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Mr. Jeremy Beckham
Beagle Freedom Project
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Re: FOIA Request 14-625

Dear Mr. Beckham:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on September 17, 2014, in which you requested:

“- A census of all dogs and cats currently held at any University of Illinois research facility; including identification number(s) for each animal, species, name (if applicable), date of birth, breed, and the number for any IACUC-approved protocol for which that animal is assigned (if applicable).

- A list of all active IACUC-approved protocols involving the use of dogs and/or cats, including the protocol title and number, approval and expiration dates, and the approved number of dogs and/or cats assigned to the protocol.

- Any photographic or videographic records of dogs and/or cats used in research at any University of Illinois research facility (2013 – present).”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 30 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted and/or information has been withheld pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 7(1)(d)(vi) of the Act, which exempts from disclosure information that, if released, would “endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel or any other person.” This includes the identity of employees and the location of and security measures in place at University labs.
- 7(1)(i) exempts from production “Valuable formulae, computer geographic systems, designs, drawings and research data obtained or produced by any public body when disclosure could reasonably be expected to produce private gain or public loss.” This includes research information that, if disclosed, could lead to private gain or public loss.
- 140/7(1)(j)(iv) exempts from disclosure “course materials or research materials used by faculty members.” This includes faculty research information.

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- 140/7(1)(v) exempts from disclosure “vulnerability assessments, security measures, and response policies or plans that are designed to identify, prevent, or respond to potential attacks upon a community's population or systems, facilities, or installations, the destruction or contamination of which would constitute a clear and present danger to the health or safety of the community, but only to the extent that disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the effectiveness of the measures or the safety of the personnel who implement them or the public.” This includes lab security information.

Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer