

Monthly FOIA Log for posting
Requested between 12/01/2021 and 12/31/2021

Request ID	Requester Name	Organization	Request Description	Received Date
2022-APHIS-01039-F	(b) (6)	PETA Foundation	PETA requests the results to the following complaints submitted by PETA including photos/videos in their original format, but excluding the complaint as submitted by PETA: AC21-599 Seaquest Aquarium AC21-747 Hollywild Animal Park AC22-001 Lake Hartwell Wildlife Safari/Jeff Gray AC21-740 Animal Haven Farm AC21-746 Tregembo Animal Park (Date Range for Record Search: From 08/01/2021 To 12/01/2021)	12/2/2021
2022-APHIS-01038-F	Marshall, Teresa	PETA Foundation	PETA requests all inspection report appeal requests, the inspection report under appeal, and the final inspection report as a result of the appeal, any related correspondence for all licensees and registrants, from November 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021 (the appeal package). (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/01/2021 To 11/30/2021)	12/2/2021
2022-APHIS-01100-F	Smith, Michael	Fanelli, Evans and Patel	Under the Freedom of Information Act, we are requesting the following information which can be provided via electronic format: 1.Any and all information relating to the above-referenced German Shepherd/Pitbull mix dog named Cain ; 2. Any and all information relating to the dog's owners, Roy Goss and Melissa Omeiko-Hithian, who resided at the time of the incident at 160 Patchtown Road, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, 182013. 3. Any and all information relating to any dog owned or possessed by Roy Goss and Melissa Omeiko-Hithian; and, 4. Any and all information including but not limited to dog complaints or dogs under the control and/or ownership of Roy Goss and Melissa Omeiko-Hithian.	12/3/2021
2022-APHIS-01084-F	Wicks, Noah	Agri-Pulse Communications, Inc.	All case files of quarantine enforcement (ADIS 7, https://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/records/downloads/ADIS.pdf) of African Swine Fever outbreaks in the Dominican Republic and Haiti. (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/01/2021 To 12/04/2021)	12/6/2021

2022-APHIS-01085-F	Wicks, Noah	Agri-Pulse Communications, Inc.	All briefing materials or memos related to the presence of African Swine Fever in the Dominican Republic and Haiti presented or distributed to Secretary Vilsack and/or members of Congress. (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/01/2021 To 12/04/2021)	12/6/2021
2022-APHIS-01086-F	Wicks, Noah	Agri-Pulse Communications, Inc.	Requesting case files, inspection and test materials relating to the diagnosis of the pigs of which 389 samples were collected from pigs raised on farms and in backyards sent to the Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (Plum Island) before the official announcement of the presence of African Swine Fever in the Dominican Republic on July 28, 2021. (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/01/2021 To 12/28/2021)	12/6/2021
2022-APHIS-01091-F	Wicks, Noah	Agri-Pulse Communications, Inc.	All maps in possession of the Agency (ADIS 10-3, https://www.aphis.usda.gov/library/records/downloads/ADIS.pdf) related to the presence of African Swine Fever in the Dominican Republic and/or Haiti. (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/01/2021 To 12/04/2021)	12/6/2021
2022-APHIS-01078-F	Marshall, Teresa	PETA Foundation	PETA requests permit applications for 33-C-0247, Philip Dolci, from the past three years. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/03/2021 To 12/03/2021)	12/6/2021
2022-APHIS-01097-F	(b) (6)		All Animal Welfare Complaints submitted by (b) (6) or about (b) (6) or Caring for Cottontails before September 2, 2018. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2010 To 09/02/2018)	12/6/2021

2022-APHIS-01098-F	(b) (6)		Both pages of Animal Welfare Complaint, AC18-504, is requested as well as any other documentation including pictures, audio or video or communication involving anyone related to the complaint. (b) (6) is the complainant. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2018 To 12/31/2019)	12/6/2021
2022-APHIS-01099-F	Leo, Carrie		All animal welfare complaints in which the complaint itself and/or the result of the complaint (usually an investigation but not always) involves an arctic fox or arctic foxes. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2000 To 12/31/2021)	12/6/2021
2022-APHIS-01101-F	Coffey, Debbie	Wild Horse Freedom Federation	American Wild Horse Campaign requests all memorandums, reports, or bulletins, including attachments, to or from Albert Kane (a veterinarian with USDA APHIS, Veterinary Services), that discuss or describe plans, or policies, or actions of the BLM's Wild Horse & Burro Program or the management or disposition of wild horses or wild burros. The time frame of this request is June 15, 2021, to September 15, 2021. (Date Range for Record Search: From 6/15/2021 To 9/15/2021)	12/6/2021

2022-APHIS-01114-F	Talamo, Lex	Lady Freethinker	*Any photos and videos taken related to animal care violations at USDA-licensed Oswald's Bear Ranch, Customer Number 6614 and License No. 34-C-0123, as referenced in an administrative complaint filed 10/7/2021 (regarding unstructurally sound enclosures for bears, failure to provide appropriate food, and a bear who was shot by a sheriff deputy ½ mile down the road from the facility at 13814 County Road 407 in Newberry, MI) and regarding inspections on 6/23/2021 when bears were found to be being fed restaurant scraps, that bears were over conditioned; and as noted in a 5/20/2019 inspection report in which a 2-yo female black bear was shot; and a 6/1/2016 inspection report in which a house guest was scratched by a bear cub and the cub became infected. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2016 To 12/06/2021)	12/6/2021
2022-APHIS-01115-F	Talamo, Lex	Lady Freethinker	*Any and all documents, including photos, associated with a teachable Moment issued to Oswald's Bear Ranch, Customer Number 6614, on a 6/11/2019 inspection (which is not available in the public records access database). (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/11/2019 To 06/11/2019)	12/7/2021
2022-APHIS-01156-F	Murtagh, D		Please provide Veterinary Health Certificate form 17-145 for export of immediate slaughter horses from the United States to Canada from April 1 to June 15, 2021 and Owner/Shipper certificates form VS10-13 from April 1, 2021 to June 15, 2021. (Date Range for Record Search: From 04/01/2021 To 06/15/2021)	12/9/2021

2022-APHIS-01164-F	Jenkins, Peter	Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility	Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) requests certain information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS). Specifically, we request: Since January 1, 2020, all records and communications of any USDA APHIS inspections of the Biosafety Level (BSL)-2 or BSL-3 facilities in the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Western Fisheries Research Center-Seattle, National Wildlife Health Center-Madison, and Eastern Ecology Science Center laboratories, including, but not limited to, any facility inspections or notifications of: a) effluent treatment system deviations or failures for the BSL-2 or BSL-3 facilities, and b) any animal welfare incidents or deviations, and c) approval to work with or receive any regulated pathogens. This request includes all final documents that have ever been within the agency's custody or control, whether they exist in agency working, investigative, retired, electronic mail, or other files currently or at any other time. All electronic records should be delivered in their original file format with metadata and any attachments included. Physical records should be scanned or otherwise converted into electronic format. For electronic records, please provide all records in their native file formats (i.e. not converted to PDF) with all metadata included, and for records such as emails which have files embedded or attached, please provide all attachments in their native formats. For instant messages, plain text is acceptable consistent with guidance issued by the National Archives and Records Administration. For any documents or portions of documents that you block release due to specific exemption(s) from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, please provide an index itemizing and describing the documents or portions of documents withheld. The index should, pursuant to the holding of Vaughn v. Rosen (484 F.2d 820 [D.C. Cir. 1973] cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 [1974]), provide a detailed justification for claiming a particular exemption that explains why each such exemption applies to the document or portion of a document withheld.	12/9/2021
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2022-APHIS-01199-F	Castagna, Candace	Columbia University Institute of Comparative Med	Hello, We are inquiring to request the specifics pertaining to a complaint made against Columbia University in March 2021 regarding the medical care given to an animal in our care. A detailed inspection was made in August 2021 by the USDA and our medical records were reviewed and no fault was found however, we would like to know the specifics of the complaint. Best, Candace Castagna Candace Castagna, MBA Quality Assurance Manager Institute of Comparative Medicine Columbia University 650 W 168th Street, BB-1915 New York, NY 10032 Office 212-305-8057 Mobile 347-866-3949 (Date Range for Record Search: From 03/01/2021 To 10/01/2021)	12/13/2021
2022-APHIS-01204-F	Neatby, Stuart	The Guardian newspaper	All APHIS/CDC Form 2's (request to transfer Select Agents and Toxins) involving Synchytrium endobioticum - otherwise known as Potato Wart - sent or received by staff of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Division of Select Agents and Toxins (DSAT) or Division of Agricultural Select Agents and Toxins (DASAT) between January 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020. One instance of a transfer of Synchytrium endobioticum is noted on page 23 of the Federal Select Agent Program annual report for 2019.	12/13/2021
2022-APHIS-01223-F	Laquidara, Edward	Animal Adventures Family Zoo and Rescue Center	I would like all complaints filed regarding Animal Adventures Family Zoo and Rescue Center over the last decade, with the name of the person filing the complaint. I suspect some of them are past or current employees that may have malicious intent. (Date Range for Record Search: From 9/1/2017 To 12/14/2021)	12/14/2021

2022-APHIS-01227-F	Lambert, Emily		I am requesting all records related to any and all complaints, inspections and investigation of Thomas Edwards , 33-B-0435 . By all docs, I refer to: 1. investigation reports; 2. all written correspondence, including emails between the exhibitor and the USDA, between members of the public and the usda, between members of any animal rights or welfare group and the USDA, and internal correspondence (IES and AC) relating to the exhibitor; 3. memoranda; 4. color photographs (in the original digital format) and videos; and 5. all attachments or exhibits to the above records. All internal communications (letters, faxes, and similar correspondence; memoranda, emails on government-issued and personal devices; text messages on government-issued and personal devices; messages on instant messaging applications, including but not limited to Confide and Signal; messages on social media accounts; and notes of communications [e.g., notes of in-person conversations or telephone calls]) pertaining to the subject of the records specified above; and All communications (letters, faxes, and similar correspondence; memoranda, emails on government-issued and personal devices; text messages on government-issued and personal devices; messages on instant messaging applications, including but not limited to Confide and Signal; messages on social media accounts; and notes of communications [e.g., notes of in-person conversations or telephone calls])to/from the licensees, registrants, or their representatives pertaining to the subject of the records specified above. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2016 To 12/14/2021) (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2016 To 12/14/2021)	12/15/2021
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2022-APHIS-01266-F	(b) (6)	PETA Foundation	<p>PETA requests the results to the following complaints submitted by PETA including photos/videos in their original format, but excluding the complaint as submitted by PETA: AC22-015 Adam Burck; AC22-016 Judit and Juergen Nerger; AC22-013 Oswalds Bear Ranch PETA also requests: All written exchanges of information between agency personnel and records that document similar oral exchanges pertaining to the subject of the records specified above AND to/from the licensees, registrants, or their representatives as follows: Letters, faxes, and similar correspondence; Memoranda; Emails on government-issued and personal devices; Text messages on government-issued and personal devices; Messages on instant messaging applications, including but not limited to Confide and Signal; Messages on social media accounts; and Notes of communications (e.g., notes of in-person conversations or telephone calls). (Date Range for Record Search: From 09/30/2021 To 12/17/2021)</p>	12/17/2021
2022-APHIS-01281-F	(b) (6)	People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals	<p>Dear FOIA Officer, I hope this e-mail finds you well. This request is made on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. PETA is a non-profit organization, based in Norfolk, Virginia. On August 3, 2021 PETA submitted a complaint to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) requesting the agency to investigate concerns regarding the treatment and care of animals at the Southwest National Primate Research Center (CNPRC) at the Texas Biomedical Research Institute (TBRI). The concern was assigned tracking number AC21-422, and I am writing to request copies of the following documents in relation to this case: 1.Complete narratives of any inspections and/or investigations conducted by the USDA, including the results of the USDA's findings; 2.Correspondence between the USDA and SNPRC/TBRI for the period from February 1, 2021, to the present; 3.Copies of any photographic or videographic documentation recorded by the USDA during its inspection and/or investigation; 4.Copies of any teaching moment memoranda filed by the USDA in regards to this case; 5.Final investigative reports and settlement agreements filed by the USDA; and 6.Official warnings issued by the USDA to the parties involved in this case. (Date Range for Record Search: From 02/01/2021 To 12/17/2021)</p>	12/20/2021

2022-APHIS-01307-F	Moraz, Gina	ASPCA	<p>On behalf of the ASPCA, I request the following: All photographs (in original format with full resolution) and videos taken by any animal care employee pertaining to Daniel Gingerich (42-A-1632) dated October 10, 2019 through the present. The ASPCA requests that APHIS waive any fee, including search and duplication costs. A fee waiver is appropriate where [d]isclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government [and] is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester 7 C.F.R. § 1.12(p). Here, a fee waiver should be granted as disclosure is in the public interest, as furnishing the information is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of APHIS and disclosure is not in the ASPCA's commercial interest. We would be happy to receive these records in electronic format if it would be convenient for you. All documents can be sent to gina.moraz@aspca.org. If you must send the records via regular mail, please make it to the attention of Jennie Lintz, ASPCA, 520 8th Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, New York 10018. Please confirm receipt of this request. If further information is necessary, please contact me at this email address. You should institute a preservation hold on information responsive to this request. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) intends to pursue all legal avenues to enforce its right of access under FOIA, including litigation if necessary. Accordingly, you are on notice that litigation is reasonably foreseeable. (Date Range for Record Search: From 10/10/2019 To 12/21/2021)</p>	12/21/2021
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2022-APHIS-01318-F	Moraz, Gina	ASPCA	<p>On behalf of the ASPCA, I request the following: All documents from Animal Welfare Act enforcement actions (7060s, Complaints, decisions and orders, pre-settlement agreements, stipulations, etc.) for November 2021. The ASPCA requests that APHIS waive any fee, including search and duplication costs. A fee waiver is appropriate where [d]isclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government [and] is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester 7 C.F.R. § 1.12(p). Here, a fee waiver should be granted as disclosure is in the public interest, as furnishing the information is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of APHIS and disclosure is not in the ASPCA's commercial interest. We would be happy to receive these records in electronic format if it would be convenient for you. All documents can be sent to gina.moraz@aspca.org. If you must send the records via regular mail, please make it to the attention of Jennie Lintz, ASPCA, 520 8th Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, New York 10018. Please confirm receipt of this request. If further information is necessary, please contact me at this email address. You should institute a preservation hold on information responsive to this request. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) intends to pursue all legal avenues to enforce its right of access under FOIA, including litigation if necessary. Accordingly, you are on notice that litigation is reasonably foreseeable. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/01/2021 To 11/30/2021)</p>	12/22/2021
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2022-APHIS-01317-F	Moraz, Gina	ASPCA	<p>On behalf of the ASPCA, I request the following: A list of all active/currently licensed Class A dog breeders and Class B dog brokers. We request that this list also include animal inventories, inspection report summaries and last date of inspection. The ASPCA requests that APHIS waive any fee, including search and duplication costs. A fee waiver is appropriate where [d]isclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government [and] is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester granted as disclosure is in the public interest, as furnishing the information is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of APHIS and disclosure is not in the ASPCA's commercial interest. We would be happy to receive these records in electronic format if it would be convenient for you. All documents can be sent to gina.moraz@aspca.org. If you must send the records via regular mail, please make it to the attention of Jennie Lintz, ASPCA, 520 8th Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, New York 10018. Please confirm receipt of this request. If further information is necessary, please contact me at this email address. You should institute a preservation hold on information responsive to this request. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) intends to pursue all legal avenues to enforce its right of access under FOIA, including litigation if necessary. Accordingly, you are on notice that litigation is reasonably foreseeable. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2021 To 12/31/2021)</p>	12/22/2021
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2022-APHIS-01319-F	Moraz, Gina	ASPCA	<p>On behalf of the ASPCA, I request the following: All records pertaining to any animal care employee's inspection of or visit to a dog dealer or dog breeder during the month of November 2021. Please include any reports, photographs (in original format with full resolution), videos, and observations recorded by the animal care employee such as inspection reports, teachable moments or other documentation reflecting any visit to or inspection of the licensee. The ASPCA requests that APHIS waive any fee, including search and duplication costs. A fee waiver is appropriate where [d]isclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government [and] is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester 7 C.F.R. § 1.12(p). Here, a fee waiver should be granted as disclosure is in the public interest, as furnishing the information is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of APHIS and disclosure is not in the ASPCA's commercial interest. We would be happy to receive these records in electronic format if it would be convenient for you. All documents can be sent to gina.moraz@aspca.org. If you must send the records via regular mail, please make it to the attention of Jennie Lintz, ASPCA, 520 8th Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, New York 10018. Please confirm receipt of this request. If further information is necessary, please contact me at this email address. You should institute a preservation hold on information responsive to this request. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) intends to pursue all legal avenues to enforce its right of access under FOIA, including litigation if necessary. Accordingly, you are on notice that litigation is reasonably foreseeable. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/01/2021 To 11/30/2021)</p>	12/22/2021
2022-APHIS-01341-F	Nair, Ritesh	Rhenus Project Logistics, Inc.	<p>Request for information on details of inspection findings related to Emergency Action Notification Serial# 359839 issued for live infestation of WPM imported in to USA. Requesting pictures of cargo and objectionable/infectious material. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/10/2021 To 12/20/2021)</p>	12/23/2021

2022-APHIS-01361-F	Marshall, Teresa	PETA Foundation	PETA requests all records related to INQ-0000009856 regarding Clowns.com, The Childrens Entertainment Company dba Professional Kids Entertainment. By all records I refer to: Investigation reports; License applications and renewals; Memoranda; Itineraries; Veterinary records; Videos and photographs in their original digital format; All attachments or exhibits to the above records; All written correspondence, including emails between members of the public (complainants) and the USDA. All written exchanges of information between agency personnel and records that document similar oral exchanges pertaining to the subject of the records specified above AND to/from the licensees, registrants, or their representatives as follows: o Letters, faxes, and similar correspondence; o Memoranda; o Emails on government-issued and personal devices; o Text messages on government-issued and personal devices; o Messages on instant messaging applications, including but not limited to Confide and Signal; o Messages on social media accounts; and o Notes of communications (e.g., notes of in-person conversations or telephone calls). (Date Range for Record Search: From 09/01/2021 To 12/23/2021)	12/23/2021
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2022-APHIS-01364-F	Rose, Isaac	Retained Equity LLC	<p>Pursuant to The Freedom of Information Act which grants access to copies of public records, we respectfully request records pertaining to any of the following types of obligations: Uncashed checks Unclaimed checks and funds Unclaimed tax refunds and performance bonds Stale Dated checks Tax Overpayments Outstanding checks Outstanding and Refundable credit balances Checks Exempt from Unclaimed Property Reporting If some of this request is exempt from release, please release the remainder of the record which is allowed. Please provide all outstanding/uncashed/stale dated checks/properties that are greater than \$1000 to vendors, businesses, or agencies that are over 9 months old. For each property, please provide issue dates, payee names, addresses, and dollar amounts due. If possible, an excel document would be the desired format to receive data for all available years. Please note that I am not requesting a listing of records which have already been escheated. If the requested records could not be found or do not exist in your possession, please provide the contact information for the public body from which they may be requested and forward this request to them (For example, if another department issues checks on your behalf.) Please indicate the process needed to have these checks reissued. We would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and, if possible, request your response within 15 business days of receipt of this letter. We are willing to modify the request to help expedite the process. Please notify me should costs exceed \$100. Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions concerning the above or need further clarification, please contact me at isaac@retainedequity.com (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/28/2011 To 12/28/2021)</p>	12/23/2021
2022-APHIS-01392-F	Iguialada, Justin		<p>complaint on wildlife park owner at Jungle Queens inc. complaint was pushed through by usda on November 17th (Date Range for Record Search: From 08/01/2021 To 01/31/2022)</p>	12/27/2021

2022-APHIS-01406-F	Brown, Ann	Center for Biological Diversity	From February 1, 2021 to the date APHIS-WS conducts this search, all records generated in connection or including APHIS' trapping of a wolf (identified as "OR-103") on February 9, 2021 in Deschutes County, Oregon. (Date Range for Record Search: From 2/1/2021 To 12/29/2021)	12/28/2021
2022-APHIS-01412-F	MacFarlane, Scott	NBC Washington	Copies of all 2021 (calendar year) inspections by APHIS of animal/plant procedures and operations at the following locations: Specifically requesting any investigations into any mistreatment of animals abuse, death or incidents. The White House Dulles International Airport BWI Airport LAX Airport (Los Angeles) JFK Airport ((Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2021 To 12/29/2021)	12/29/2021
2022-APHIS-01421-F	Pennington, Ryan		Any and all communications between Wildlife Services Guam State Directors, assistant state directors, acting state directors, acting assistant state directors, Supervisory wildlife biologists, wildlife biologists, and team leads regarding Thomas Cable, Wildlife biologist. Please include any texts, emails, phone records, and memos. Any and all communications between Wildlife Services Guam State Directors, assistant state directors, acting state directors, acting assistant state directors, Supervisory wildlife biologists, wildlife biologists, and team leads regarding Victor Prezbindowski, biological science technician. Please include any texts, emails, phone records, and memos. (Date Range for Record Search: From 8/5/2020 To 1/2/2022)	12/30/2021

