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December 3, 2014

Carol Thompson
WBBM-TV CHICAGO

Re: FOIA Request 14-773

Dear Ms. Thompson:

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

“I am looking for the current count of dogs in research labs at the following state schools:

1. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2. University of Illinois at Chicago

Also, a breakdown of how many of those dogs are beagles for the current year, 2013 & 2012.

There is also a website <https://www.brl.uic.edu/?q=node/17> which talks about dogs used in medical research (specifically mentions UIC) and has a few pictures of a researcher holding a beagle. Are those pictures from the UIC lab? I would like copies of those pictures.”

Information responsive to your request relating to UIC is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 3 pages. UIUC does have two dogs, but they are not housed in a research lab. Neither of those dogs are beagles.

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,

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and Chief Records Officer

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