



United States
Department of
Agriculture

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Marketing and
Regulatory
Programs

Terry Torrance

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Dear Ms. Torrance:

Legislative and
Public Affairs

This is in response to your December 14, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of owner/shipper papers for all horses shipped out of Colorado for slaughter to Canada and Mexico. Your request was received in this office on December 14, 2009, and assigned case number FOIA 10-147. Please forgive the delay of this response.

Freedom of
Information

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Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and have informed this office that there are no owner/shipper papers for the time period January 1, 2009 through the present, for all horses shipped out of Colorado for slaughter to Canada and Mexico.

You may appeal our findings of no responsive records. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and received within 45 days of the date of this letter. Send to:

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

Please refer to FOIA 10-147 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, please provide specific reasons why you believe modification of this initial determination is warranted.

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

Sincerely,

for Celeste C. Camp
Acting Director
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act
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