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Inspection Service

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Dear Ms. Robinson:

Freedom of
Information

This is in response to your May 26, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any information related to the elephants held and exhibited by the Hanneford Family Circus (Cert. #58-C-0666) out of Myakka City, FL. The information you seek includes, but is not limited to, notes, memos or correspondence relating to the veterinary conditions during inspections of the elephants on February 12, 2011 and March 30, 2011. Your request was received on May 26, 2011 and assigned case number FOIA 11-543.

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Riverdale, MD
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Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located the enclosed 47 pages responsive to your request. These documents are contained on the enclosed CD-ROM. Information is withheld pursuant to the provisions of FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This information is also withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). This exemption protects from disclosure records or information collected for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically, we are withholding signatures of individuals and information that identifies other complainants and another facility which is not subject to your request.

We found no additional information responsive to your request

You may appeal our partial denial determination and no additional 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 11-543 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® 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.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Office at (301) 734-8296.

Sincerely,

Tonya Woods

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Director
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