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United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Julie Caramante

Animal and  
Plant Health  
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Service

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Dear Ms. Caramante:

Freedom of  
Information

This is in response to your October 22, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for owner shipper papers of horses slaughtered from since November 1, 2006 until the last day at the Dallas Crown horse slaughter plant. Your request was received in this office on October 22, 2009, and assigned case number 10-039. We apologize for the delay of this response.

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The Agency's Veterinary Services Office conducted a search of their files and found no records. Also, Veterinary Services informed our staff that it does not maintain nor have any records about Dallas Crown.

Although this does not constitute a denial because no records were found or withheld, you may appeal this determination within 45 calendar days from the date of this letter. 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

Please refer to FOIA 10-039 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. Should you have questions, please contact Reginald Sheppard of this staff at (301) 734-3257.

Sincerely,

*Katy Vagnoni*

Celeste Camp  
Acting Director  
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