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Subject FOIA request

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Re: FOIA Request for Agency Records Pertaining to Kay Rosaire's Big Cat Encounter, and the Banana Derby

This is a request for agency records made on behalf of Green Mountain Animal Defenders ("GMAD") pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended.

GMAD requests travel itineraries and records that indicate the date that the itineraries were submitted to the agency for the following two USDA-licensed exhibitors that include travel for the months of August and/or September 2011:

- 1.) Kay Rosaire's Big Cat Encounter (Certificate #58-C-0367); and
- 2.) Banana Derby, owned and operated by Gilligan T. Monkey, LLC (Certificate #33-C-0247)

Green Mountain Animal Defenders is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and as such requests that all fees be waived pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(iii). GMAD has no commercial interest in the requested information and its disclosure will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act by the USDA. GMAD is the largest animal protection organization in Vermont and works to raise awareness about the plight of animals used in entertainment by educating the public on this topic via GMAD's Web site, newsletter, educational outreach, and a variety of animal protection events and campaigns.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact

Sincerely,

Sharon MacNair, President
Green Mountain Animal Defenders

