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Dear Ms. Tekanic:

This is in response to your November 19, 2009 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all Annual Reports, Annual Inspections, Violations, Complaints, AWA proceedings, incidents of felid escapes, and the disposition of felids no longer held at the facility T.I.G.E.R.S. USDA CERT # 56-C-0116. Your request was received and assigned case number 10-092. We apologize for the delay in processing your request.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and enclosed are 17 pages that are responsive to your request. However, information is being withheld under FOIA Exemptions 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.

Additionally, information is being withheld under FOIA Exemptions 7(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). This exemption protects from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Please be advised that the information responsive to your request has been referred to our Investigative and Enforcement Services Branch for review and is part of an ongoing law enforcement proceeding (Case Id: SC09007). These records are being withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7(A), 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(A). This exemption protects from disclosure records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement activities. Since Exemption 7(A) protects the records from disclosure, we have not determined if other exemptions apply. Therefore, we reserve the right to assert other exemptions when Exemption 7(A) no longer applies. Moreover, we are unable to determine when the proceedings will be completed. If you wish, you may request the records at a later date.

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

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, DC 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 10-092 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. Also contained on the CD-ROM are copies of your FOIA request, this response letter, and Adobe Reader, which is needed to review the responsive records.

Because of our delay in processing your request, the fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Anastazia Taylor, Ms. Katy Vagnoni, or Mr. John Fischer of my staff, at (301) 504-5670.

Sincerely,



Tonya Woods
Director
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