

## Camden County Agriculture Development Board

Recommendation of a Site Specific  
Agricultural Management Practice

Bette Tweedie  
Baby Paws Farm

Winslow Township, New Jersey

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Right to Farm Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-1, et seq. and the State Agriculture Development Committee regulations, N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3, a commercial farm owner or operator may make a request to the County Agriculture Development Board (hereinafter "Board") to determine if her operation constitutes a generally accepted agricultural management practice; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2001, Bette Tweedie, owner/operator of Baby Paws Farm, in Winslow Township, made a request in writing to the Board for the development of a site-specific agriculture management practice (hereinafter "AMP") for the breeding, raising and sale of small farm livestock, donkeys, lamas, horses and ponies; sale of eggs; horse boarding; riding lessons; and fun and educational farm tours; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2001, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3(b), the Board advised in writing the State Agriculture Development Committee and the Township of Winslow of Mrs. Tweedie's request; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2001, Bette Tweedie provided to the Board her commercial farm certification as defined at N.J.S.A. 4:1-C-3 and N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.1; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2001, Bette Tweedie provided to the Board her commercial farm certification, including supporting documentation; and,

**WHEREAS**, on April 9, 2001, a site Review Team consisting of Jim Willmott (Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service, Janice Reid and Leon Brooks (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Karen Kritz (NJ Department of Agriculture, and Robert Dobbs (Camden County Soil Conservation District) conducted a site inspection of Baby Paws Farm; and,

**WHEREAS**, on April 19, 2001, at a public hearing during its regular meeting, the Board was presented with the findings of the site inspection; and,

**WHEREAS**, on April 19, 2001, at a public hearing during its regular meeting, the Board heard complaints from neighbors and Winslow Township officials concerning Baby Paws Farm; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board sought the assistance of representatives from Rutgers Cooperative Extension, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, New Jersey Department of Agriculture and the Camden County Soil Conservation District in the determination of generally accepted agriculture management practices and standards relating to activities at Baby Paws Farm; and,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby denies Baby Paws Farm protection under New Jersey's Right to Farm Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board shall forward a copy of its decision to Bette Tweedie, owner/operator of Baby Paws Farm, the State Agriculture Development Committee and any other individuals or organizations deemed appropriate by the Board within 30 days of the recommendation.

Dennis Donio  
Chairman  
Camden County Agriculture Development Board

6-13-01  
Date