



SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ("APHIS"), and Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills, with reference to the following facts:

1. At all times mentioned herein, Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills operated as a Dealer under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 *et seq.*) (the "AWA") at the facility located at 18 Sundance Rd., Long Lane, MO 65590.
2. APHIS has documented evidence of Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills' non-compliance with the AWA and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 *et seq.*), and specifically, has documented evidence of Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills' failure to provide adequate veterinary care and husbandry to dogs, as required by the AWA regulations and AWA standards for the humane handling and treatment of animals (9 C.F.R. §§ 2.40, 3.1-3.19).
3. APHIS has not instituted an administrative enforcement action based on the findings described above in paragraph 2.
4. APHIS and Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills have determined to settle the issues related to the potential violations of the AWA and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, as described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

5. Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, and waive oral hearing and further procedure.
6. Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills consent and agree to the following:
 - a. As of the date Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills sign this Settlement Agreement, AWA license 43-A-2535 is hereby revoked.



b. Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills and any partnerships, firms, corporations or other legal entities that they control or in which they have a substantial interest, financial or otherwise, are permanently disqualified from (a) obtaining an Animal Welfare Act license, and (b) engaging in activities governed by the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 *et seq.*) and regulations issued thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 *et seq.*), either directly or indirectly, on or off 18 Sundance Rd., Long Lane, MO 65590.

7. Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills consent and agree that their failure to comply with the terms of this Settlement Agreement shall automatically void paragraph 8 below, and that APHIS shall have the right to immediately institute enforcement proceedings against Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills based upon the non-compliant items documented at 18 Sundance Rd., Long Lane, MO 65590, in connection with animal welfare investigation MO10129 AC, and any future violations, and to pursue any and all remedies available to APHIS under the AWA.

8. For and in consideration of Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills' agreements and actions described in paragraph 6 above, and the promises and admissions of Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills set forth herein, APHIS agrees not to institute an administrative or civil enforcement action against Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills in connection with the alleged AWA violations documented in animal welfare investigation MO10129 AC.

APHIS and Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills warrant and represent that their respective representatives, whose signatures appear below, have the authority to execute this Settlement Agreement and to bind each of the parties, respectively, to this Settlement Agreement.



United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Investigative and Enforcement Services

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Rickie Mills and Mary Jane Mills

Signature: _____

Date: 20 April 2012

Signature: _____

Date: 20 April 2012

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

Signature: _____

Date: APR 25 2012

Robert J. Huttenlocker
Director

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