



Marketing and  
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Washington, D.C.

May 12, 2026

APET Inc  
Attn: Mark Shilkus  
195 Prairie Lake Rd.  
East Dundee, IL 60118

Customer No.: 2388

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF 21 DAY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE 33-B-0185**

Dear Mr. Shilkus:

I write to notify you that your license (33-B-0185) under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA or Act) is hereby suspended for a period of 21 days effective upon receipt of this letter, pursuant to section 2149(a) of the Act.

We are taking this action because we have reason to believe that you have willfully violated section 2.40(b)(3) of the regulations issued under the AWA (9 C.F.R. Part 2) (Regulations), and failed to meet the minimum standards for animals (9 C.F.R. Part 3) (Standards), specifically, sections 3.31(a)(4), 3.39(a), and 3.133.

Our evidence shows that between August 5, 2025 and March 30, 2026, you failed to

- provide adequate veterinary care by failing to conduct adequate daily observation of animals and ensure that daily observation of animals includes a mechanism for direct and frequent communication with the attending veterinarian so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian, 9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(3),
- appropriately sanitize guinea pig and hamster enclosures, 9 C.F.R. §3.31(a)(4),
- ensure compatibility of animals housed in the same primary enclosure, 9 C.F.R. §3.133,
- arrange enclosures in a ground transport vehicle so the driver can visually observe guinea pigs and/or hamsters during transportation, 9 C.F.R. §3.39(a),

If you wish to appeal the suspension of your license, you may apply to the Deputy Administrator, in writing, with justification for reinstatement of your license prior to the conclusion of the 21-day suspension. 9 C.F.R. § 2.10(a). You should submit your appeal via email to [ac.cas.mailbox@usda.gov](mailto:ac.cas.mailbox@usda.gov), or by mail to:

USDA APHIS Animal Care  
2150 Centre Avenue Building B

Mailstop 3W11  
Fort Collins, CO 80526-8117

During your suspension period, you are prohibited from buying, selling, transporting, exhibiting, or delivering for transportation, any AWA-regulated animal, 9 C.F.R. § 2.10(c). This prohibition applies to you, and to any employee, agent, or other person, acting on your behalf and applies to all four locations included under this license. Failure to comply with this prohibition may subject you to sanctions authorized by the Act. 7 U.S.C. § 2149.

If you have any questions concerning this suspension, please contact:

Jessica Watson, DVM  
USDA APHIS Animal Care  
Phone: 970-494-7478  
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Done at Washington, D.C.  
This 12th day of May 2026



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