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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:	)	
	)	Docket No. 14-0135
Deer Forest Amusements, Inc.,	)	
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Respondent.	)	Consent Decision and Order

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act ("Act"), as amended (15 U.S.C. §§ 1821-1831), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that Deer Forest Amusements, Inc., ("Respondent") willfully violated the Act and the regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.). 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).

Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this decision.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

1, Respondent is a corporation whose mailing address at all times relevant to the actions alleged in the Complaint was 6800 Indian Lane, Coloma, Michigan 49038.

2. At all times relevant herein, the respondent was operating as an exhibitor, as that

term is defined in the Act and the Regulations and held Animal Welfare Act license number 34-C-0252.

Conclusions

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

Order

1. Respondent shall cease and desist from violating the Act and the regulations established thereunder.

2. Respondent's license held under the Act is permanently revoked.

3. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00), all of which shall be held in abeyance and not paid by Respondent unless the Respondent, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, is found to have violated the Act or the regulations issued thereunder, or this consent decision and order within 3 years of June 30, 2015.

This order shall have the same effect as if entered after a full hearing and shall become effective upon issuance.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

[redacted] President

Deer Forest Amusements, Inc.
Respondent

[redacted]

BRIAN HILL
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 22nd day of JUNE, 2015

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Administrative Law Judge
JANICE K. BULLARD