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United States
Department of
Agriculture

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Teresa Marshall
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Dear Ms. Marshall:

4700 River Road
Unit 50
Riverdale, MD
20737-1232

This is in response to your May 31, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any and all records relating to a complaint submitted by In Defense of Animals on March 17, 2011, regarding Hanneford Family Circus (license number 58-C-0666), owned by George Hanneford III, and an elephant named Liz. Your request was received in this office on May 31, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-549.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located 26 pages of records responsive to your request. However, information has 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. The same information has been withheld pursuant to 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. We have withheld the owner's signature and the identity of third party individuals.

Please note that copies of inspection reports are now available on our Animal Welfare web site. 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 **APHIS eFOIA Reading Room**, then about halfway down that page, click on **Animal Welfare**, then **click on Search Active Licensees, Registered Facilities, Annual Reports, and Inspection Reports**, a bullet item located under an **Animal Welfare** heading. There, you will be able to access a searchable database.

Ms. Teresa Marshall
FOIA 11-549

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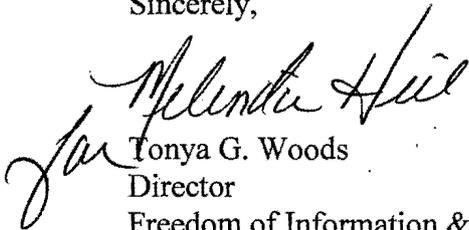
You may appeal our partial denial determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter to:

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

If you choose to appeal, please refer to FOIA 11-549 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 the determination is warranted.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. KeWanda McCain of my staff at (301) 734-4893.

Sincerely,



Tonya G. Woods
Director
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