

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:

PATTI J. VAN METER, an individual, and GREENE ACRES EXOTICS, INC., an Indiana Non-Profit Corporation,

Respondents.

AWA No. 07-0154

CONSENT DECISION AS TO ALL RESPONDENTS

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (the "Act"), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondents willfully violated the Act and the regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.) (the "Regulations"). This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondents Patti J. Van Meter and Greene Acres Exotics, Inc. (collectively, "respondents") admit the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint and specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations, waive oral hearing and further procedure, and consent and agree, for the purpose of settling this proceeding, to the entry of this decision.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Patti J. Van Meter is an individual whose mailing address is Post Office Box 333, Bay View, Idaho 83803.
2. Greene Acres Exotics, Inc. (aka "Greene Acres"), is an inactive Indiana Non-Profit Domestic Corporation whose mailing address is RR 1 Box 45, Solsberry, Indiana 47459.
3. The agent for service of process for respondent Greene Acres Exotics, Inc. is Patti J. Van Meter.
4. Respondent Patti J. Van Meter was an incorporator and serves as an officer of Greene Acres Exotics, Inc.
5. Respondents Patti J. Van Meter and Greene Acres Exotics, Inc. (collectively, "respondents"), at all material times mentioned in the complaint, were operating as a dealer, as defined in the Act and Regulations, and have held Animal Welfare Act license number 32-B-0165, issued to "Patti Van Meter."

CONCLUSION

Respondents having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

ORDER

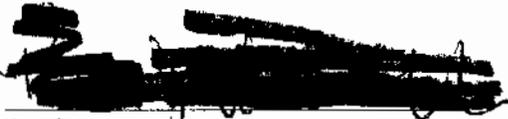
1. Respondents' Animal Welfare Act license number 32-B-0165, issued to "Patti Van Meter," is hereby revoked and respondents are hereby disqualified from obtaining an Animal Welfare Act license.
2. Respondents, their agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from violating the Act and the

Regulations issued thereunder, and in particular, shall cease and desist from engaging in any activity regulated under the Act and/or Regulations.

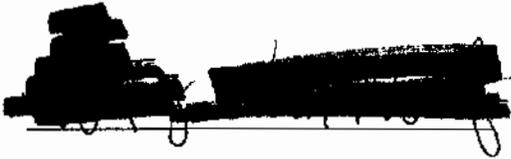
3. Respondents Patti J. Van Meter and Greene Acres Exotics, Inc. are assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,750.00, which shall be held in abeyance, provided respondents do not engage in any activity regulated under the Act and/or Regulations.

4. The provisions of this order shall become effective on the first day after service of this decision on the respondents.

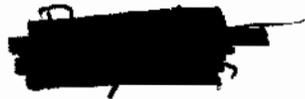
5. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.



Patti J. Van Meter
RESPONDENT



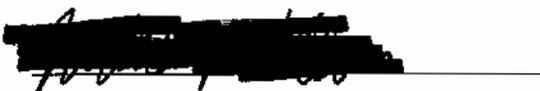
on behalf of Greene Acres Exotics, Inc.
RESPONDENT



Babak A. Rastgoufard
Office of the General Counsel
United States Department of Agriculture
ATTORNEY FOR COMPLAINANT

Done at Washington, D.C.

this ^{23rd} ~~22nd~~ day of Feb., 2009



Administrative Law Judge