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Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service

Elena and Andrey Mikirtichev
3000 Bensley RD
North Chesterfield, VA 23237

Customer No.: 500902

Washington, D.C.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF 21 DAY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE 52-B-0175

Dear Mr. and Ms. Mikirtichev:

I write to notify you that your license (52-B-0175) 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, sections § 2.40(b)(2), 2.40(b)(3), 2.75(a)(1), 2.126(a)(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. §§ 3.1(c)(2), 3.1(e), 3.2(d), 3.3(d), 3.3(e)(1), 3.6(b)(1)(i), 3.6(b)(1)(ii), 3.6(b)(1)(iv), 3.6(b)(4), 3.6(c)(1)(i), 3.6(c)(1)(iii), 3.10(a), 3.11(b)(2), 3.11(c), 3.13(b)(2), 3.13(b)(3), and 3.13(b)(4).

Our evidence reveals that on July 24, 2023, you failed to provide adequate veterinary care, failed to maintain adequate acquisition and disposition records of animals, failed to provide APHIS officials access to records, failed to provide adequate housing facilities for animals, failed to provide proper food storage, failed to provide housing facilities with surfaces that are impervious to moisture, failed to provide an adequate amount of shelter for the number of animals present, failed to provide primary enclosures of with adequate vertical and floor space, failed to provide adequate resting surfaces for cats, failed to provide adequate potable water for dogs, failed to provide adequate cleaning and sanitization, and failed to maintain adequate medical records for dogs.

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:

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Done at Washington, D.C.
This ____ day of August 2023

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