

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re: ) AWA Docket No. 13-0077  
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Safari's Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc., )  
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Complainant ) **Ruling Amending Caption**

By letter dated October 11, 2012, Robert M. Gibbens, Regional Director - Animal Care, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, denied an application for an Animal Welfare Act licence submitted by Safari's Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc. On November 6, 2012, Karri Murphy, the president of Safari's Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc., filed with the Office of the Hearing Clerk a request for a hearing to show why Safari's Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc.'s application for an Animal Welfare Act license should not be denied. The proceeding was captioned, as follows:

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Karri Murphy, )  
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Petitioner )

The applicable regulations make clear that an applicant whose Animal Welfare Act license application has been denied may request a hearing regarding the denial, as follows:

**§ 2.11 Denial of initial license application.**

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(b) An applicant whose license application has been denied may request a hearing in accordance with the applicable rules of practice for the purpose of showing why the application for license should not be denied.

9 C.F.R. § 2.11(b). The record establishes that Ms. Murphy is not an applicant whose Animal Welfare Act license application has been denied and that Ms. Murphy did not request a hearing in accordance with 9 C.F.R. § 2.11(b) on her own behalf. Instead, a review of the record establishes that Safari's Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc., is an applicant whose Animal Welfare Act license application has been denied and that Ms. Murphy requested a hearing in accordance with 9 C.F.R. § 2.11(b) on behalf of Safari's Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc. Therefore, I amend the caption of this proceeding to reflect Safari's Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc.'s status as the complainant in this proceeding:

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Complainant	)	

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Done at Washington, DC

February 25, 2013

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William G. Jenson  
Judicial Officer