

State of Connecticut

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Peter Leone, President
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404 Taconic Road
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Dear Mr. Leone:

I have recently been informed that your organization, Lionshare Farm, has filed an application with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior to import three cheetahs from South Africa.

Although your application states that Lionshare Farm is registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, it does not appear in the Connecticut charities database or the federal Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) database.

If Lionshare Farm is a non-profit organization, the Connecticut Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act requires such organizations soliciting funds in our state to register with this office or claim an exemption prior to engaging in fund-raising activities. I have enclosed a copy of the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act, which sets forth the types of charitable organizations eligible to claim an exemption from registration. If your organization cannot claim an exemption, I urge that you register immediately.

Failure to do so may result in civil and/or criminal penalties under Connecticut law.

Please contact this office if you have any questions at (860) 808-5030. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


RICHARD BLUMENTHAL