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Dear Mrs. Scott,

July 19, 2010

RE: Your request for correction of agency information

I received your request for information submitted under USDA's Information Quality Guidelines this morning and took it immediately to the Animal Care program's Assistant Deputy Administrator, Dr. Kay A. Carter-Corker, who agreed to coordinate our response as soon as possible.

I am very sorry that so much time has elapsed since you posted your letter on June 1st. Our secretary put it in my mail box on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. I will make sure you receive our response within 20 working days, or August 13<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully it will be much sooner.

In your letter you wrote:

Please be informed that my request for correction of information is submitted under USDA's Information Quality Guidelines.

In reviewing the HIO Audit Reports, the third bullet lists "Mountain Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association (updated 2008) (pdf)" which is in error. When selected, the information accessed is for the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association. I feel you will want to have this addressed correctly.

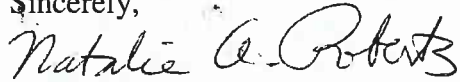
As information, my husband and I raise Missouri Fox Trotting Horses and have for many years. We are members of MFTHBA and also of FOSH. We are appreciative and supporting of the efforts of the USDA/APHIS personnel.

You attached a printout of the Information Quality webpage, [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/footer\\_items/quality\\_info.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/footer_items/quality_info.shtml), and the Horse Protection webpage listing Horse Industry Organization Audit Reports, dated April 9, 2010, [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_welfare/hp/hp\\_HIO.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/hp/hp_HIO.shtml). You pointed out that the third bullet down incorrectly lists the audit report as being of the "Mountain Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association (updated 2008) (pdf)" and it should read "Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association." When the reader clicks on the "Mountain Fox" link, the September 23, 2008 audit report for "Missouri Fox" shows up.

I have checked the website and it appears as you describe it. The only difference is that it was updated on June 14<sup>th</sup>. However that particular item remains unchanged.

Thank you for taking the time to write to us. Yours is the first formal request we have received under Information Quality Guidelines, though we have received many informal requests. Most of them have been valid, and we have made corrections within a few days. We depend upon members of the public like you to let us know about errors and we value your contribution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natalie A. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "N".

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Enclosure