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Daphna Nachminovitch  
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals  
501 Front Street  
Norfolk, VA 23510

Dear Ms. Nachminovitch:

We appreciate your attention to conscientious animal record reporting.

We have reviewed your 2006 Animal Record Summary Report. **The State Veterinarian's Office of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services requires recordkeeping and reporting of only those animals that are taken into custody by releasing agencies for the purpose of adoption.** Businesses that are providing a service for animals such as grooming, veterinary treatment or surgery, and boarding are not required to report animal numbers to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Your facility is currently unlocked on the VDACS website to facilitate this correction.

We recognize that PETA is making outstanding efforts in the area of animal welfare and would like to extend our appreciation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn G. Haskell".

Marilyn G. Haskell, DVM MPH  
Office of Veterinary Services

Cc: Jeffrey S. Kerr  
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