

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

Angela Weaver, an individual

Respondent.

AWA Docket No. 24-J-0025

CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER

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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.). 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, Angela Weaver (“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 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 shall bear their own costs incurred in connection with this action, including all attorneys' fees. Respondent shall bear the cost of the civil penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

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 Angela Weaver is an individual who resides in the State of Oklahoma.
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 the complaint and future documents.
3. At all times material herein, Respondent operated as a breeder as that term is defined in the Act and the Regulations and held a USDA Class A "Breeder" license number 73-A-2819.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

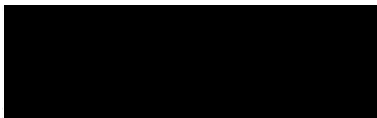
Respondent, having admitted the Findings of Fact, as set forth herein, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this Consent Decision and Order, such Consent Decision and Order will be entered.

#### 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. Respondent is assessed a total civil penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Respondent shall pay five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) in civil penalties in monthly installments for a period of forty-eight (48) months with the first installment being due on or before thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Consent Decision and Order and continuing thereafter until the five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) is paid in full. Each payment shall be made by certified check or money order made payable to the "Treasurer of the United States," to USDA APHIS GENERAL, P.O. Box 979043, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000. Respondent shall indicate on each certified check or money order that the payment is in reference to AWA Docket No. 24-J-0025.

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 and Order shall be served upon the parties

By:   
Angela Weaver  
Respondent

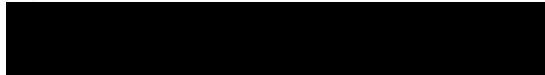
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By:   
Olivia DePasquale  
Attorney for the Complainant

date: 7/29/2024

Done at Washington, D.C.,

This 30th day of July, 2024



Herney Carlos  
Administrative Law Judge