



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:) AWA Docket No. 12-0296
)
JEFFREY W. ASH, an individual doing business)
as ASHVILLE GAME FARM; and ASHVILLE)
GAME FARM, INC., a New York corporation,)
) CONSENT DECISION AND
Respondents.) ORDER

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.)(Act), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondents willfully violated the regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.). This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondents admit the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint, specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations, waive oral hearing and further procedure, and consent and agree, for the purpose of settling this proceeding, to the entry of this decision. The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Jeffrey W. Ash is an individual doing business as Ashville Game Farm, also known as Ashville Zoo, and whose address is 468 Lick Springs Road, Greenwich, New York 12834. At all times mentioned in the complaint, respondent Ash was an exhibitor, as that term is defined in the Act and the Regulations. Said respondent held AWA license number 21-C-0256 until February 18, 2010, and held AWA license 21-C-0359 from approximately April 2010 until November 18, 2012.

The provisions of this order shall become effective immediately. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

ASHVILLE GAME FARM, INC.
a New York corporation
Respondent

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Jeffrey W. Ash
Respondent

By _____
Jeffrey W. Ash
Attorney

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Colleen A. Carroll
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.,
this 15th day of April 2014

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Janice K. Bullard
Administrative Law Judge