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May 23, 2016

Ms. Mary Cummins  
Animal Advocates  
645 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street #110-140  
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Dear Ms. Cummins,

This letter pertains to Animal Advocates' failure to submit annual reports, volunteer lists, and proof of continuing education, and other issues concerning the status of Animal Advocates' management and facility location.

Condition 16 of Animal Advocates' Permit/MOU requires you to send an Annual Year End Report ("Annual Report") to the Department of Fish and Wildlife ("Department") by January 30<sup>st</sup> each year. Moreover, Condition 16(c) requires you to provide the Department with a list of current volunteer(s) including the volunteers' names, addresses, phone numbers, and the locations of all satellite branches by January 30. Likewise, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 679, subdivision (f)(8) ("Section 679(f)(8)") requires each volunteer at your facility to take one two-hour Department-approved wildlife rehabilitation training session each year.

The Department has still not received Animal Advocates' Annual Year End Report for the animals it rehabilitated in 2015, a list of current volunteers, and documentation of two hours of continuing education for each of its volunteers. Animal Advocates has therefore violated Conditions 16 and 16(c) of the Permit/MOU and Section 679(f)(8). Please submit the Annual Report, volunteer list, and documentation of training by June 3, 2016 to the following address:

Ca. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife  
Attn: Nicole Carion  
601 Locust Street  
Redding, CA 96001

An Annual Report form and checklist are attached for your convenience. Failure to send in the 2015 Annual Report could result in the revocation of Animal Advocates' Permit/MOU.

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In addition, the Department received information regarding a court proceeding in Texas, *Bat World Sanctuary and Amanda Lollar v. Mary Cummins*, in which you claimed that you have not been involved with Animal Advocates since October, 2012. In the official court transcript of an April 1, 2016 hearing in that case ("Transcript;" attached), you stated:

My name is not on the Animal Advocates' account. My social security number is not on the Animal Advocates' account. I resigned -- I thought I resigned last October, but I actually resigned in October of 2012 when I was trying to take another job, and I was forced to resign.

(Transcript, Page 9, lines 1-6.)

The Department notes that you submitted Annual Reports on Behalf of Animal Advocates in 2012, 2013 and 2014; many materials in support of Animal Advocates' appeal of the Department's denial of Animal Advocate's request to obtain an exhibiting permit in 2013; submitted a check renewing the Permit/MOU on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014; and signed Animal Advocates' Permit/MOU on July 18, 2014.

Furthermore, regarding Animal Advocates' bank statements, which the plaintiff had obtained, you stated:

What is the status of the Animal Advocates' bank statements? They have not been given legal notice, no one has notified them of anything that's happening.

(Transcript, Page 30, lines 12-15.)

This statement also implies that you are no longer associated, or communicating with, Animal Advocates.

Page 9 of the Permit/MOU contains the requirement that Animal Advocates must "notify" the Department in writing within ten days if a change in address or wildlife rehabilitation director or president occurs" and provide the name of the new director or president.

Please provide the Department, by June 3, 2016, the following information:

- The current location of Animal Advocates' rehabilitation facility and all animals currently in Animal Advocates' care.
- Whether you resigned from Animal Advocates.
- If you have resigned from Animal Advocates, please provide:
  - The date of your resignation from Animal Advocates.

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- The name of the new President/Director of Animal Advocates or alternatively, whether you would like to terminate the Permit/MOU.

Please contact me or Nicole Carion at [Nicole.Carion@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Nicole.Carion@wildlife.ca.gov) if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Kari Lewis, Acting Chief  
Wildlife Branch