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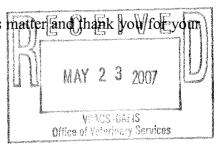
Re: PETA's 2006 Annual Summary Report of Animals Handled

Dear Dr. Haskell:

Thank you for providing me with a copy of your May 10 letter to Daphna Nachminovitch regarding the referenced report, and for your extremely kind recognition of PETA's animal welfare work. Likewise, we appreciate the work that you and the staff of the Office of Veterinary Services perform in behalf of animals in the Commonwealth.

I understand from your letter and from our previous correspondence that we have a good faith difference of opinion about the required contents of the Animal Summary Report and I appreciate the confirmation of the interpretation of the State Veterinarian's Office. As we discussed, and as contained in my earlier letters, I remain bound, in furtherance of my professional obligation as counsel to PETA, to my legal analysis of the unchanged reporting requirements of VA Code Section 3.1-796.120(B) by which PETA properly includes in its Reports the numbers of animals handled for spay and neuter surgeries on its mobile clinic. PETA will, of course, continue to set apart the animals handled for spay and neuter so that there can be no misunderstanding or misinterpretation of its Reports. Please understand that it is not my intention to be obdurate and I would be pleased to consider any citation to alternative legal authority that changes the requirements of the referenced Virginia Code section but my research has disclosed no such authority. We would also welcome the chance to discuss this and any other matters with you and an appropriate representative from the Attorney General's office at a mutually convenient time and location.

As always, I appreciate our communication on this matter and hank you for you consideration.







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