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Ms. Ann Olson

Freedom of Information

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Dear Ms. Olson:

This is in response to your July 21, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which was received in this office on July 22, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 10-571. You requested APHIS Form 7003-A (Application for License – New) and APHIS Form 7003 (application for License Renewal) for all Class A (Breeders), Class B (Dealers), Class C (Exhibitors) and Carriers currently licensed or licensed at any time in the state of Minnesota for the last three years (or as many years as is still kept on file). You also requested the “Animal Count at Last Visit” record for all Minnesota breeders and dealers. We apologize for the delay in processing this request.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located 525 pages of responsive releasable records which are contained on the enclosed CD-ROM. However, information has being withheld under FOIA Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). This exemption protects confidential business information from disclosure when release would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of an individual, a partnership, or a corporation from whom the information was obtained.

Additionally, information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 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. Specifically, we withheld names, addresses, phone numbers, and social security numbers.

You may appeal our partial denial of this information. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be 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 10-571 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.



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Also contained on the CD-ROM are copies of your FOIA request, this response letter, and Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™, which is needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, the Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

Due to the delayed processing of your request, all fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Anastazia Taylor, Mr. John Fischer or Ms. Katy Vagnoni of my staff at (301) 734-3254.

Sincerely,



 Tonya Woods
Director
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