



United States
Department of
Agriculture

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Marketing and
Regulatory
Programs

Ms. Gwen Jack

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Dear Ms. Jack:

Legislative and
Public Affairs

This is in response to your October 13, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all records pertaining to breeder Denise Benson, Scotia, Nebraska. Your request was received in our office on October 13, 2009, and assigned FOIA 10-018. We apologize for the delayed processing of your request.

Freedom of
Information

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Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located the enclosed eight pages consisting of certificates, application for license and correspondence responsive to your request. However, some information has been withheld pursuant Exemption (b)(4) permits the withholding of commercial or financial information that was obtained from a person outside the government and that is privileged or confidential. The withholding of such information is permitted if disclosure is likely to cause substantial competitive harm to the person who submitted the information. We are withholding line items cost.

Exemption (b)(6) permit withholding of information which if released would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically, we have withheld the owner's signature.

Please be advised inspection reports are now available on the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) website at the following address: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/inspection_list.shtml. Please see the enclosed stakeholder announcement for further information concerning the inspection reports.

You may appeal our partial denial determination of information. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and received within 45 days of the date of this letter. Send your appeal to:

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, D.C. 20250-3401

If you choose to appeal, please refer to FOIA 10-018 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.



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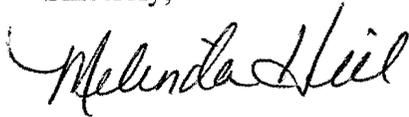
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Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the cost has been waived.
Should you have questions, please contact Lyndia Taylor of this staff at (301) 734-0597.

Sincerely,



for

Tonya G. Woods
Director
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act
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Enclosures