Amanda Lollar of Bat World Sanctuary violated the Animal Welfare Act and caused bats "pain, suffering and death." Amanda Lollar lost her USDA permit.

A video of Amanda Lollar of Bat World Sanctuary trying to perform surgery on a conscious bat without pain relief was sent to the USDA. Their veterinarian viewed the video and stated that Amanda Lollar of Bat World Sanctuary caused bats "pain, suffering and death," and "violated the Animal Welfare Act." Below is an email from Dr. Gage to the head of USDA Dr. Gibbens.

Morris, Connie R (APHIS)

From: Gage, Laurie J (APHIS)

Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 4:13 PM

To: Jones, Daniel R (APHIS)

Cc: Morris, Connie R (APHIS); Gibbens, Robert (APHIS)

Subject: Re: Complaint against Bat World Sanctuary, Amanda Lollar

Hi All

I wanted to include another line about suffering in my previous analysis of this procedure.

I have reviewed the U-Tube footage and looked at the complaint about the bat that was mishandled by Ms. Amanda Lollar of the Bat World Sanctuary. This is indeed a violation of the AWA. Ms. Lollar should have sought veterinary assistance for the bat with dystocia. It would be one thing if she were only assisting a birth, but the moment Ms. Lollar realized this was a dystocia requiring an episiotomy, she should have taken the bat to her attending vet or a local veterinarian. Apologizing in the video to the bat does not solve the problem. This mother bat clearly experienced pain and suffering at Ms. Lollar's hand, so much so that it appeared to lose consciousness during the procedure. No anesthesia was given to the bat and no pain management was offered. I believe the mother bat could have survived if it had been properly anesthetized and the pup delivered using proper surgical techniques. It is possible the pup could also have survived if this case had been properly managed by a veterinarian.

Laurie J. Gage, D.V.M., Dipl. ACZM USDA APHIS Large Cat Specialist

Amanda Lollar of Bat World Sanctuary had her USDA permit cancelled. Amanda Lollar refused the certified mail. Her USDA inspector emails USDA stating "I can promise you she knows she's cancelled. Not happy with us and very glad to be rid of us."

From: Digesualdo, Cynthia L - APHIS Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 02:05 PM

To: Ridenour, Randall - APHIS Cc: McFadden, Gloria S - APHIS

Subject: RE: Returned Certified Mail (Cancel Letter)

Can we send this regular mail? She's a little far for me to hand deliver. Anyway, I can promise you she knows she's cancelled. Not happy with us and very glad to be rid of us.

Below is a copy of the rejected certified mail envelope. Amanda Lollar of Bat World Sanctuary refused the mail.



Proof that her USDA permit was cancelled March 12, 2012.

