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June 4, 2015

George Jonas  
[REDACTED]

Re: FOIA 15-412

Dear Mr. Jonas:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated May 19, and received in my office on May 20, 2015, in which you requested:

“My name is George Jonas and I adopted your research dog ID 2710 through the Beagle Freedom Project. I would like a copy of all available records that you can release via email if possible, at, [REDACTED] If by mail my address is:

George Jonas  
[REDACTED]

Please advise of your cost to do so and I can pay by check or credit card. I would also like any updates available on her condition and potential release date so I can pick her up at the earliest available release date. I will give her the best of a loving home.”

Records previously released to you on April 13, in response to your March 25, 2015, request are also responsive to this request. If you need another copy of those records, please let our office know. One additional record that has been located responsive to your current request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 8 pages.

Portions of these documents, as well as the documents released to you on April 13, have been redacted or withheld pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 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 signatures and medical records.
- 140/7(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.” Pursuant to this exemption, any information that would endanger life or physical safety if released, including the names, email addresses, phone numbers, other personal identifiers, and work locations of employees have been redacted.
- 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 of relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” This includes documents containing recommendations, notes and records regarding the formulation of an action or plan.

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- 140/7(1)(g) that exempts from disclosure “Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person or business where the trade secrets or commercial or financial information are furnished under a claim that they are proprietary, privileged or confidential, and that or where disclosure of the trade secrets or commercial or financial information would cause competitive harm to the person or business.” This includes information that could expose details about trials, research or confidential information.
- 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.

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](mailto: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