

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:

STEPHEN T. CLARK, an individual,
d/b/a CROSSED PAWS RANCH,

Respondent.

AWA No. 07-0129

CONSENT DECISION

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. §§ 2131-2159) (the "Act" or "AWA") and the regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. §§ 1.1-3.142) (the "Regulations"), by an order to show cause filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture. 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 Stephen T. Clark, an individual, d/b/a Cross Paws Ranch, admits the jurisdictional allegations in the order to show cause 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, to the entry of this decision.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Stephen T. Clark is an individual whose mailing address is Post Office Box 176, Sharon Center, Ohio 44274.
2. Respondent Stephen T. Clark does business as Cross Paws Ranch, believed to be an unincorporated association or partnership with the mailing address Post Office Box 176, Sharon Center, Ohio 44274.
3. At all material times herein respondent held AWA license 31-C-0024, issued to "STEPHEN T. CLARK DBA: CROSS PAWS RANCH."

CONCLUSION

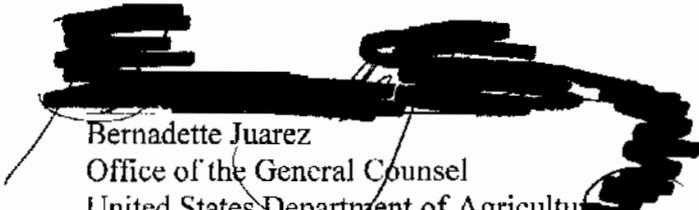
Respondent having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

ORDER

1. Respondent's AWA license, license number 31-C-0024, issued to "STEPHEN T. CLARK DBA: CROSS PAWS RANCH", is hereby terminated and Respondent is hereby disqualified from obtaining an AWA license for a nine-month period from the date of this Order.
2. Respondent may apply for reinstatement of his AWA license 90 days prior to the conclusion of the nine-month period of disqualification, provided that no AWA license shall be issued prior to nine months from the date of this Order.
3. The provisions of this order shall become effective on the first day after service of this decision on the Respondent.

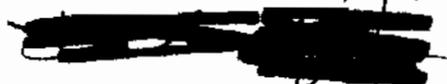
4. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.


Stephen J. Clark
RESPONDENT


Bernadette Juarez
Office of the General Counsel
United States Department of Agriculture
ATTORNEY FOR COMPLAINANT

Done at Washington, D.C.

this 26 day of February, 2008



Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge