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May 12, 2022

Dr. Shreesh Mysore  
3400 N. Charles St, 224 Ames Hall  
Baltimore, MD 21218

Dear Dr. Mysore:

The Wildlife and Heritage Service reviewed your current Scientific Collecting Permit #55025 and has determined that certain aspects of the special conditions incorporated into the permit are inconsistent with Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article § 10-909. Therefore, the permit is being revoked, effective immediately. A new permit #58188 is attached which disallows your euthanizing the birds.

You may submit a letter to the Director of the Service requesting a formal contested case hearing to appeal the revocation of Permit #55025. The letter must be received by no later than 30 days from the time this notice is received. Upon receipt of the letter, the Service will schedule the hearing before an administrative law judge of the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings in accordance with the procedures of the Administrative Procedures Act, State Government Article, Title 10, Subtitle 2, Annotated Code of Maryland, and COMAR 08.01.04.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul A. Peditto".

Paul A. Peditto, Director  
Wildlife and Heritage Service



WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE SERVICE

PERMIT/LICENSE

Effective:  
01/01/2022

**SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING**

Expires:  
12/31/2022

**PERMIT #: 58188**

Johns Hopkins University  
ATTN: Dr. Shreesh Mysore  
3400 N. Charles St, 224 Ames Hall  
BALTIMORE, MD 21218

County of Residence:  
Baltimore City

Location:

Authority Statute(s): ACM 10-909  
Regulation(s): COMAR 08.03.09.06

**GENERAL CONDITIONS**

Conditions in state law and regulations cited above, are hereby made a part of this permit/license. All activities authorized herein must be carried out in accord with and for the purposes described in the application submitted. Continued validity, or renewal, of this permit is subject to complete and timely compliance with all applicable conditions, including the filing of all required information and reports.

The validity of this permit is also conditioned upon strict observance of all applicable federal, local or other state laws.

Certain activities allowed under this permit may also require a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permit.

This permit does not authorize the collection, salvage, possession or transportation of any species classified as in need of conservation, threatened, or endangered at the state or federal level. If any such species are encountered or inadvertently collected during activities authorized by this permit, the Permits Coordinator must be contacted within 24 hours.

Permittee is not authorized by this permit to access private property or publically held property without express permission from the appropriate authority.

A report of the year's activity must be provided before the permit may be renewed.

The Department may revoke this permit for a violation of the terms and conditions of this permit.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

Permittee and subpermittee are authorized to possess 30 Barn Owls *Tyto alba* for scientific purposes. Owls will be obtained from the research facility of Dr. Eric Knudsen at the Stanford University Department of Neurobiology Research Facility or the results of breeding at Johns Hopkins University. The Barn Owls will be housed in Maryland at the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Johns Hopkins University. Housing and care protocols should follow Guidelines to the Use of Wild Birds in Research (2010) and other established protocols. At the end of the study, birds may be returned as authorized into other jurisdictions.

Subpermittee: Phyllis Knudsen

ISSUED BY: Christina Jarvis

PERMITS COORDINATOR

ISSUED: 05/12/2022