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Julie Caramante

Sent Via Email

Dear Ms. Caramante:

This is in response to your August 8, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the names of companies or individuals who engage in commerce of shipping horses to slaughter from Oklahoma, since January 1, 2011. Your request was received on August 8, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-724.

Please note the Agency does not maintain a list or track the names of entities or individuals who engage in horse commerce. However, the Office of Veterinary Services conducted a search of their files and located three pages that are responsive to your request. These pages are being released to you in their entirety.

You may appeal our determination of your request. 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, DC 20250-3401. Please refer to FOIA 11-724 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.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Staff at (301) 734-8296.

Sincerely,

Tony G. Woods
for: *Katy Caramante*

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