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**MAY 11 2011**

Ms. Carney Anne Chester  
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals  
1536 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Chester:

This is in response to your April 22, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of all Animal Welfare Act license applications, requests for renewal and any records submitted in connection with such applications or requests for license renewal, pertaining to James Bass, d/b/a Jambbas Ranch Tours, Inc. (license #55-B-0177), from January 1, 2007 through the date which this request is processed. Your request was received in this office on April 22, 2011, and assigned case number 11-437. We apologize for the delay of this response.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located three pages of the Application for License. However, financial information in blocks #8 and #10 of the Application for License has been withheld pursuant Exemption 4 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). This exemption protects confidential business information (CBI) from disclosure when release would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of an individual, a partnership or a corporation from whom the information was obtained.

Personal information such as signatures and a social security number has also been withheld pursuant to 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.

Please be advised that the Animal Care program office did not locate any additional records for James Bass, d/b/a Jambbas Ranch Tours as stated in your request.

You may appeal our partial denial of this information. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be 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 11-437 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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Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25, the fee has been waived.  
Should you have questions, please contact the FOIA Office at (301) 734-8296.

Sincerely,

  
for: Tonya G. Woods

Director

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