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Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service

EllaMae Brubaker
N14976 Gorman Ave.
Thorp, WI 54771

Customer No.: 22258

Washington, D.C.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF 21 DAY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE 35-A-0227

Dear Mrs. Brubaker:

I write to notify you that your license (35-A-0227) under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA or Act) is hereby suspended for a period of 21 days effective upon receipt of this letter, pursuant to section 2149(A) of the Act.

We are taking this action because we have reason to believe that you have willfully violated sections 2.40(b)(2) and 2.40(b)(3) 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, section 3.10(a).

Our evidence shows that between July 22, 2025 and November 20, 2025, you failed to

- establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that included the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases, and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care, 9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(2);
- conduct daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being; *Provided, however,* That daily observation of animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian; and *Provided, further,* That a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian, 9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(3);
- provide continuously available potable water to the dogs, unless restricted by the attending veterinarian, 9 C.F.R. § 3.10(a)

If you wish to appeal this suspension of your license, you may apply to the Deputy Administrator, in writing, with justification for reinstatement of your license prior to the conclusion of the 21-day suspension. 9 C.F.R. § 2.10(a).

During your suspension period, you are prohibited from buying, selling, transporting, exhibiting, or delivering for transportation, any AWA-regulated animal. 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:

Jami Niemann, DVM
USDA APHIS Animal Care
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Done at Washington, D.C.
This 9th day of February 2026

Ms. Kelly Moore
Acting APHIS Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service