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Dear Ms. Woods:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the accompanying USDA regulations, 7 C.F.R. §§ 1.1-1.25, I am requesting copies of records relating to inspections and citations issued to the following exhibitors between January 1, 2010, and the date on which this request is processed:

- Riddle's Elephant and Wildlife Sanctuary (license no. 71-C-0050; P.O. Box 715, Greenbriar, AR 72058);
- Brights Zoo, (license no. 63-C-0229; P.O. Box 249, Limestone, TN 37681);
- Curtis Shepperson dba Windy Oaks Animal Farm (license no. 52-C-0104; 8207 Bultaco Trail, Mechanicsville, VA 23111); and
- Tanganyika Wildlife Park, LLC (license no. 48-C-0156; 1037 S. 183<sup>rd</sup> Street W., Goddard, KS 67052).

If records which are responsive to this request are located in other USD offices, please forward this request to all appropriate offices.

The term "records" includes, but is not limited to, reports, studies, correspondence, memoranda, meeting notes and minutes, drafts and working papers, notes and summaries of conversations and interviews, e-mails, photographs, videotapes, Animal Care inspection reports, records of violations and alleged violations of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), records of complaints and response taken, veterinary care programs, necropsy reports, inventories, records of acquisition and disposition, and any other forms of written or recorded communication. Please note that e-mails are specifically requested, as often these agency records are excluded from the agency's FOIA responses.

PETA is a non-profit public interest organization and as such PETA requests that all fees be waived pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(iii) and USDA FOIA regulations, Pt. 1, Subpt. A, App. A, § 6. PETA has no commercial interest in the requested information, and its disclosure will

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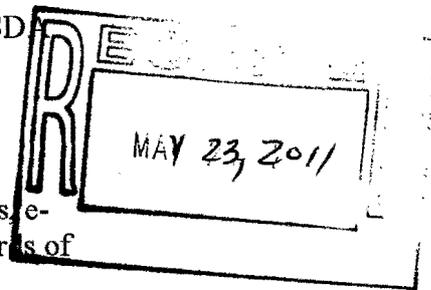
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contribute significantly to public understanding of the USDA's administration and enforcement of the AWA. For this reason, the USDA has routinely granted PETA a fee waiver. However, should you need additional information to process this request for a fee waiver, please let me know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ or  
@peta.org.

Very truly yours,

Captive Animal Law Enforcement