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Dear Mrs. Sickles,

I raised the domestic fallow deer, PICTURE ON BACK OF THIS LETTER, for over twenty five years without one sick or diseased animal and had received E mail from USDA that the fallow deer was not one of the animals that was considered subject to contract Chronic Wasting disease. Ignoring this fact North Carolina Wildlife conducted an early morning storm trooper type raid on my farm killing my fallows with scatter guns using buck shot, one of the most cruel ways in which to kill a large animal. The animals were killed using the CWD excuse, 12 of the animals were taken as if they belonged to the wildlife department, This was done to prevent witness or media coverage of the carnage.

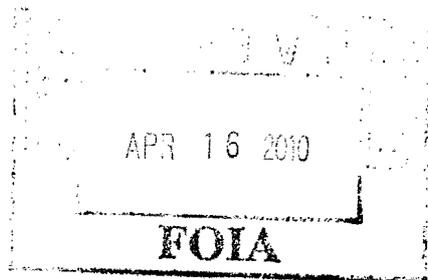
USDA published a directive in 2002 which outlined procedures that individual states could take in order to combat the spread of CWD., the enclosed page restricts depopulation of animals to certain geographical areas where CWD is already present. It also states that when depopulation becomes necessary the owners will be compensated. North Carolina definitely is not one of the areas where depopulation would be allowed and even if it was it would not pertain to the fallow deer. I contacted Wisconsin last week just to be aware of their actions concerning the fallow and found out that they have a better understanding of this animal and have placed it under the control of agriculture. Chronic Wasting Disease has never been discovered in this animal within their two thousand year history. Has NCWD documented the true number of fallows that they have slaughtered? They refuse to give me information on specific animals but insist on using the word cervid . True the fallow deer is indeed a cervid but the difference between them and white tail deer is comparable to day and night. Wildlife boast of testing 2800 cervids in their CWD program with no positive results. My question is how many millions of dollars were spent on testing of the wrong animal. I am sending several documents which will explain how I was treated by NCWD however this letter was written in order to find out if NCWD has furnished you specific information on the number and type of cervids which has been killed specifically for the purpose of CWD testing. As information collection coordinator for APHIS I would naturally think that you would be aware of wildlife's CWD program.

Thank You

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