

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	AWA Docket No. 14-0197
)	
BRIARWOOD INVESTMENTS, INC., a)	
Florida corporation doing business as)	
BRIARWOOD RANCH)	
)	CONSENT DECISION AND
Respondent.)	ORDER

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, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondent willfully violated the regulations and standards 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).

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, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding, to the entry of this decision. The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Briarwood Investments, Inc. (Briarwood), is a Florida corporation (No. P02000121942) that is registered in Tennessee as a foreign corporation (Control No. 000597672). According to the Tennessee Secretary of State, Briarwood's registered agent in Tennessee is identified as Ron Nease, 5617 Reinhardt Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee 37924. At all relevant times, Briarwood was an exhibitor, as that term is used in the Act and the Regulations and was doing

business as Briarwood Ranch. Respondent Briarwood held AWA license 63-C-0182 until April 19, 2012, when that license was cancelled, and has held AWA license 63-C-0247 since July 10, 2012.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The respondent having admitted the findings of fact set forth above, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

ORDER

1. Respondent, its 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.

2. AWA license number 63-C-0247 is hereby revoked, effective January 1, 2017.

The provisions of this order shall become effective immediately. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

BRIARWOOD INVESTMENTS, INC., a
Florida corporation doing business as
BRIARWOOD RANCH

By 

Its counsel of record



Lauren Becker
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 8th day of December 2016



Bobbie McCartney
Chief Administrative Law Judge