## **RE: 1705-19166/DJS/ATTACHMENT 6**

Brandon Cox <gentlecare77@att.net>

To: Tia Mapes-Gonnella <tiamapesgonnella@gmail.com>

Fri, May 19, 2017 at 12:45 PM

Hi Tia

Im happy to hear your new babies are well, and that you are able to enjoy them. Its such a magical time with them.

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The USDA has been on the job. I lovely woman, Megan Adams, came out and investigated the case. She seems to be most concerned with animal welfare, but also very reasonable. I have discussed all this with her, but am unsure what the upshot will be.

To answer your question, I don't have a may 3 appt noted on my appt book for Mr Pelletier. As he rarely has a medical issue, he always makes an appt. I do not recall seeing him to re-examine kittens, but my memory isn't flawless. I have to see him again monday for international health certs. Im interested in his explanation, and hope he can remind me of something Im forgetting. I will let you know if he can come up with a reasonable explanation for the date. The USDA told me to proceed with that visit, so I will. I did see kittens 4/28/2017, his most recent visit. My tech, who usually handles my health certs, recalls renewing a HC on one cat, but only one, so we can't quite figure it out. At this point, Im happy to hand it all over to the usda. Ive told them everything I know, or have documented, and they have done a good job checking it out

Best, Brandon Cox DVM

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To: Tia Mapes-Gonnella <tiamapesgonnella@gmail.com>

Fri, May 19, 2017 at 1:10 PM

Hi Tia- Sorry, this email just popped up after your last message. Im not sure why I was directed to Dr. Quiles, but when I asked to speak to another vet at the office, I was told that they could not help me, more or less. I can't remember the exact response. The health certs were written March 31 when the kittens were roughly 11 weeks (Im not using a calendar but thats prob close). They were presented immunized by the breeder with vaccine procured from us. In Florida a rabies vaccine is done at 16 weeks, and we prefer to wait till then to immunize kittens. We occasionally see issues with immunizations in kitties, so we prefer to take a minimalist approach. That, combined with most breeders basic fear/distrust of immunizations means we comply with the law, but don't aggressively pursue vaccines if owners don't prefer them. Again, I don't have recollection or documentation of having seen either kitten since march 31, so you would be well advised to follow the advise of your vets there. I think you can safely assume the vaccine listed is what was given. I don't see an attachment from the last email, but have gone over this information and our health certificates at some length with the usda inspector. She seems to have no problem with our documents. Thanks, Im happy to speak to your vets there, again, I have already made that effort.

On May 17, 2017, at 7:39 PM, Tia Mapes-Gonnella <tiamapesgonnella@gmail.com> wrote:

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