in any way questioning their rights and was only concerned about their activities regarding the AWA 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.

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