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United States Department of Agriculture
Before the Secretary of Agriculture

In re:	)	AWA Docket Nos. 15-0162, 15-0163
	)	
BIG RUN WOLF RANCH, INC., an Illinois corporation; JOHN F. BASILE, an individual doing business as Big Run Wolf Ranch,	)	
	)	
Respondents	)	
	)	CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.)(AWA or Act), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, on August 6, 2015, alleging that the respondents willfully violated the regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.)(Regulations and Standards). 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 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 Big Run Wolf Ranch, Inc. (BRWR), is an Illinois corporation (62527625) whose agent for service of process is respondent John F. Basile, 14857 Farrell Road, Loackport, Illinois 60441. At all times mentioned in the complaint, respondent BRWR was an exhibitor, as that term is defined in the Act and Regulations, and beginning in July 2013, held license 33-C-0447.

2. Respondent John F. Basile is an individual doing business as Big Run Wolf Ranch, and whose business address is 14857 Farrell Road Lockport, Illinois 60441. At all times mentioned in the complaint, respondent Basile was an exhibitor and dealer, as those terms are defined in the Act and the Regulations, and held AWA license 33-B-0001 until July 2013. Respondent Basile is the principal and president of BRWR, and at all relevant times was an agent and officer of respondent BRWR, and acting within the scope of his authority.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

1. Respondents, their agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or indirectly through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from violating the Act and the regulations and standards issued thereunder.

2. Respondents are jointly and severally assessed a civil penalty of $6,300. Respondents agree to make payment of the civil penalty according to the terms of Understanding With Respect to Civil Penalty signed by the parties.

3. AWA license 33-C-0447 is hereby suspended for a period of 1 month, commencing on March 1, 2016, and thereafter until compliance is achieved.

The provisions of this order shall become effective on upon issuance. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

BIG RUN WOLF RANCH, INC.,
an Illinois corporation
Respondent

By [redacted]
John F. Basile
President

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John F. Basile
Respondent

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Done at Washington, D.C.
this 3 of Feb, 2016

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Administrative Law Judge
Jill S. Clifton