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Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service

Washington, D.C.

Craig Kokas
3153 Prospect Upper Sandusky Road
Prospect, OH 43342
USDA License #31-A-0031

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF 21 DAY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE 31-A-0031

Dear Mr. Kokas,

I write to notify you that your license (31-A-0031) 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 2.1(b)(1), 2.4, 2.40(a), 2.40(a)(2), 2.40(b)(2), 2.40(b)(3), 2.50(a), 2.75(a)(1), 2.75(b)(1), 2.126(a), 2.126(a)(4), and 2.126(b), 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. §§ 3.4(a)(1), 3.4(c), 3.6(b)(4), 3.52(c), 3.56(a)(1), 3.125(a), 3.125(c), 3.127(b), 3.127(c), 3.127(d), 3.128, 3.129(a), 3.129(b), 3.130, 3.131(a), 3.131(c), 3.132, 3.133, 3.134(a). Our evidence reveals that, between November 26, 2019 and September 23, 2022, you failed to abide by licensing requirements, interfered with the inspection process, failed to provide an attending veterinarian who was able to provide adequate veterinary care, failed to give proper oversight authority to the attending veterinarian, failed to establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care, failed to conduct daily observation of the animals, failed to properly identify all live cats on the premises, failed to keep adequate records, failed to allow access to facility and records, failed to provide facilities for proper examination of records or inspection, failed to restrict outdoor housing for animals that may not acclimate properly, failed to provide proper outdoor housing, failed to provide adequate primary enclosures, failed to provide adequate shelter, failed to provide proper sanitation, failed to provide properly constructed facilities, failed to provide proper storage for food and/or bedding, failed to provide proper outdoor facilities, failed to provide adequate space in animal enclosures, failed to provide food and potable water, failed to maintain a sufficient number of adequately trained employees, failed to ensure proper separation of animals, and failed to have a contingency plan.

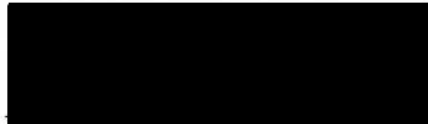
It is a violation of the Regulations to buy, sell, transport, exhibit, or deliver for transportation, any “animal,” as that term is defined in the Act and the Regulations, during the period of suspension. 9 C.F.R. § 2.10(c). This

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 26th day of September 2022

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Kevin Shea.

Kevin Shea
APHIS Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service