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Ms. Terry Torrance

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Dear Ms. Torrance:

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This is in response to your April 26, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the owner/shipper paper and health certificate for a horse shipped to slaughter with the back tag USFW 3695. Your request was received in this office on April 27, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-455.

Freedom of
Information

4700 River Road
Unit 50
Riverdale, MD
20737-1232

Based on the information provided in your request, Agency employees have informed this office that Veterinary Services (VS) does not have the ability to track horses by tag number. VS will need the name of the owner/shipper and the date of the shipment to try to track down that very specific information on a single horse.

You may appeal our no records determination. 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 11-455 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tempie Johnson of my staff at (301) 734-0797.

Sincerely,



Tonya G. Woods
Director

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