

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

May 3, 2018

Valeda Raul
via the FOI website

Dear Valeda Raul,

regarding your Freedom of Information request titled "doggystyle" we collected the following information:

Doggystyle is the debut studio album by American rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg. It was released on November 23, 1993, by Death Row Records and Interscope Records. The album was recorded and produced following Snoop's appearances on Dr. Dre's debut solo album *The Chronic* (1992), to which Snoop contributed significantly. The West Coast style in hip-hop that he developed from Dre's first album continued on *Doggystyle*. Critics have praised Snoop Doggy Dogg for the lyrical "realism" that he delivers on the album and for his distinctive vocal flow. Despite some mixed criticism of the album initially upon its release, *Doggystyle* earned recognition from many music critics as one of the most significant albums of the 1990s, as well as one of the most important hip-hop albums ever released. Much like *The Chronic*, the distinctive sounds of *Doggystyle* helped introduce the hip-hop subgenre of g-funk to a mainstream audience, bringing forward West Coast hip hop as a dominant force in the early-1990s. *Doggystyle* debuted at No. 1 on the *Billboard* 200, selling 806,858 copies in its first week alone in the United States, which was the record for a debuting artist and the fastest-selling hip-hop album ever. *Doggystyle* was included on *The Source* magazine's list of the 100 Best Rap Albums; as well as *Rolling Stone* magazine's list of Essential Recordings of the '90s. About.com placed the album in No. 17 of the greatest hip hop/rap albums of all time. The album was certified quadruple platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). By November 2015, the album had sold 7,000,000 copies in the United States, and over 11,000,000 copies worldwide.

Sincerely,

John Smith
FOI Manager