

MOULTON CHINCHILLA RANCH

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Clifton, Jill—OHA-OALJ, Washington, DC
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Re: DANIEL J. MOULTON, an individual, also known as DAN MOULTON, doing business as MOULTON CHINCHILLA RANCH
AWA Docket No. 19-0004

Dear Judge Clifton:

As I indicated to you in the previous hearing, the chinchilla ranch was breached by a PETA employee in October 2020. He took photos and published them. He and PETA failed to alert their followers to the fact that 5 or 6 of those chinchillas were being treated for medical issues. From late September through the end of October, there were 3 inspections with only 2 animals found by the USDA with eye infections. Further, my vet was scheduled on a monthly basis to inspect all 1,000 animals for any medical issues to deal with that I did not recognize starting in February 2020 to present. Despite all this, PETA attacked the Moulton Chinchilla Ranch.

PETA began a campaign against me that remains unbelievable. These are things that I have been alerted to:

- a) PETA sent an email to my wife's work email about the chinchillas
- b) PETA wrote a letter to at least 2 of my daughters about the chinchillas
- c) PETA wrote a letter to one of my vets, Dr. Predmore about the chinchillas
- d) PETA did a radio ad against me in Rochester for a week with false information
- e) PETA wrote letters to neighbors to my farm for at least 1½ miles around with photos of medically treated animals of mine
- f) PETA utilized a mobile TV billboard in Chatfield, Rochester, Preston and even at the Fillmore County District Courthouse and at the Sheriff's office
- g) the PETA person even took medical records and USDA care sheets from the farm
- h) the PETA person stole and took 8 animals
- i) PETA contacted several of my customers to stop doing business with me and some of them did so

I have requested that you not have an open hearing and that you amend your previous order regarding AWI.

First AWI and Animal Folks are aligned with PETA.

Second, the Science Magazine reporter wrote an article which she was predisposed to writing before resolving it. I offered to have her come to the farm but she refused to seek out the truth.

Third, PETA and the others will obtain names of my customers from testimony and will harass and threaten them to not do any business with me.

Fourth, the military in Alabama have discontinued to have chinchillas feed i their pilot research.

Fifth, to allow any of them in to the hearing would allow further future harassment.

Sixth, That as a result of efforts by PETA, I have also received 6" of hate mail by email from PETA followers.

Recently, the sixth circuit applied the Richmond case that I cited before. The Court applied Richmond's two part "experience and logic" test to administrative hearings. The seventh circuit Court considered that and ruled that "the private and the social interest in secrecy must not be confused. Rather the two must be balanced". When believed, this Court should rule in my favor and close the hearing.

In this case, the court must not allow the access seekers or PETA to participate. This is even if no notes are taken.

It opens the door to involving the privacy of myself, my business, my family, my friends and it allows the harassment of my customers. It also impacts upon research that helps our human population.

To best describe their antics, they even reported my vet to the Minnesota Board of Veterinarians for failing to prescribe pain medication for my chinchillas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Moulton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dan Moulton

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Daniel J. Moulton, a/k/a Dan Moulton, d/b/a Moulton Chinchilla Ranch, Respondent
Docket: 19-0004

Having personal knowledge of the foregoing, I declare under penalty of perjury that the information herein is true and correct, and this is to certify that a copy of the RESPONDENT'S AMENDED REQUEST NOT TO ALLOW ANY PUBLIC ACCESS has been furnished and was served upon the following parties on July 15, 2021 by the following:

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