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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:		
WILLIAM MEADOWS, d/b/a TIGER SAFARI, INC.	)	AWA Docket 19-J-0062
Respondent	)	CONSENT DECISION

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA or Act), by a Complaint filed by the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), alleging that William Meadows, an individual doing business as Tiger Safari, Inc. (Respondent) violated the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. Part 2 and 3). This consent decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provision of the Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary under Various Statutes (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in 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, waives all rights to seek judicial review and otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this decision, including waiving challenges to the Administrative Law Judge's authority to enter this Decision and Order under the Administrative Procedure Act and the Constitution of the United States, and waives any action against the United States Department of Agriculture under the Equal Access to Justice Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. § 504 *et seq.*) for fees and other expenses incurred by respondent in connection with this proceeding or any action against any USDA employee in their individual capacity.

This consent decision is intended to settle all outstanding claims against the Respondent, under the Act, up to and including the date of signature. Respondent consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

a) Respondent is an is an individual doing business as Tiger Safari, Inc. (Respondent), whose mailing address is (b) (6) [redacted]

b) At all times material herein, Respondent held Class "C" U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) exhibitor's license number 73-C-0122.

Conclusion

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

Order

Respondent, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with their operations subject to the Act and regulations, shall cease and desist from failing to comply with the requirements of the Act and Regulations.

Pursuant to 7 U.S.C. § 2149(b), Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of fifteen-thousand dollars ($15,000.00), to be satisfies as follows:

1. Respondent shall send a certified check or money order for five-thousand dollars ($5,000.00), payable to the Treasurer of the United States, to USDA APHIS, P. O. Box 790335, St. Louis, Missouri 63179-0335 within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this order as determined by the issuing Administrative Law Judge.

2. Respondent shall send additional certified checks or money orders for four-hundred dollars ($400.00) each, payable to the Treasurer of the United States, to USDA APHIS, P. O. Box 790335, St. Louis, Missouri 63179-0335 by the last business day of each consecutive month thereafter, beginning with the month subsequent to the execution of this order, up and until Respondent completes his remaining obligation of ten-thousand dollars ($10,000.00) in full.
3. Respondent, at his discretion, may remit more than the agreed upon monthly payment to lower the total amount due, but may not pay less than the agreed-upon monthly payment of four-hundred dollars ($400.00).
4. Respondent acknowledges that, if he fails comply with any provision set forth in this Order, Respondent shall be responsible for the entire fifteen-thousand dollar ($15,000.00) civil penalty, less any amount already paid, within thirty (30) days from the effective date of the applicable order as determined by the issuing Administrative Law Judge.
5. The parties acknowledge that, if Respondent successfully satisfies all provisions set forth in this Order, Respondent's financial commitment will be deemed satisfied in full.

Respondents shall indicate on all certified checks or money orders that payment is in reference to AWA Docket No. 19-J-0062.

Respondent acknowledges that the cease and desist provision set forth in this Order shall remain in effect in perpetuity.

The provisions of this order shall become effective on the sixth day after service of this consent decision and order on Respondent.

Copies of this decision and order shall be served upon the parties.

Done at Washington, DC

this 22d day of March, 2019

[redacted]

Chief Administrative Law Judge

Channing D. Strother

[redacted] 3/20/2019

William Meadows
Respondent

[redacted] 3/22/19

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