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Washington, D.C.

June 3, 2025

Verified Puppy  
Attn: Jennifer and Jose Cervantes  
30019 151st Avenue  
New Prague, MN 56071

Customer No.: 6018840

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF 5 DAY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE 41-B-0288**

Dear Mr. and Ms. Cervantes:

I write to notify you that your license (41-B-0288) under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA or Act) is hereby suspended, pursuant to section 19 of the Act, for a period of 5 days, effective upon your receipt of this letter.

We are taking this action because we have reason to believe that you have willfully violated section 2.4 of the regulations issued under the AWA (9 C.F.R. Part 2) (Regulations).

Our evidence reveals that on April 30, 2025, you interfered with, threatened, abused (including verbal abuse), and/or harassed an APHIS official in the course of carrying out his duties.

It is a violation of the Regulations to buy, sell, transport, exhibit, or deliver for transportation, any “animal,” as that term is defined in the Act and the Regulations, during the period of suspension. 9 C.F.R. § 2.10(c). This prohibition applies to you and to any employee, agent or other person acting on your behalf. Failure to comply with this prohibition may subject you to sanctions authorized by the Act. 7 U.S.C. § 2149.

If you have any questions concerning this suspension, please communicate with either:

Carlyne Cockrum  
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Done at Washington, D.C.  
This \_\_\_ day of June 2025

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Dr. Michael Watson  
APHIS Administrator  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service