

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re: )  
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William Brackston Lee, III, an individual, ) AWA Docket No. 13-0343  
d/b/a Laughing Valley Ranch, )  
 )  
Respondent. )

**ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT WITH PREJUDICE**

Appearances:

*Ciarra A. Toomey, Esq., with the Office of the General Counsel, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC, for the Complainant, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (“APHIS”)*

*Respondent William Brackston Lee, III, pro se*

This is a proceeding under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. §§ 2131 *et seq.*) (“AWA”); the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. §§ 1.1 *et seq.*); and the Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary Under Various Statutes (7 C.F.R. §§ 1.130 *et seq.*). The matter initiated on September 10, 2013 with an Order to Show Cause Why AWA License 84-C-0088 Should Not Be Terminated.

During a telephone conference with the parties on March 11, 2021, counsel for APHIS advised that Respondent Lee voluntarily terminated AWA license no. 84-C-0088 in December 2020; therefore, the instant proceeding is moot. Counsel for APHIS agreed that the case can be dismissed.

Accordingly, the Complaint in Docket No. 13-0343 is hereby DISMISSED with prejudice.

Copies of this Order shall be served upon the parties and counsel by the Hearing Clerk.

Done at Washington, D.C.,  
this 12th day of March 2021

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Tierney Carlos  
Administrative Law Judge

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