



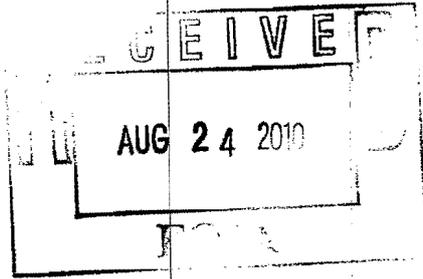
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 Subject CANADA GEESE FOIA REQUEST - In Defense of Animals

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August 24, 2010

Ms. Tonya Woods
 FOIA/ PA Officer
 4700 River Road, Unit 50
 Riverdale, MD 20737-1232



VIA EMAIL - foia.officer@aphis.usda.gov:

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Dear Ms Woods:

This request for records is made under the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C., sec. 552, by In Defense of Animals, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public about issues related to animal protection.

This request is directed at obtaining records **for the periods listed below through the date on which this request is processed:**

- Copies of all records related to the locations of where culls of Canada geese will occur in 2011.
- Copies of all records related to the dates where culls of Canada geese populations will occur in 2011.
- Copies of all expenses associated with culling operations of Canada geese in 2009. This includes costs incurred for staff, travel time, etc.
- Copies of all contracts between the USDA Wildlife Services and municipalities applying for permits to cull Canada geese from January 1, 2008 to the date which this request is processed.

If some of the records above are currently not yet available, please send us the information when they become available.

IDA is prepared to pay all reasonable duplication fees up to an initial amount of \$100. However, the Freedom of Information Act provides that:

"Documents shall be furnished without charge or at a reduced charge where the agency determines that waiver or reduction of fee is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the public." [Title 5, Section 552(a)(4)(A)]

IDA believes that this request satisfies the criterion for fee waiver or reduction because:

1. The management of wildlife, especially when culling operations have occurred, has historically been a matter of legitimate public interest and concern.

2. The disclosure of the requested record would not be to our primary benefit, but would be to the primary benefit of the general public.
3. Canada geese are "owned" by the citizens of United States and there is intense interest in their welfare.
4. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, IDA is not seeking these records for any commercial use, and therefore we request that all review fees be waived entirely.
5. Because IDA publishes a newsletter, as well as various news items on our web site, IDA is a representative of the news media, and therefore we request that all search fees be waived entirely.

IDA asks that duplication fees in this matter be waived or reduced. **We also ask that records be placed on a CD when possible to avoid the use of paper.** If the waiver or reduction is denied, and fees exceed \$100, please notify us by the telephone or email listed below before the request is processed.

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of this request, please contact the undersigned by telephone or email rather than mail in order to expedite timely disclosure. Please confirm receipt of this request by email below. **Please mail copies of the records and/or the CD to the address below.**

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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