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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:	)	AWA Docket No. 15-0116
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VIRGINIA SAFARI PARK AND	)	
PRESERVATION CENTER, INC., also	)	
known as VIRGINIA SAFARI PARK,	)	
INC., a Virginia corporation,	)	
	)	CONSENT DECISION AND
Respondent.	)	ORDER

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.)(AWA or Act), by an order to show cause (OSC) filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture (APHIS), on May 18, 2015, alleging that the AWA license held by respondent Virginia Safari Park and Preservation Center, Inc., should be terminated pursuant to the licensing regulations promulgated under the AWA. (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.)(Regulations).

Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph 1 of the OSC, 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 to the entry of this decision for the purpose of settling this proceeding. The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision. This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to these proceedings (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Virginia Safari Park and Preservation Center, Inc., also known as Virginia Safari Park, Inc. (VSP), is a Virginia corporation. At all times mentioned in the OSC, respondent VSP

was an exhibitor, as that term is defined in the Act and the Regulations, held AWA license number 52-C-0166, and operated three zoos:

- a. The Virginia Safari Park, at Natural Bridge, Virginia (Site 001);
- b. The Reston Zoo, at Vienna, Virginia (Site 002); and
- c. The Gulf Breeze Zoo, at Gulf Breeze, Florida (Site 003).


CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent having admitted the findings of fact set forth above, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

ORDER

The OSC is withdrawn, effective September 15, 2018. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

VIRGINIA SAFARI PARK AND  
PRESERVATION CENTER, INC., also  
known as VIRGINIA SAFARI PARK, INC.,  
a Virginia corporation  
Respondent

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Done at Washington, D.C.,  
this 13 day of SEP 2018

  
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Administrative Law Judge