

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

Save the Chimps, Inc., Foreign Not
For Profit Corporation,

Respondent.

AWA Docket No. 25-J-0069

CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER

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This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 *et seq.*) (“AWA” or “Act”), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (“APHIS”), United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”), alleging that the Respondent violated the Act, the regulations (9 C.F.R. Part 2) (Regulations), and/or the standards issued thereunder (9 C.F.R. Part 3) (Standards). This Consent Decision and Order is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondent Save the Chimps, Inc., Foreign Not For Profit Corporation, admits the Findings of Fact, as set forth herein, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations in the Complaint, and specifically admits that the Secretary of the Agriculture has jurisdiction in this matter. Respondent waives oral hearing and all further procedure; waives all rights to seek judicial review and otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Decision and Order, including waiving challenges to the Administrative Law Judge’s authority to enter this Consent Decision and Order under the Administrative Procedure Act and the Constitution of the United States; and waives any action against the USDA under the Equal Access to Justice Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. § 504 *et seq.*) for fees and other expenses incurred by the Respondent in

connection with this proceeding or any action against any USDA employee in his or her individual capacity in connection with this proceeding.

The parties consent and agree for the purpose of settling this proceeding, to the entry of this Consent Decision and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Save the Chimps, Inc. is a Foreign Not For Profit Corporation, registered in the state of Florida, whose principal address is 16891 Carole Noon Lane, Fort Pierce, FL 34945.
2. Ana-Paula Tavares is the Chief Executive Officer of the Respondent.
3. At all times material herein, the Respondent operated as an Exhibitor, as that term is defined in the Act, the Regulations, and/or the Standards.
4. At all times material herein, the Respondent possessed AWA Class C “Exhibitor” license No. 58-C-0706.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent Save the Chimps, Inc., having admitted the Findings of Fact, as set forth herein, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this Consent Decision and Order, such Consent Decision and Order shall be entered.

ORDER

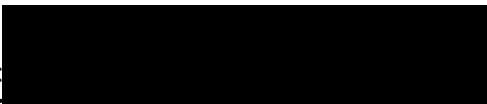
1. Respondent Save the Chimps, Inc., and its agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from violating the Act, the Regulations, and/or the Standards.

2. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00). Respondent shall have a maximum of sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Consent Decision and Order to make payment. Respondent shall send a certified check or money order, made payable to the “Treasurer of the United States,” to USDA APHIS GENERAL, P.O. Box 979043, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000. Respondent shall indicate on the certified check or money order that payment is in reference to AWA Docket No. 25-J-0069.

3. This Consent Decision and Order shall have the same force and effect as if entered after full hearing.

4. The provisions of this Consent Decision and Order shall become final and effective on the date of signature by the Administrative Law Judge.

5. Copies of this Consent Decision and Order shall be served upon the parties or their counsel.


By: 

Chief Executive Officer
Respondent Save the Chimps, Inc.,
A Foreign Not For Profit Corporation

By: John Rodriguez
John Rodriguez
Attorney for the Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.,
this 30th day of
July 2025

By: CHANNING STROTHER
Channing Strother
Chief Administrative Law Judge

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