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Joyce Young  
754 County Road 6420  
Pottersville, MO 65790

## **OFFICIAL WARNING**

Re: Reference number MO10143-AC

Dear Sir or Madam:

### **Why You Are Receiving This Letter**

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described in the attached Official Warning. Our agency, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), is responsible for enforcing the AWA, and other agriculture laws that help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases, and ensure the welfare of animals.

After providing you with an opportunity for a hearing, we may impose civil penalties of up to \$10,000, or other sanctions, for each violation described in this Official Warning. Although we generally pursue penalties for this type of violation(s), we have decided not to pursue penalties in this instance so long as you comply, in the future, with laws that APHIS enforces.

### **Consequences Of Continuing Non-Compliance**

If you violate laws that APHIS enforces in the future, we may pursue criminal penalties, or we may pursue civil penalties for the violations described in this Official Warning, in addition to any penalties we may pursue for any future violations.

### **What To Do If You Have Questions**

If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning, contact Deirdre Jarvis at (301) 851-2741 or call our main office number at (301) 851-2948.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



**OFFICIAL WARNING**  
**VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

CASE NUMBER:  
MO10143-AC

VIOLATOR:  
Joyce Young

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):  
754 County Road 6420  
Pottersville, MO 65790

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

**Date of Violation: December 2, 2009**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.1(c)(ii) Housing Facilities, General.**

Joyce Young failed to ensure that outdoor enclosures were free of jagged sharp wires that could harm to enclosed dogs. There were 3 separating walls that had broken wire breaks pointing toward the enclosed dogs that needs to be replaced or repaired.

**Date of Violation: December 2, 2009**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.4(b)(3) Outdoor Housing Facilities.**

Joyce Young failed to provide outside enclosures with the required wind and rain breaks. There were raised enclosures that did not have wind and rain breaks as required. On this day of inspection the temperature was less than 50F degrees, windy and rainy.

**Date of Violation: December 2, 2009**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.9(a) Feeding.**

Joyce Young failed to ensure that a female Beagle named Kelly was receiving an adequate amount of food. On this day of inspection, Kelly's condition had noticeable hip bones, back bones and ribs were also prominent and her coat was dull.

**Date of Violation: December 2, 2009**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.9(b) Feeding.**

Joyce Young failed to keep metal feeders clean and sanitized. There were metal feeders in the raised wire enclosures that had a brown oily residue on the inside of the pans that need to be clean and sanitized as required to eliminate contamination.

**Date of Violation: March 16, 2010**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.1(c)(1)(i) Housing Facilities, General.**

Joyce Young failed to ensure the self-feeders in the raised enclosures were free of excessive rust. The self-feeders had rust on the outside and inside not allowing them to be cleaned and sanitized as required.

**Date of Violation: March 16, 2010**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.6(c)(1)(ii) Primary Enclosures.**

Joyce Young failed to ensure that additional room was provided for the dogs enclosed. A female Beagle with her 9 puppies did not have adequate space for the female Beagle to lie down and nurse her puppies.

**Date of Violation: July 22, 2010**

**9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(2) Attending Veterinarian and Adequate Veterinary Care.**

Joyce Young failed to provide adequate veterinary care to assess the health and well-being of animals at the facility. Two lactating females were noted to be thin and dogs with long toe nails need to have a program of vet care to maintain/address these types of issues.

**Date of Violation: July 22, 2010**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.1(a) Housing Facilities, General.**

Joyce Young failed to maintain enclosures that were in good repair. One of the double hutch enclosures had a large hole in the corner that could allow access for pest and/or dog's feet could pass through the hole. This needs to be replaced or repaired.

**Date of Violation: July 22, 2010**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.1(c)(1)(i) Housing Facilities, General.**

Joyce Young failed to ensure the self-feeders were free of excessive rust. There were 3 self-feeders with excessive rust that are not able to be cleaned and sanitized as required.

**Date of Violation: July 22, 2010**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.6(c)(1)(ii) Primary Enclosures.**

Joyce Young failed to ensure that the dogs housed in enclosures had adequate space, as required. There was not enough space in an enclosure housing a female Jack Russell and her 8 puppies to allow the female to lie down and nurse the puppies.

**Date of Violation: July 22, 2010**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.11 Cleaning, Sanitization, Housekeeping, and Pest Control.**

Joyce Young failed to maintain the weeds, tall grass, and bushes around the facility to allow the cleaning of the premises and pest control. The tall grass was around barrel type of enclosures with the grass being about 8 inches tall, this needs to be removed and maintained.

**Date of Violation: November 4, 2010**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.6(a)(2)(x) Primary Enclosures.**

Joyce Young failed to have floors in enclosures be constructed not to allow dogs feet to pass through any openings in the floor. A female Miniature Pinscher with her puppy could pass through the 1 x 1 inch coated mesh flooring and cause injury.

**Date of Violation: February 27, 2012**

**9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(2) Attending Veterinarian and Adequate Veterinary Care.**

Joyce Young failed to provide adequate veterinary care for the dogs at the facility. On this date of inspection, a male Pug had an enlarged right eye with a reddened area on the white part of the eye. This Pug needs to be examined by a veterinarian and receive appropriate treatment.

**Date of Violation: February 27, 2012**

**9 C.F.R. § 2.75(a)(2) Records: Dealers and Exhibitors.**

Joyce Young failed to maintain adequate records of animals at the facility. Records must show identification of dogs in the facilities possession and/or sold, transported, euthanized, or otherwise disposed of by the owner of the facility.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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