



Monthly FOIA Log
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Request ID	Requester Name	Organization	Received Date	Target Date	Request Description
2021-APHIS-01575-F	Sutherland, Erin	Animal Welfare Institute	1/4/2021	2/3/2021	This request is made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) by the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending animal suffering. I respectfully request all forms entitled "Certification of Inspection of Export Animals," or Veterinary Services Form 17-37, related to the export of bovines, caprines, and ovines to all countries except Canada and Mexico that were completed for the year of 2020. AWI is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the betterment of animal lives, including animals used in agriculture. This is accomplished in part through public education regarding current industry and government practices. The documents subject to this request will be used to inform concerned individuals about the treatment of livestock animals during transport. I ask that you waive duplication fees and other costs associated with responding to this request because access to the information contained in the referenced materials is in the public interest and would increase public understanding of the government's role in international animal export. AWI has no intention of using the information disclosed under this request for monetary gain. In the event that you deny access to any of the requested records, please provide me with all reasonably segregable, non-exempt portions of the relevant records. Additionally, please describe the deleted material in detail, specify the statutory basis for the denial, and explain the basis for your belief that the material is exempt. I further request that you separately state your reasons for not invoking your discretionary powers to release the requested documents in the

2021-APHIS-01570-F	Brown, Ann	Center for Biological Diversity	1/4/2021	2/3/2021	<p>This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended ("FOIA"), from the Center for Biological Diversity ("Center"), a non-profit organization that works to secure a future for all species hovering on the brink of extinction through science, law, and creative media, and to fulfill the continuing educational goals of its membership and the general public in the process. The Center requests from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ("APHIS") Wildlife Services, and APHIS Minnesota Wildlife Services (collectively referred to hereafter as "APHIS-WS"): 1. From January 1, 2000 to the date APHIS-WS conducts this search, the final records generated pursuant to the consultation process under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1536 ("ESA"), prioritizing the records of biological evaluations, biological assessments, concurrences, and/or biological opinions generated in connection with the impacts of APHIS-WS' management actions in Minnesota on species listed under the ESA; and 2. From January 1, 2018 to the date APHIS-WS conducts this search, the records summarizing the number of animals of each species killed and by what method by APHIS-WS in Minnesota, by county. For this request, the term "records" refers to documents, correspondence (including inter and/or intra-agency correspondence as well as correspondence with entities or individuals outside the federal government), emails, letters, notes, recordings, telephone records, telephone notes, telephone logs, text messages, chat messages, minutes, memoranda, comments, files, presentations, consultations, biological opinions, assessments, evaluations, schedules, papers published and/or unpublished, reports, studies, photographs and other images, data (including raw data, GPS or GIS data, UTM, LiDAR, etc.), maps, and/or all other responsive records, in draft or final form. This request is not meant to exclude any other records that, although not specially requested, are reasonably related to the subject matter of this request. If you or your office have destroyed or determine to withhold any records that could be reasonably construed to be responsive to this request, I ask that you indicate this fact and the reasons therefore in your response. Under the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, agencies are prohibited from denying requests for information under FOIA unless the agency reasonably believes release of the information will harm an interest that is protected by the exemption. FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 (Public Law No. 114-185), codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A). Should you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption, please include sufficient information for us to assess the basis for the exemption, including any interest(s) that would be harmed by release. Please include a detailed ledger which includes: 1. Basic factual material about each withheld record, including the originator, date, length, general subject matter, and location of each item; and 2. Complete explanations and justifications for the withholding, including the specific exemption(s) under which the record (or portion thereof) was withheld and a full explanation of how each exemption applies to the withheld material. Such statements will be helpful in deciding whether to appeal an adverse determination. Your written justification may help to avoid litigation.</p>
2021-APHIS-01652-F	Strong, Jeffery	USDA/APHIS/PPQ/PDC/NDDTC	1/6/2021	2/5/2021	<p>Further seeking general work center information. I would like to know how many classes were taught by the National Detector Dog Training Center (NDDTC) from 1 Oct 2019 to 30 Sept 2020. The name of the class and what training specialist taught the class. I would also like to know how many TDY's were conducted from 1 Oct 2019 to 30 Sept 2020. The reason for the TDY The name of the training specialist who performed the TDY I am confident this information is not protected under the Privacy Act and would be considered general work information. In fact, I have the NDDTC 2020 work calendar that shows the information but I can't confirm if the information on the calendar is 100% accurate. I contacted the NDDTC Director and was told the information would not be provided.</p>
2021-APHIS-01799-F	Leroux, Jocelyn	Western Watersheds Project	1/14/2021	2/16/2021	<p>I am writing today to request lethal management activities reports for wolf management activities in the state of Montana from USDA APHIS Wildlife Services. On behalf of Western Watersheds Project and pursuant to the Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), I am requesting: 1. All records concerning successful or unsuccessful lethal wolf management from January 1, 2020 to the date of search, including the following: a. Wolf-livestock depredation reports including those leading to lethal or attempted lethal removal of one or more wolves, b. Internal agency correspondence regarding lethal or attempted lethal removal of one or more wolves, c. Agency correspondence with impacted landowners or livestock producers regarding lethal or attempted lethal removal of one or more wolves, d. Agency documentation of all successful or unsuccessful wolf kill missions, e. Photographs f. Wolf trapping reports (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2020 To 02/08/2021)</p>
2021-APHIS-02049-F	Hartke, Ron	Ardent Technologies Inc	1/28/2021	2/26/2021	<p>I am requesting: 1. historical PWS/SOW for existing contract - AG6395C170108 2. for existing contract, who is currently assigned: PM (program manager), COR (Contracting Organization Representative), POC (point of contact), CO/KO (contract officer), and CS (contract specialist)</p>

2021-APHIS-01668-F	Johnson, Mina	Mississippi Center For Investigative Reporting	1/8/2021	2/9/2021	On behalf of the Mississippi Center for Investigative Reporting, I am reaching out to your office for assistance in obtaining any, and all, records for the years of 1992-2002, pertaining to the purchase (acquisition), sale, transportation (both interstate and international), identification, and previous ownership of animals (disposition), as well as any inventory list (records of animal on hand). In addition, any, and all records pertaining to complaints, inspection reports, violation notices, and/or reports, inspection reports, or records pertaining to ongoing investigations regarding dealer names of Jack Donald Lewis (aka Don Lewis) and Carole A. Lewis; USDA License Number 58-B-201. Organizations: Wildlife on Easy Street; Wild Cat on Wings; Back to Eden, with a physical address of 12802 Easy Street, Tampa, Florida 33625. As part of this request, we are also seeking all written correspondence from dealer to USDA; from USDA to other government agencies, both State and Federally, as well as international entities; from constituents to USDA with inquiries, concerns and or complaints, involving the dealer, or the entities they were doing business "as". We understand there might be charges associated with compiling the documentation of this request, and agree to reimburse accordingly, with no limitations on the amount we are willing to extend to get such records.
2021-APHIS-01841-F	Lambert, Emily	-	1/19/2021	2/18/2021	I am requesting all records related to the complaints, inspections and investigation of Catty Shack Ranch, 58-C-0630. By all docs, I refer to: • investigation reports; • all written correspondence, including emails between the exhibitor and the USDA, between members of the public and the USDA, between members of any animal rights or welfare group and the USDA, and internal correspondence (IES and AC) relating to the exhibitor; • memoranda; • color photographs (in the original digital format) and videos; and • all attachments or exhibits to the above records. All internal communications (letters, faxes, and similar correspondence; memoranda, emails on government-issued and personal devices; text messages on government-issued and personal devices; messages on instant messaging applications, including but not limited to Conference and Signal; messages on social media accounts; and notes of communications [e.g., notes of in-person conversations or telephone calls]) pertaining to the subject of the records specified above; and All communications (letters, faxes, and similar correspondence; memoranda, emails on government issued and personal devices; text messages on government issued and personal devices; messages on instant messaging applications, including but not limited to Conference and Signal; messages on social media accounts; and notes of communications [e.g., notes of in-person conversations or telephone calls]) to/from the licensees, registrants, or their representatives pertaining to the subject of the records specified above. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2010 to 1/16/2021) (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2010 To 1/16/2021)
2021-APHIS-02025-F	Martin, Michelle	-	1/26/2021	2/24/2021	Request all complaints in regard to Brian Lichirie (USDA Lic. # is 42-B-0317) located in Iowa.
2021-APHIS-02065-F	McCapes, Emma	Animal Legal Defense Fund	1/28/2021	2/26/2021	Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, ALDF requests all USDA APHIS records related to: • "National Foundation for Rescued Animals"; • "Tiger Missing Link Foundation," • "Tiger Missing Link, Inc"; • "Tiger Creek Wildlife Refuge" • "Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary"; • "Tigerlink," and • The property located at 17552 Farm to Market Road 14, Tyler, TX 75706.
2021-APHIS-01825-F	Kleiman, Eric	Animal Welfare Institute	1/14/2021	2/16/2021	Requests all inspection reports, photos, videos, DVDs and CDs related to Dan Moulton, USDA License 41-B-0239, from January 1, 2016 to the present.
2021-APHIS-01868-F	Zaslow, Alexandra	-	1/19/2021	2/18/2021	I am inquiring about gaining access to an unredacted electronic version of the Report of Investigation from the United States Department of Agriculture Animal Plant Health Inspection Service Investigative and Enforcement Services Western Region Fort Collins, CO. Violator(s): S&R Productions DBA Siegfried & Roy; Case number NV04001AC; Violation: 9 CFR 2; Investigator: J David Neal c/o USDA, APHIS, IES; Dated September 28, 2004. Violators Info: Siegfried and Roy doing business as S&R Productions is a Nevada Corporation. They hold an USDA Exhibitors License 88-c-0006. They have been licensed with the USDA for over 15 years; Violation Events: On or about October 3, 2003, while performing at the Mirage Hotel a white tiger known as "Montecore" attacked and severely injured Roy Uwe Horn, of Siegfried and Roy fame.

2021-APHIS-02082-F	Marshall, Teresa	PETA Foundation	1/29/2021	3/1/2021	PETA requests all records related to Bhagavan Antle DBA T.I.G.E.R.S., 56-C-0116, dated January 1, 2018 onwards. By all records I refer to: • Investigat on reports; • License applications and renewals; • Memoranda; • Itineraries; • Veterinary records; • Videos and photographs in their original digital format; • All attachments or exhibits to the above records; • All written correspondence, including emails between members of the public (complainants) and the USDA. • All written exchanges of information between agency personnel and records that document similar oral exchanges pertaining to the subject of the records specified above, as follows: o Letters, faxes, and similar correspondence; o Memoranda; o Emails on government-issued and personal devices; o Text messages on government-issued and personal dev ces; o Messages on instant messaging applications, including but not limited to Conf de and Signal; o Messages on social media accounts; and o Notes of communications (e.g., notes of in-person conversations or telephone calls). • All written exchanges of information to/from the licensees, registrants, or their representatives and records that document similar oral exchanges pertaining to the subject of the records specified above, as follows: o Letters and faxes; o Memoranda; o Emails on government-issued or personal devices; o Text messages on government-issued and personal dev ces; o Messages on instant messaging applications, including but not limited to Conf de and Signal; o Messages on social media accounts; and o Notes of communications (e.g., notes of in-person conversations or telephone calls). (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/29/2021 To 01/29/2021)
2021-APHIS-02083-F	(b) (6)	PETA Foundation	1/29/2021	3/1/2021	PETA requests the results to complaint AC21-034 regarding Bhagavan Antle 56-C-0116 including photos/videos in their original format. PETA also requests: 1. All written exchanges of information between agency personnel and records that document similar oral exchanges pertaining to the subject of the records specified above, as follows: • Letters, faxes, and similar correspondence; • Memoranda; • Emails on government-issued and personal devices; • Text messages on government-issued and personal dev ces; • Messages on instant messaging applicat ons, including but not lim ted to Confide and Signal; • Messages on social media accounts; and • Notes of commun cations (e.g., notes of in-person conversations or telephone calls). 2. All written exchanges of information to/from the licensees, registrants, or their representatives and records that document similar oral exchanges pertaining to the subject of the records specified above, as follows: • Letters and faxes; • Memoranda; • Emails on government-issued or personal dev ces; • Text messages on government-issued and personal devices; • Messages on instant messaging applications, including but not limited to Confide and Signal; • Messages on social media accounts; and • Notes of communications (e.g., notes of in-person conversat ons or telephone calls). (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/01/2020 To 01/29/2021)
2021-APHIS-01585-F	Frega, Doreen	-	1/5/2021	2/4/2021	Subject: Geese and Wildlife Management Control, performed by APHIS. Timeframe: 7/1/2019-12/31/2021. I am requesting the following records: 1. All New Cooperators/Cooperative Service Agreements, (1/1/2021-12/31/2021) w th all NJ entities, who utilize the USDA serv ces for Canadian Geese, Migratory Bird and various other Wildlife throughout NJ, for management control. This applies to all forms of nonlethal and lethal control, including roundups, nests and egg destruction. 2. Form 37: The recommendation form and the results, the USDA provides to the Cooperators, holding a Cooperative Service Agreement with the USDA, for any type of depredat on perm t applied for, by various entities using the USDA services.The USDA attaches a copy of form 37 to the depredation perm t and sends it out. I am requesting copies of all the recommendations forms, specifically form 37, the USDA sends out to all Cooperators that apply for a depredat on perm t. I am referring to the number of Canada Geese, all Migratory Birds and other wildlife killed, taken, relocated or harvested, which were recorded on the depredation Form 37 permit, issued by the USDA to Cooperators. This applies to Canadian Geese, all Migratory Birds and other Wildlife in NJ. Timeframe: 7/1/2019-12/31/2020. 3. The results of all final annual reports submitted to the USDA by the Cooperators in NJ, holding Cooperative Serv ce Agreements for Canada Geese, Migratory Birds and other wildlife in NJ, regarding management control performed by APHIS. Timeframe: 7/1/2019-12/31/2020. Thank you, Doreen Frega 201-294-0118 (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/01/2019 To 12/31/2021)
2021-APHIS-01902-F	Unger, Sue	Royston Rayzor Vickery & Williams	1/19/2021	2/18/2021	Requesting any and all inspection records of the vessel's on hold and cargo of the M/V EPTALOFOS. The inspection records should include any laboratory results/analysis of the cargo and moisture content levels. Vessel: M/V EPTALOFOS Shipper: Bunge North America Location: Darrow, Louisiana Cargo: Approximately 71,000 tons of corn (maize) Date of Inspection: May 2018

2021-APHIS-01834-F	Talamo, Lex	Lady Freethinker	1/19/2021	2/18/2021	Freedom of Information Act Request Letter From: Lex Talamo Reporter, Lady Freethinker lex@ladyfreethinker.org Jan. 15, 2021 Dear Custodian of Records for the Department of Agriculture: This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request that a copy of the following documents, or documents containing the following information, be provided to me: Any and all documents related to animal care violations at Jen-Air Aussies, Bernville (owned by Jenn Miller) in Berks County, Pennsylvania, including but not limited to citations, inspection reports, cease and desist orders, license revocations, and citizen-referred complaints, from Jan. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2020. In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media affiliated with the nonprofit news outlet Lady Freethinker, and this request is made as part of news gathering and not for a commercial use. I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the USDA in licensing and enforcement related to animal welfare, and also will help expose any untoward cruelty at certain facilities in Pennsylvania so people can be more informed consumers. Disclosure of this information is not primarily in my commercial interest. Please provide expedited processing of this request, which concerns a matter of urgency. As a reporter, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about Pennsylvania's puppy mills as legislation addressing pet sales is coming up in legislative session. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Sincerely, Lex Talamo Lady Freethinker 818-208-8590 (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2018 To 12/31/2020)
2021-APHIS-01835-F	Talamo, Lex	Lady Freethinker	1/19/2021	2/18/2021	Freedom of Information Act Request Letter From: Lex Talamo Reporter, Lady Freethinker lex@ladyfreethinker.org Jan. 15, 2021 Dear Custodian of Records for the Department of Agriculture: This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request that a copy of the following documents, or documents containing the following information, be provided to me: Any and all documents related to animal care violations at Whispering Spring Kennel, LLC, East Earl (owned by James Burkholder) in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, including but not limited to citations, inspection reports, cease and desist orders, license revocations, and citizen-referred complaints, from Jan. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2020. In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media affiliated with the nonprofit news outlet Lady Freethinker, and this request is made as part of news gathering and not for a commercial use. I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the USDA in licensing and enforcement related to animal welfare, and also will help expose any untoward cruelty at certain facilities in Pennsylvania so people can be more informed consumers. Disclosure of this information is not primarily in my commercial interest. Please provide expedited processing of this request, which concerns a matter of urgency. As a reporter, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about Pennsylvania's puppy mills as legislation addressing pet sales is coming up in legislative session. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Sincerely, Lex Talamo Lady Freethinker 818-208-8590 (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2018 To 12/31/2020)
2021-APHIS-01934-F	Moraz, Gina	ASPCA	1/21/2021	2/19/2021	On behalf of the ASPCA, I request the following: All records relating to any dog dealer's appeal of an inspection finding and any appeal determinations made for the month of December 2020. Please include any records reflecting the inspection finding(s), the appeal(s) submitted by or on behalf of the licensee, the agency's consideration of the appeal(s), and any determination(s) made as a result of the appeal, including the final report.
2021-APHIS-01969-F	Gengler, Bethanie	-	1/25/2021	2/23/2021	I would like to request all records of acquisition, disposition and transport of animals from Harold DeYoung/DeYoung Zoo (Certificate number: 34-C-0141) from 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2020. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2020 To 12/31/2020)

2021-APHIS-01543-F	Makesh, Prem Kishore	ITC	1/4/2021	2/3/2021	I am currently working on a research work, focusing on reducing the amount of Noxious weed rejections of Indian Seed Spices (Cumin, Fennel, Fenugreek, Dill Seeds, Coriander and Celery seeds) in the USA Port. For the same, I would like to understand the current trend of rejections which happens at US Port. The Information I am looking for is 1. Date of Reject on 2. Supplier Name 3. Importer Name 4. Exporting Country Involved 5. Name of the US Port, where the cargo was rejected 6. Action Taken for reject on 7. Time Frame - 01-01-2015 to 31-12-2020 8. Export material - Whole Seed Spices (Cumin, Fennel, Fenugreek, Dill Seeds, Coriander and Celery seeds) Product name should be mentioned for each of line of entry rejected 9. Reject on Criteria - Reject on due to presence of Federal Noxious Weed 10. Name of the Federal Noxious Weed, which led to the Rejection. 11. Number of Weeds Observed in the sample, for rejection. Thank You (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2015 To 12/31/2020)
2021-APHIS-01748-F	O'Flaherty, Rachel	Lewis and Clark Law School	1/12/2021	2/11/2021	This request is being made on behalf of Delcianna Winders, Assistant Clinical Professor, Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School. All records related to COVID-19 outbreaks at mink farms located in Oregon for the time period to October 1, 2020, through the date this request is processed.
2021-APHIS-01827-F	Collins, Jessica	-	1/14/2021	2/16/2021	This request is I regard to the persistence of Methyl Bromide on wooden boxes that have been imported. Request any information specifically about the VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) that might continually be produced by wood that has been treated with Methyl Bromide. Would like to know if the wood has emitted the toxin into the air within 48 hours (I think I read it supposedly has a 24 hour half life in air) or if the wood releases the toxin at specific intervals, or forever.
2021-APHIS-02034-F	Scudder, Charles	The Dallas Morning News	1/27/2021	2/25/2021	All APHIS Wildlife Services reports, documents, photographs and notes from Dec. 1, 2020 to present referring or relating to the investigation of the possible attack by a mountain lion of a person in Hood County, Texas which occurred on or about Dec. 2 or Dec. 3 2020. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/01/2020 To 01/27/2021)
2021-APHIS-02035-F	Scudder, Charles	The Dallas Morning News	1/27/2021	2/25/2021	All emails from APHIS Wildlife Services employees referring or relating to the investigation of the possible attack by a mountain lion of a person in Hood County, Texas which occurred on or about Dec. 2 or Dec. 3 2020. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/01/2020 To 01/27/2021)
2021-APHIS-01612-F	Sutherland, Erin	Animal Welfare Institute	1/5/2021	2/4/2021	This request is made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) by the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing animal suffering. AWI respectfully requests information relating to APHIS's administration of the Slaughter Horse Transportation Program for the calendar years 2019 and 2020. Documents/information of interest to AWI include: the number of enforcement actions taken, the number of fines imposed, and the amount of financial penalties imposed per violation. AWI would also be interested in enforcement records or files about investigations conducted by the program. The definition of "records" should be construed to include, but not be limited to, e-mails, photos, videos, electronic recordings, word documents, summaries, referrals, reports, communications, and memoranda. Please provide the records in the format that will ensure the most immediate response— electronically, hardcopy, or CD-ROM.

2021-APHIS-01574-F	Lang, Leonard	-	1/5/2021	2/5/2021	Ecrt documentation that certifies New Zealand edible Lamb and Goat to enter the US and move to USDA FSIS. What does the certification state Lamb Livers The electronic certificate is sent from the government of New Zealand to USDA (government to government transmission) so edible products can enter the United States and move to USDA FSIS inspection. It certifies animal diseases for entry at the port and food safety requirements for FSIS. It replaced the paper certificate. Every shipment has a certificate or e certification. Ecrt started 2012. It has not changed so all records should be the same. Just need to know what the current certificate certifies for APHIS animal disease wise.
2021-APHIS-01877-F	McClain, Sierra	Capital Press	1/21/2021	2/19/2021	Subject: How many full-time staff does USDA APHIS employ to regulate and govern live animal imports/exports? Timeline: deadline Jan. 22 by end-of-day I understand that USDA APHIS Veterinary Services Port Services staff and/or Live Animal Import and Export Un t staff are responsible for reviewing exporters' and importers' reports after a shipment to make sure rules were followed, etc. I am looking for the number of full-time or full-time equivalent staff are employed annually by USDA for this task. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2020 To 01/01/2021)
2021-APHIS-01578-F	Kick, Russ	Rise for Animals [formerly NEAVS]	1/5/2021	2/4/2021	Please see attached letter. We are wr ting to request all appealed inspect on reports regarding any APHIS Class R, G, V and F registrants created during November 2020. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/01/2020 To 11/30/2020)
2021-APHIS-01582-F	Kick, Russ	Rise for Animals [formerly NEAVS]	1/5/2021	2/4/2021	Please see attached letter. We are wr ting to request all inspection photographs and v deos (in color and original resolut on) of any Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Class R, G, V, and/or F registrants created during November 2020. We voluntarily agree to have the following information redacted from responsive documents: room numbers, telephone numbers, the names of secondary individuals, financial information, and the names of members of the IACUC except for the Chair, Attending Veterinarian, and Institutional Off cial. If records which are responsive to this request are located in other USDA offices, please forward this request to all appropriate offices. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/1/2020 To 11/30/2020)
2021-APHIS-01836-F	Talamo, Lex	Lady Freethinker	1/19/2021	2/18/2021	Freedom of Informat on Act Request Letter From: Lex Talamo Reporter, Lady Freethinker lex@ladyfreethinker.org Jan. 15, 2021 Dear Custodian of Records for the Department of Agriculture: This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request that a copy of the following documents, or documents containing the following information, be prov ded to me: Any and all documents related to animal care v olations at Hellman Hill Kennel/Armstrong Kennel (Owned by Jennie Armstrong) in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, including but not limited to citations, inspection reports, cease and desist orders, license revocations, and citizen-referred complaints, from Jan. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2020. In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media affiliated with the nonprof t news outlet Lady Freethinker, and this request is made as part of news gathering and not for a commercial use. I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested informat on to me is in the publ c interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the USDA in l censing and enforcement related to animal welfare, and also will help expose any untoward cruelty at certain facilities in Pennsylvania so people can be more informed consumers. Disclosure of this informat on is not primarily in my commercial interest. Please provide exped ted processing of this request, which concerns a matter of urgency. As a reporter, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about Pennsylvania's puppy mills as legislation addressing pet sales is coming up in legislative session. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Sincerely, Lex Talamo Lady Freethinker 818-208 8590 (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2018 To 12/31/2020)
2021-APHIS-01971-F	Gengler, Bethanie	-	1/25/2021	2/23/2021	I would like to request all records of acquisition, disposition and transport of animals from Gene Wheeler/Special Memories Zoo (Certificate number: 35-B-0198) from 07/01/2019 to 07/29/2020. (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/01/2019 To 07/29/2020)

2021-APHIS-01580-F	Kick, Russ	Rise for Animals [formerly NEAVS]	1/5/2021	2/4/2021	Please see attached letter. We are writing to request all Animal Care complaints regarding any Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Class R, G, V, and/or F registrants completed during November 2020. We voluntarily agree to have the following information redacted from responsive documents: Room numbers, telephone numbers, the names of secondary individuals, financial information, and the names of members of the IACUC except for the Chair, Attending Veterinarian, and Institutional Official. If records which are responsive to this request are located in other USDA offices, please forward this request to all appropriate offices. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/1/2020 To 11/30/2020)
2021-APHIS-01607-F	Sutherland, Erin	Animal Welfare Institute	1/5/2021	2/4/2021	This request is made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) by the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending animal suffering. I respectfully request any documents containing information related to the investigation and enforcement of violations of the Twenty-Eight Hour Law (49 U.S.C. § 80502) for the calendar year of 2021. This includes any records, documents, summaries, referrals, reports, communications, and memoranda made by or sent to Veterinary Services or Investigative and Enforcement Services. The definition of "records" should be construed to include, but not be limited to, e-mails, photos, videos, electronic recordings, and word documents. Please provide the records in the format that will ensure the most immediate response— electronically, hardcopy, or CD-ROM. Date range from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2020 To 12/31/2020)
2021-APHIS-01805-F	Telusnord, Scate	-	1/14/2021	2/16/2021	Entire personnel file of Carl Kiser (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2013 To 12/31/2018)
2021-APHIS-01913-F	Collier, April	Pacific Customs Broker, Inc.	1/21/2021	2/19/2021	We request that USDA provide either printed or digital copies of the photographs, video and written information that were taken by USDA and/or CBP of the live insects of the family "Siricidae" that were extracted from the wood packing material in this shipment. EAN was issued 1/11/2021 at the port of Houston, TX. The associated Customs entry number was MK8-55741783. A copy of the EAN is attached. The importer and the shipper/exporter express that photographs of the pests in situ will assist in both understanding of how and where the pests entered the packing material, and in driving corrective action with the original source of the packing material. The Pest ID notated on the EAN is 293136 5301-6344066-DR01 Siricidae. We have requested this information from Office Lopez at the Port of Houston, who advised us that a FOIA request must be made for the photographs, video and written information. We hereby guarantee that any fees generated by this request will be paid promptly by the requester.
2021-APHIS-01958-F	Koncel, Mary	-	1/25/2021	2/23/2021	This Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records is made by the American Wild Horse Campaign (AWHC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public about issues related to wild horses and burros. I. Records Requested This request is directed at obtaining an electronic copy of International Health Certificates issued by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture for Equus asinus (wild and domestic donkeys, asses, and burros) exported from the United States to other countries on international flights originating from airports in New York, Chicago, Miami, and Los Angeles. II. Provision of Documents We request that the information we seek be provided in electronic format and be provided to the below address as soon as possible. Please provide the records as they become available. If it is easier and more efficient to provide the requested document in paper form, please mail them to the AWHC address below. If you believe any portion of this request is exempt from disclosure, please provide a detailed description of each withheld document and the legal basis for withholding such document. If records are withheld because y (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2019 To 03/01/2021)

2021-APHIS-01959-F	Koncel, Mary	-	1/25/2021	2/23/2021	This Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records is made by the American Wild Horse Campaign (AWHC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public about issues related to wild horses and burros. I. Records Requested This request is directed at obtaining an electronic copy of International Health Certificates issued by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture for Equus caballus (wild and domestic horses) exported from the United States to other countries on international flights originating from airports in New York, Chicago, Miami, and Los Angeles. II. Provision of Documents We request that the information we seek be provided in electronic format and be provided to the below address as soon as possible. Please provide the records as they become available. If it is easier and more efficient to provide the requested document in paper form, please mail them to the AWHC address below. If you believe any portion of this request is exempt from disclosure, please provide a detailed description of each withheld document and the legal basis for withholding such document. If records are withheld because you believe that they are in part exempt from disclosure, then we request that non-exempt portions be disclosed immediately. If you have any questions regarding any aspect of this request, please contact the undersigned by telephone or email in order to expedite timely disclosure. Please confirm receipt of this request by email or telephone number below. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Sincerely, (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2019 To 03/31/2021)
2021-APHIS-01632-F	Del Balso, Denine	Taft, Stettinius and Hollister	1/6/2021	2/5/2021	I would like to locate public records regarding a plane crash that occurred in Helenwood, TN on January 30, 2018 involving David and Vicki Maxwell and the rescue/recovery efforts that occurred between January 30, 2018 and January 31, 2018. Please let me know if you need any further information. Date Range for requested records January 30, 2018 to October 29, 2020 (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/30/2018 To 10/29/2020)
2021-APHIS-01571-F	Sutherland, Erin	Animal Welfare Institute	1/4/2021	2/3/2021	This request is made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) by the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending animal suffering. On January 1, 2016, APHIS promulgated a final rule titled Exportation of Live Animals, Hatching Eggs, and Animal Germplasm from the United States (81 FR 2967). The rule went into effect on February 19, 2016. The final rule requires the owner or operator of any ocean vessel used to export livestock from the United States to submit a written report to APHIS within 5 business days after completing the voyage. I respectfully request all Operator's Reports and accompanying attachments submitted to APHIS for the calendar year of 2020. AWI is an educational nonprofit organization promoting the humane treatment of animals, including animals in agriculture. The information subject to this request will be used to inform and educate concerned individuals about the treatment of animals during transport. I respectfully request that you waive duplication fees and other costs associated with answering this request because the information disclosed is in the public interest and likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government. AWI has no intent on to use the information disclosed under this request for financial gain. In the event that you deny access to any of the requested records, please provide me with all reasonably segregable, non-exempt portions of the relevant records. Additionally, please describe the deleted material in detail, specify the statutory basis for the denial, and explain the basis for your belief that the material is exempt. I further request that you separately state your reasons for not invoking your discretionary powers to release the requested documents in the public interest. Finally, please notify me of any appeal procedures available under the law, as well as the office and address where such an appeal can be sent.
2021-APHIS-01720-F	Jenkins, Peter	Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility	1/11/2021	2/10/2021	Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER), requests the following documents from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Biotechnology Regulator Service (BRS): • All documents of any kind since May 23, 2019, mentioning Roundup Ready genetically engineered (GE) wheat, in agricultural systems and/or in the food or seed supplies in any State. This includes, but is not limited to, any and all: Complaints by farmers; incident reports and notes; reports of unauthorized releases; investigation reports; summaries; compliance documents; remote sensing documents regarding GE wheat; compliance agreements; cooperative agreements; planning documents; permits; economic analyses; internal emails and letters; and emails and letters to or from Monsanto, Bayer Co., and/or Bayer Crop Science regarding GE wheat since that date.

2021-APHIS-01828-F	Sutherland, Erin	Animal Welfare Institute	1/14/2021	2/16/2021	This request is made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) by the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing animal suffering. AWI respectfully requests information relating to APHIS's administration of the Slaughter Horse Transportation Program for the calendar years 2019 and 2020. Documents/information of interest to AWI include: records relating to monitoring efforts undertaken by the program, health certificates obtained by the program, data collected by the program, or any other records relevant to gain an understanding of the program's administration. No confidential information is sought through this request.
2021-APHIS-02057-F	Dorman, Mandy	Dorman, Bell & Kramer, LLP	1/28/2021	2/26/2021	Request a copy of all full time employees' first, middle (if available) and last names, including their job title/position, their campus/office location, date of hire and email address.
2021-APHIS-01974-F	Gengler, Bethanie	-	1/25/2021	2/23/2021	I would like to request all records of acquisition, disposition and transport of animals from NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR RESCUED ANIMALS - Tiger Creek Wildlife Refuge - TIGER MISSING LINK, INC. (Certificate number 74-C-0418) from 01/01/2014 to 01/25/2021. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2014 To 01/25/2021)
2021-APHIS-01577-F	Kick, Russ	Rise for Animals [formerly NEAVS]	1/5/2021	2/4/2021	Please see attached letter. We are writing to request all correspondence required by the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations regarding any Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Class R, G, V, and F registrants during November 2020, including notification of change of operation; notification of personnel change; requests to be placed on inactive status or to cancel registration; requests to review special circumstances for the use of an animal in more than one major operative procedure; requests to deviate from certain perimeter fence requirements; requests to house guinea pigs in outdoor facilities; requests to implement permanent tethering of dogs; contingency plans for water and power for marine mammal facilities; notifications when a protocol has been suspended by the IACUC; and/or notice of deficiencies or deviations discovered by an IACUC semiannual inspection that remain uncorrected after notification and an opportunity for correction. We voluntarily agree to have the following information redacted from responsive documents: Room numbers, telephone numbers, the names of secondary individuals, financial information, and the names of members of the IACUC except for the Chair, Attending Veterinarian, and Institutional Official. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/1/2020 To 11/30/2020)
2021-APHIS-01826-F	Marshall, Teresa	PETA Foundation	1/15/2021	2/17/2021	PETA requests: 1. All inspection report appeal requests, the inspection report under appeal, and the final inspection report as a result of the appeal, for all licensees and registrants, from December 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020; 2. All written exchanges of information between agency personnel and records that document similar oral exchanges pertaining to the subject of the records specified above, as follows: ? Letters, faxes, and similar correspondence; ? Memoranda; ? Emails on government-issued and personal devices; ? Text messages on government-issued and personal devices; ? Messages on instant messaging applications, including but not limited to Confide and Signal; ? Messages on social media accounts; and ? Notes of communications (e.g., notes of in-person conversations or telephone calls). 3. All written exchanges of information to/from the licensees, registrants, or their representatives and records that document similar oral exchanges pertaining to the subject of the records specified above, as follows: ? Letters and faxes; ? Memoranda; ? Emails on government-issued or personal devices; ? Text messages on government-issued and personal devices; ? Messages on instant messaging applications, including but not limited to Confide and Signal; ? Messages on social media accounts; and ? Notes of communications (e.g., notes of in-person conversations or telephone calls). (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/01/2020 To 12/31/2020)
2021-APHIS-01579-F	Kick, Russ	Rise for Animals [formerly NEAVS]	1/5/2021	2/4/2021	Please see attached letter. We are writing to request all Applications for New License and Application for License Renewal regarding any Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Class R, G, V, and F registrants submitted in November 2020. We voluntarily agree to have the following information redacted from responsive documents: Room numbers, telephone numbers, the names of secondary individuals, financial information, and the names of members of the IACUC except for the Chair, Attending Veterinarian, and Institutional Official. If records which are responsive to this request are located in other USDA offices, please forward this request to all appropriate offices. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/1/2020 To 11/30/2020)

2021-APHIS-01837-F	Talamo, Lex	Lady Freethinker	1/19/2021	2/18/2021	<p>Freedom of Information Act Request Letter From: Lex Talamo Reporter, Lady Freethinker lex@ladyfreethinker.org Jan. 15, 2021 Dear Custodian of Records for the Department of Agriculture: This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request that a copy of the following documents, or documents containing the following information, be provided to me: Any and all documents related to animal care violations at Hill Top Farm Kennel, Honey Brook (owned by Levi Kauffman) in Chester County, Pennsylvania, including but not limited to citations, inspection reports, cease and desist orders, license revocations, and citizen-referred complaints, from Jan. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2020. In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media affiliated with the nonprofit news outlet Lady Freethinker, and this request is made as part of news gathering and not for a commercial use. I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the USDA in licensing and enforcement related to animal welfare, and also will help expose any untoward cruelty at certain facilities in Pennsylvania so people can be more informed consumers. Disclosure of this information is not primarily in my commercial interest. Please provide expedited processing of this request, which concerns a matter of urgency. As a reporter, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about Pennsylvania's puppy mills as legislation addressing pet sales is coming up in legislative session. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Sincerely, Lex Talamo Lady Freethinker 818-208 8590 (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2018 To 12/31/2020)</p>
2021-APHIS-01838-F	Talamo, Lex	Lady Freethinker	1/19/2021	2/18/2021	<p>Freedom of Information Act Request Letter From: Lex Talamo Reporter, Lady Freethinker lex@ladyfreethinker.org Jan. 15, 2021 Dear Custodian of Records for the Department of Agriculture: This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request that a copy of the following documents, or documents containing the following information, be provided to me: Any and all documents related to animal care violations at Sunny Slope Kennels, Honey Brook (owned by Sam Kauffman) in Chester County, Pennsylvania, including but not limited to citations, inspection reports, cease and desist orders, license revocations, and citizen-referred complaints, from Jan. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2020. In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media affiliated with the nonprofit news outlet Lady Freethinker, and this request is made as part of news gathering and not for a commercial use. I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the USDA in licensing and enforcement related to animal welfare, and also will help expose any untoward cruelty at certain facilities in Pennsylvania so people can be more informed consumers. Disclosure of this information is not primarily in my commercial interest. Please provide expedited processing of this request, which concerns a matter of urgency. As a reporter, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about Pennsylvania's puppy mills as legislation addressing pet sales is coming up in legislative session. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Sincerely, Lex Talamo Lady Freethinker 818-208 8590 (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2018 To 12/31/2020)</p>

2021-APHIS-01839-F	Talamo, Lex	Lady Freethinker	1/19/2021	2/18/2021	Freedom of Information Act Request Letter From: Lex Talamo Reporter, Lady Freethinker lex@ladyfreethinker.org Jan. 15, 2021 Dear Custodian of Records for the Department of Agriculture: This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I request that a copy of the following documents, or documents containing the following information, be provided to me: Any and all documents related to animal care violations at Eichenluft Working German Shepherds (Owned by Margaret Graf) in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, including but not limited to citations, inspection reports, cease and desist orders, license revocations, and citizen-referred complaints, from Jan. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2020. In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a representative of the news media affiliated with the nonprofit news outlet Lady Freethinker, and this request is made as part of news gathering and not for a commercial use. I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the USDA in licensing and enforcement related to animal welfare, and also will help expose any untoward cruelty at certain facilities in Pennsylvania so people can be more informed consumers. Disclosure of this information is not primarily in my commercial interest. Please provide expedited processing of this request, which concerns a matter of urgency. As a reporter, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about Pennsylvania's puppy mills as legislation addressing pet sales is coming up in legislative session. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Sincerely, Lex Talamo Lady Freethinker 818-2088590 (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2018 To 12/31/2020)
2021-APHIS-01973-F	Gengler, Bethanie	-	1/25/2021	2/23/2021	I would like to request all records of acquisition, disposition, transport of animals, deaths, births and veterinary care records from Jason Clay of East Texas Zoo and Gator Park and Franklin Drive Thru Safari (Certificate number: 74-C-0939) from 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2020 To 12/31/2020)