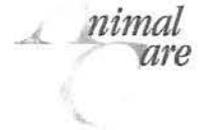




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### ANIMAL WELFARE COMPLAINT

Complaint No. E11-112	Date Entered 28-Mar-11	Received By T. TUBIA
Referred To NUSBAUM/SMITH	Reply Due 29-Apr-11	

#### Facility or Person Complaint Filed Against

Name BRET LINCOLN		Customer/License/Registration No. 325946 UNLICENSED	
Address 35 HIGH STREET			
City EXETER	State NH	Zip 03833	Phone No (603) 370-1964

#### Complainant

Name (b)(6)		Organization ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL WILDLIFE EDUCATORS	
Address 152 CHARLES STREET			
City ROCHESTER	State NH	Zip 03867	Phone No./Email address (603) 817-6735

How was complaint received?

**Details of Complaint:** THE COMPLAINANT IS CONCERNED THAT THE PERSON ABOVE MAY BE EXHIBITING REGULATED ANIMALS WITHOUT A USDA LICENSE.

**Results:** AFTER SOME DIFFICULTY CONTACTING MR. LINCOLN, I DID SPEAK WITH HIM ON 5/3/2011. HE STATED THAT HE WAS NOT EXHIBITING REGULATED SPECIES. THE COMPLAINANT HAD SEEN MR. LINCOLN ON HIS FACEBOOK PAGE HOLDING A HEDGEHOG AT WHAT APPEARED TO BE A CHILDREN'S PARTY. MR. LINCOLN SAID THE PHOTO WAS OF HIM AT A RELATIVE'S HOUSE AND WAS NOT A PHOTO INVOLVING REGULATED ACTIVITY. MR. LINCOLN DID HOWEVER EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN APPLYING FOR A USDA LICENSE, SO AFTER WARNING HIM NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN REGULATED ACTIVITIES WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A LICENSE, I SUGGESTED THAT HE CONTACT ERO FOR AN APPLICATION PACKAGE.

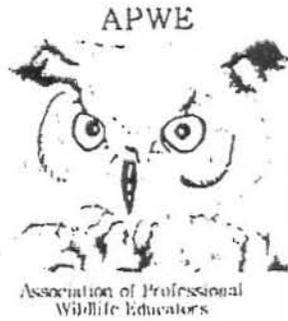
Application packet provided? Yes  No

INSPECTOR  
STEVEN NUSBAUM DVM, MA

DATE  
6-May-11

REVIEWED BY  
Michael J Smith

DATE  
9-May-11



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## Association of Professional Wildlife Educators

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To whom it may concern,

The Association has received a notification of an alleged AWA violation concerning an individual delivering education exhibitions with "exotic mammal(s)" in public when they are not licensed as a Class C Exhibitor.

Below is the information we have. Unfortunately we were not given any specific dates when violations may have occurred, but the allegations are supported by some pictures of the gentleman's Facebook page.

Bret Lincoln

35 High Street Exeter, NH 03833

603-370-1964

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/BCC/171083542910522>

Sincerely,

(b)(6)

APWE Board of Directors – Legislative Chairperson

**CALL TODAY!! 603-817-6735**



28 March 2011

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Dear (b)(6)

Thank you for your Fax, received 28 March 2011, concerning Bret Lincoln. Your concern has been issued number E11-112. If you wish to know the results of our findings, you can do so one of two ways:

1. Inspection reports for licensees are now available on our website after a 21 day mandatory holding period. You may view or retrieve the reports at: [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_welfare/inspection\\_list.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/inspection_list.shtml).
2. If you wish to request more than inspection reports, or request the results of a complaint on a class Research Facility, you must submit a request, in writing, to our Freedom of Information Act office, using one of the following methods.
  1. Email: [foia.officer@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:foia.officer@aphis.usda.gov)
  2. Fax: 301-734-5941
  3. US Mail: USDA, APHIS, FOIA  
4700 River Road, Unit 50  
Riverdale, MD 20723

Depending on the circumstances of the situation, please allow us enough time (30 to 60 days) to thoroughly investigate your concerns.

Animal Care is the division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that is responsible for the enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act. The Act provides minimum standards for the humane care and use of animals at USDA licensed or registered facilities.

Animal Care inspectors conduct routine unannounced inspections at all USDA<sup>™</sup> licensed and registered facilities to ensure that they are meeting or exceeding these minimum standards. Our inspectors also conduct searches for unlicensed facilities conducting regulated activities. We perform inspections and searches when necessary in response to valid concerns and complaints received from the public to ensure the well-being of the animals and compliance with the law. If violations are found, enforcement action appropriate for the circumstances will be initiated.

Please be assured that we will look into your concerns and take appropriate action if necessary.

Thank you for your interest in the welfare of these animals.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Goldentyer, D V M  
Regional Director – Animal Care  
Eastern Region



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