

## REVISED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ("APHIS"), and Union County Sportsmen's Club, with reference to the following facts:

- 1. At all times mentioned herein, Union County Sportsmen's Club operated as an Exhibitor under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (the "AWA") at the facility located at 50 Sportsmen's Club Lane, Millmont, PA 17845.
- 2. APHIS has documented evidence of the non-compliance of the Union County Sportsmen's Club with the AWA and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.), and specifically, has documented evidence of Union County Sportsmen's Club failure to utilize a Program of Veterinary Care that addresses the care of all types of regulated animals housed at the facility; to ensure the availability of appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment and services in compliance with the Program of Veterinary Care; use appropriate methods of prevention, control, diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries; maintain outdoor housing facilities in good repair to ensure the protection of regulated animals from injury; store food supplies in a manner that adequately protects against deterioration, molding or contamination by vermin; use disposal facilities in a manner that minimizes vermin infestation, odors and disease hazards; provide enclosures constructed and maintained in a manner that permits exhibited animals to make normal postural and social adjustments with adequate freedom of movement; provide wholesome and palatable food of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain the animals in good health; failure to take adequate measures to prevent molding, contamination, and deterioration or caking of food;

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to remove excreta from a primary enclosure as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and reduce odors; utilize a sufficient number of adequately trained employees to maintain a professionally acceptable level of husbandry practices as required by the AWA regulations and AWA standards for the humane handling and treatment of animals (9 C.F.R. §§ 2.40(a)(1), 2.40(b)(1), 2.40(b)(2), 3.125(a), 3.125(c), 3.125(d), 3.128, 3.129(a), 3.129(b), 3.131(a) and 3.132).

- 3. APHIS has not instituted an administrative enforcement action based on the findings described above in paragraph 2.
- 4. APHIS and Union County Sportsmen's Club have determined to settle the issues related to the potential violations of the AWA and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, as described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed:

- 5. Union County Sportsmen's Club admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, and waives oral hearing and further procedure.
- 6. Union County Sportsmen's Club consents and agrees to the following:
  - a. Union County Sportsmen's Club will maintain an inventory of animals that is limited to birds, deer and raccoon.
  - b. Union County Sportsmen's Club will refrain from acquiring any animals for exhibition that are not birds, deer and raccoon, specifically bears of any species and bobcats.
  - c. At a time mutually agreeable to both parties, Union County Sportsmen's Club shall grant access to APHIS officials for the purpose of performing inspections necessary to inventory all animals housed at the facility as of the signing of this Settlement Agreement.

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- d. Union County Sportsmen's Club shall grant access to APHIS officials for the purpose of performing routine and unannounced inspections.
- e. Union County Sportsmen's Club will pay a monetary settlement in the amount of \$1,700 by **October 21, 2020**.
- 7. Union County Sportsmen's Club consents and agrees that its failure to comply with the terms of this Settlement Agreement shall automatically void paragraph 8 below, and that APHIS shall have the right to immediately institute enforcement proceedings against Union County Sportsmen's Club based upon the non-compliant items documented at 50 Sportsmen's Club Lane, Millmont, PA 17845, in connection with animal welfare investigation PA200001-AC, and any future violations, and to pursue any and all remedies available to APHIS under the AWA.
- 8. For and in consideration of Union County Sportsmen's Club's agreements and actions described in paragraph 6 above, and the promises and admissions of Union County Sportsmen's Club set forth herein, APHIS agrees not to institute an administrative or civil enforcement action against Union County Sportsmen's Club in connection with the alleged AWA violations documented in animal welfare investigation PA200001-AC.

APHIS and Union County Sportsmen's Club warrant and represent that their respective representatives, whose signatures appear below, have the authority to execute this Settlement Agreement and to bind each of the parties, respectively, to this Settlement Agreement.

Union County Sportsmen's Club

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An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

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## **United States Department of Agriculture**

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

Signature:	Date:
Eileen F. Sullivan, Director	
Investigative and Enforcement Services	
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	
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