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December 16, 2020

Jeremy Beckham, Executive Director
Utah Animal Rights Coalition
PO Box 3451
Salt Lake City, UT 84110

Re: GRAMA Request for UDAF Information Sharing Agreements

Dear Mr. Beckham,

The Utah Department of Agriculture has received your GRAMA request on December 9, 2020 requesting “Any agreements, certifications, or correspondence between the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) and any other local, state, or federal governmental entity concerning the classification, confidentiality, sharing, or release of records and/or information shared between governmental entities regarding COVID-19 cases and outbreaks on mink farms.” Because of the extraordinary circumstances listed below, and in accordance with Utah Code 63G-2-204(6) the Department cannot immediately approve or deny your request.

- The records may be located at the Utah State Archives and Records Service. (63G-2-204(6)(a))
- The Department is currently processing a large number of records requests. (63G-2-204(6)(d))
- The decision to release these records involves legal issues that require the Department to seek legal counsel for the analysis of statutes, rules, ordinances, regulations, or case law; (63G-2-204(6)(f))

The records requested will be available by January 15, 2021.

If you believe that the attached response is incomplete or deficient, you may appeal the decision to the Chief Administrative Officer for the Department: Kelly Pehrson, 350 North Redwood Rd, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116, (801) 982-2200. Any appeal must be within thirty (30) days of the above date of determination and must be by filing a “notice of appeal” compliant with Utah Code 63G-2-401; Appeal to Head of Governmental Entity. Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our counsel Melissa Ure at 801-982-2216.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Price".

Dr. Amanda Price
GRAMA Record Officer
Utah Department of Agriculture and Food