

September 7, 2016

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Via e-mail: aceast@aphis.usda.gov

Re: Request for Investigation of Apparent Animal Welfare Act Violations by
Tim Leopard, dba 'Wild Thang Productions' (License No. 65-C-0519)

Dear Dr. Goldentyer:

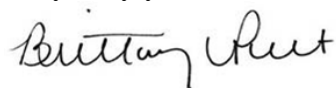
I am writing on behalf of PETA to request that the U.S. Department of Agriculture promptly investigate Tim Leopard, dba "Wild Thang Productions," aka "Team Ghost Riders" (License No. 65-C-0519), for apparent Animal Welfare Act (AWA) violations.

On August 26, a sheep exhibited by Team Ghost Riders [escaped handlers and ran across a minor league baseball field](#) during a game in State College, Pennsylvania (*see attached*). The escape of this sheep appears to violate 9 C.F.R. § 2.131(b)(1) and (c)(1), which state that the "[h]andling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, ... behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort" and that "[d]uring public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public."

Please inspect Team Ghost Riders and ensure that all animals are handled in accordance with the AWA. Please also hold Tim Leopard fully accountable for any and all violations that you discover during your investigation.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please inform me of the complaint number that your agency assigns to this correspondence.

Very truly yours,



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