

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re)	AWA Docket No. 00-0032
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BRIDGEPORT NATURE CENTER, INC., a Texas)	
corporation, HEIDI M. BERRY RIGGS and)	
JAMES LEE RIGGS, doing)	Consent Decision and Order
business as GREAT CATS OF THE WORLD,)	as to Respondents Heidi
)	Riggs and Bridgeport Nature
Respondents.)	Center, Inc.

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.)(the "Act"), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondents willfully violated the Act and the regulations and standards issued thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.). This decision is entered into pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondents Heidi M. Berry Riggs and Bridgeport Nature Center, Inc., admit the jurisdictional allegations of the complaint, neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations, waive oral hearing and further procedure, including procedures pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (5 U.S.C. § 504), and consent and agree to the entry of this decision. The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent Heidi Berry is an individual formerly known as Heidi M. Berry Riggs, whose address is 245 C.R. 3422, Bridgeport, Texas 76426-6811. Ms. Berry was a director and officer of respondent Bridgeport Nature Center, Inc., and, at all times mentioned in the complaint, operated as an exhibitor, as that term is defined in the Regulations, and held Animal Welfare Act

license number 74-C-0337, which license was voluntarily terminated on November 2, 2004.

2. At all times mentioned in the complaint, respondent Bridgeport Nature Center, Inc., was a Texas corporation doing business as "Great Cats of the World," at 245 C.R. 3422, Bridgeport, Texas 76426-6811, and operated as an exhibitor as that term is defined in the Regulations. In 2004, Bridgeport Nature Center, Inc., was dissolved.

Conclusions of Law

The respondents have admitted the above facts, the parties have agreed to the entry of this decision, and therefore such decision will be entered.

Order

Respondents, their agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from violating the Act and the Regulations and Standards.

This order shall become effective on the first day after service of this decision on respondents. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

BRIDGEPORT NATURE CENTER, INC.
a former Texas corporation

By


Heidi Berry as representative of respondent
Bridgeport Nature Center, Inc.


Colleen Carroll
Attorney for Complainant


Heidi Berry
Respondent

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 25 day of August, 2010


Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge