

**OFFICIAL WARNING**



**VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

CASE NO.

**FL11258**

VIOLATOR

**Customer # 2564**

**Certificate # 33-C-0053**

**John F. Cuneo Jr.**

**The Hawthorn Corporation**

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

**23675 W. Chardon Road**

**Grays Lake, IL 60030**

The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **March 26 & 27, 2011** you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

**9 CFR, SECTION**

**Failure to**

**2.131 (c)(1)**

- **During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.**

**(Tigers transported by semi-truck was surrounded by a man with an inadequate barrier in an attempt to separate the animals from curious circus attendees.)**

**2.131 (d)(2)**

- **Have a responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant present at all times during periods of public contact.**

**(The man observed erecting the ineffective barrier around the tigers semi-truck walked away after leaving the tigers unattended.)**

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS Official.

APHIS OFFICIAL (Name and Title)

**Deputy Administrator, AC**

DATE ISSUED **JAN 10 2012**

FOR PERSONAL SERVICE RECEIVED BY: (Name and signature)

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