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## Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

**To:** Chief, Division of Management Authority

**From:** Johnny R. Hunt, Service FOIA Officer  
Division of Policy and Directives Management

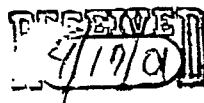
**Subject:** *"complete application packages including original applications, re-applications and any documents generated by FWS regarding such applications for the following exhibitors' CBW permit for elephants: Marine World USA in Vallejo, CA, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield, MO."*

**Requester:** **Jane Garrison**  
**People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)**

**Date of Request:** 04/11/01  
**Received:** 04/16/01  
**Today's Date:** 04/16/01

**Instructions:** The Electronic Freedom of Information Act gives bureaus 20 working days from the date the office of record receives the request to respond to it. The office of record is the office that creates or maintains the requested information. The bureau may take an additional 10 days if the request is voluminous or requires input from multiple locations. You can find additional more specific instructions at 43 CFR 2 or by consulting the Fish and Wildlife Service's home page under Policy and Directives Management.

**Questions:** Call Johnny Hunt (703/358-2504).  
**Copy to:** PDM FOIA file. DMA, requestor



April 11, 2001

Joanne Hunt, FOIA Officer  
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Dear Ms. Hunt:

This request is made on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) under the federal Freedom of Information Act at 5 U.S.C. Sec 552.

PETA is a non-profit organization, based in Norfolk, Virginia, dedicated to educating the public about issues concerning animal protection. PETA is referred to hereinafter as "requester."

This request is for complete application packages including original applications, re-applications and any documents generated by FWS regarding such applications for the following exhibitors' CBW permit for elephants: Marine World USA in Vallejo, CA, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield, Missouri.

If any records or documents pertaining to this request are considered to be exempt from release, please segregate and provide access to non-exempt portions, and justify deletions by reference to specific exemptions in the Freedom of Information Act.

Requester is prepared to pay all reasonable search and duplication fees relating to this request up to the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00), but asks that such fees be waived, or at least reduced, pursuant to Sec.552 (a) (4) (iii) of the Freedom of Information Act, which provides that

[d]ocuments shall be furnished without any charge or at a charge reduced below the fees established under clause (ii) ["reasonable standard charges"] if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

This request satisfies the cited fee waiver/reduction provision because disclosure of the requested information would be likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the enforcement branches of the USDA, and the requester, a non-profit public interest organization whose federal tax-exempt number is 521218336, has no commercial interest in disclosure of the information requested.

# PETA

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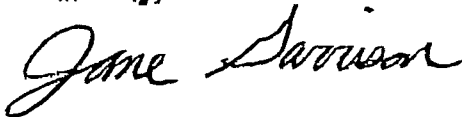
If the foregoing request for waiver or reduction of fees is denied, and fees are expected to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00), kindly notify requester by telephone to this effect before this disclosure request is processed, so that requester may decide whether to pay the disputed fees, or, instead, to appeal denial of the request for waiver or reduction.

I may be reached during business hours at 757-622-7382, ext. 635. If you have any questions pertaining to any aspect of this request, please contact me by telephone, rather than by mail, in order to expedite disclosure of the requested information.

You may fax the documents to me directly at 757-628-0781.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Jane Garrison, Elephant Specialist  
Research, Investigations & Rescue Department