



Marketing and
Regulatory Programs

March 30, 2023

Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service

Steve Kruse

Washington, D.C.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF 21 DAY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE 42-B-0182

Dear Mr. Kruse,

I write to notify you that your license (42-B-0182) 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 21 days, effective upon your receipt of this letter.

We are taking this action because we have reason to believe that you have willfully violated, *inter alia*, section 2.40(b)(2) of the regulations issued under the AWA (9 C.F.R. Part 2)(Regulations), and failed to meet the minimum standards for animals (9 C.F.R. Part 3)(Standards), specifically 9 C.F.R. § 3.13(b)(2).

Our evidence reveals that, between March 7, 2023 and March 14, 2023, you failed to provide appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose and treat diseases and injuries, and failed to provide the date and a description of the problem, examination findings, test results, plan for treatment and care, and treatment procedures performed when a problem was identified (such as a disease, injury, or illness).

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:

Office of the General Counsel
1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mail Stop 1417
Washington, D.C. 20250-1417

Done at Washington, D.C.
this day of March 2023
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Dr. Michael Watson
Acting APHIS Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service