

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

Cory Mincey, an individual,
doing business as Cory’s Cuties and
Puppy Love Kennel.

Respondent.

AWA Docket No.: 24-J-0020

CONSENT DECISION AND
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 (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), alleging that the Respondent violated the Act and the Regulations issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 *et seq.*) (Regulations). This Consent Decision and Order is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary Under Various Statutes (7 C.F.R. § 1.130 *et seq.*) (Rules of Practice) applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

The Respondent, Cory Mincey doing business as Cory’s Cuties and Puppy Love Kennel (“Respondent”), admits to the Findings of Fact, as set forth herein and specifically admits that the Secretary of the USDA has jurisdiction in this matter. The Respondent neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations in the Complaint. The parties agree to the issuance of the following Consent Decision and Order without further procedure or hearing. The Respondent specifically waives her right to any further process or procedure in this proceeding. The Respondent further waives all rights to seek judicial review and otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Decision and Order, including waiving challenges to the Administrative Law Judge’s

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authority to enter this Consent Decision and Order under the Administrative Procedure Act and the Constitution of the United States, and waives any action against the USDA under the Equal Access to Justice Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. § 504 *et seq.*) for fees and other expenses incurred by the Respondent in connection with this proceeding or any action against any USDA employee in their individual capacity.

The parties consent and agree for the purpose of settling this proceeding, to the entry of this Consent Decision and Order as set forth herein. Therefore, this Consent Decision and Order is entered without further procedure or hearing pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Cory Mincey is an individual who resides in the State of Missouri.
2. Respondent's mailing address was not provided in the complaint to protect her personal privacy, but was provided to the Hearing Clerk's Office, United States Department of Agriculture, for the purpose of serving this complaint and future documents.
3. At all times material herein, Respondent did business as "Cory's Cuties" or as "Puppy Love Kennel."
4. At all times material herein, Respondent operated as a breeder as that term is defined in the Act and the Regulations.
5. Respondent held a USDA Class A "Breeder" license (No. 43-A-5947) until she voluntarily surrendered it on December 2, 2019.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent, having admitted the Findings of Fact, as set forth herein, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this Consent Decision and Order, such Consent Decision and Order will be entered

ORDER

1 Respondent, either individually or through her agents and employees, successor and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from violating the Act, the Regulations, and/or the Standards.

2 AWA license No. 43-A-5947 is hereby revoked. Respondent shall permanently refrain from any activity requiring an AWA license.

3 This Consent Decision and Order shall have the same force and effect as if entered after a full hearing. The provisions of this Consent Decision and Order shall be binding and become effective immediately. Copies of this Consent Decision shall be served upon the parties.

[Redacted Signature]

Cory Mincey of a Cory's Cutes
and Puppy Love Kennel
Respondent

8-12-24
Date

[Redacted Signature]

Olivia DePasquale
Attorney for the Complainant

8/20/2024
Date

Done at Washington, D.C.,
this 21st day of August 2024

By [Redacted Signature]
Channing D. Strother
Chief Administrative Law Judge