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May 7, 2015

Trevor Gates-Crandall


Re: FOIA 15-306

Dear Mr. Gates-Crandall:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated April 21, and received in my office on April 22, 2015, in which you requested:

“I write to request records related to a black/white/brown hound dog (laboratory #2702) used for research at the University of Illinois. I request the records as a private citizen under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

The records that I request are:

- Current, approved animal care and use and/or institutional review board protocol(s) for all research studies which have used laboratory animal #2702.
- Any prior animal care and use/institutional review board protocols involving laboratory animal #2702, including a complete itemization of modifications to the protocol(s).
- All minutes from animal care and use and/or institutional review board ethical review committee meeting(s) concerning laboratory animal #2702.
- An itemization of all city/state/federal/governmental and corporate funding sources for research studies involving laboratory animal #2702.”

Information regarding the dog with ID number 2702 is available at the link below. These are public documents, and if printed, would number 74 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted, other information has been withheld and the portion of your request seeking medical care records is being denied pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(a) that exempts from disclosure “Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing adopted under federal or State law.” The Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 provides, “No veterinarian shall be required to disclose any information concerning the veterinarian's care of an animal except on written authorization or other waiver by the veterinarian's client or on appropriate court order or subpoena.” Thus, veterinary records are prohibited from production by law.

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- 140/7(1)(b) that exempts from disclosure “Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order.” This includes medical records.
- 140/7(1)(f) that exempts from disclosure “Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” Under this exemption, certain information about protocols that are not yet finalized, including the deliberations, opinions and recommendations regarding the formulation of the protocols, were redacted from the responsive records.
- 140/7(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.
- 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 facility and security information.

Some information was redacted as it is not responsive to your request. These redactions are in grey rather than black.

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

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