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Dear Mr. Howell:

Freedom of
Information

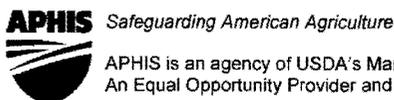
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This is in response to your January 23, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of any reports pertaining to breeder, Calvin Dilbeck of Petland. Your request was received in this office on January 23, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 10-222. We sincerely apologize for this delayed response.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located the enclosed 14 pages of inspection reports that are responsive to your request. However, information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Also, information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 7(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(C). This exemption protects from disclosure records or information collected for law enforcement purposes when its release could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Please note that inspection reports are now available on the Animal Care website. To access all available APHIS inspection reports, please visit the APHIS homepage at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov> and click on **FOIA Reading Room** (a bullet item located in the light blue box on the right-hand portion of the screen). Then, click on **Lists of active licensed and registered facilities**, a bullet item located under a Frequently Requested Documents heading. Then, about halfway down that next page, click **Inspection Reports and License and Registration List**. There, you will be able to access a searchable database.

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



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If you choose to appeal, please refer to FOIA 10-222 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.

Because of our delay in processing your request, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Sophie Lau-Lopez of my staff at (301) 734-5360.

Sincerely,



for Celeste Camp
Acting Director
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