

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	AWA Docket No. 07-0181
)	
Henry Lee Cooper,)	
)	Consent Decision
Respondent)	and Order

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

The Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this decision.

The Complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

- (a) Henry Lee Cooper, hereinafter referred to as the Respondent, is an individual whose mailing address is RR 2 Box 319, Wewoka, Oklahoma 74884.
- (b) The Respondent, at all times material hereto, was licensed and operating as a dealer as defined in the Act and the regulations.

Conclusions

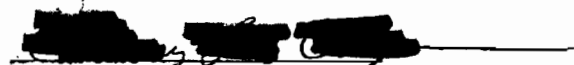
The Respondent having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

The Respondent's license under the Animal Welfare Act is suspended for a period of five years, but until the renewal date of the license, May 19, 2009, the suspension shall apply only to the acquisition of animals.


The provisions of this order shall become effective upon issuance.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.


Henry Lee Cooper
Respondent


Robert A. Ertman
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 26th day of August, 2008


Administrative Law Judge