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AFC Member ID: 1265

April 3, 2019

Dear Reinet:

We are pleased to advise you that the Board of Directors have evaluated and approved your application for membership. Bloemfontein SPCA is now eligible to receive donations via the American Fund for Charities.

Membership may be maintained as long as your organization and its charitable activities remain substantially the same as those described in your application documents and you comply with any other requirements. Your organization's evaluation is valid for 12 calendar months from the date of board approval. Please expect to be invited to renew membership in **March 2020**.

You will find enclosed the following:

- A copy of the American Fund's exemption letter, this confirms the AFC's status as a US 501 (c)(3) public charity.
- A donation form, you may complete the "suggested charity" section.
- A "Getting Started & Basics" document
- A donation button and instructions for your website

The American Fund accepts donations in US dollars by check, credit card, wire transfer, or [online](#). Please review the options on the attached donation form and share the form with your donors.

Grants are considered every two months at board meetings. Donations must be received prior by the end of the month preceding a meeting to be included as grant funds. More information about donations, fees, and grants is available on our website and in the Getting Started document.

We offer our best wishes for success in your endeavours. It is a pleasure to be among your current supporters.

Kind Regards,

Mary White
Board President

Encl.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **MAY 22 2003**

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Our Letter Dated:
AUGUST 1998
Addendum Applies:
NO

Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

You are required to make your annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You are also required to make available for public inspection your exemption application, any supporting documents, and your exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free number shown above.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

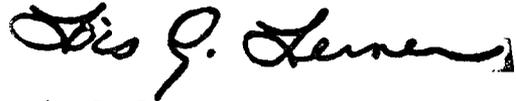
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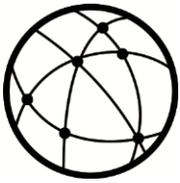
Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lois G. Lerner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements



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Getting Started & Basics

Congratulations! You have now been successfully evaluated by the American Fund for Charities and are ready to start fundraising from American foundations, companies, and individuals.

Donations:

The first step is to make it easy for donors to see that you can accept donations from the United States via the American Fund.

Optional wording for your website:

“Organization Name is supported by the American Fund for Charities, a US 501©(3) non-profit organization (EIN 52-2109597). Donations to the American Fund for Charities from US taxpayers are tax deductible to the extent allowed under US law.

If you are a US taxpayer and want to support *Organization Name*, please print the donation form available *here* and send it with your gift to the American Fund for Charities, 2 Liberty Square, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02109. Alternatively, give online by visiting www.americanfund.info/donate and selecting *Organization Name*. A donation receipt will be issued to you from the American Fund for Charities for income tax purposes.”

You can also include a link, or button, from your website to ours where your donor can make a credit card donation to the American Fund, recommending a grant to your organization. Instructions are included in your welcome packet.

A donation form is included in your welcome packet and may be shared with your donors.

You will need to make the American Fund donation form available for your donors to print or fill in electronically. Please note that, apart from adding the name of your charity in the appropriate place, you must not change any of the wording on the form.

Checks must be made payable to: The American Fund for Charities. Ask your donors to list your charity’s name, or AFC Member ID, in the memo line.

Donors planning to make a donation via wire transfer, or a gift of stock, should be directed to contact AFC staff for instructions.

What Next?

When you have this information on your website you can contact your donors to let them know you are now able to accept gifts from US taxpayers via the American Fund for Charities. Please note that we can only advise you, we are not able to conduct research, outreach, or prepare/review applications for funding on your behalf.

There are many websites that provide advice about US foundation fundraising. Many require payment for information. We recommend starting with the [Foundation Center](#), which offers free resources and is managed by a non-profit.

Grants

Grants are based on donations accumulated over the two-month period between board meetings. The first board meeting of the year is in January. Donations received after the end of the month preceding a board meeting will not be included in that cycle's grant. For example, the July grant is made up of donations received between May 1 - June 30. If a donation is received on July 1 it is earmarked for the September grant cycle.

Administrative fees are taken out of each grant and cover the costs of all credit card and wire transfer fees. The administrative fee schedule is available on AFC's [website](#). The minimum grant size is \$250 (\$300 in accumulated donations less a \$50 administrative fee). If the accumulated donations have not reached \$300, they will be rolled over to the next grant cycle to allow more donations to accrue.

Your organization must have a current membership in good standing to be eligible to receive a grant. We will request that you complete a grant agreement to confirm that funds will be used toward charitable activities. After completing the grant agreement, we will set up a wire transfer to disburse the funds to your organization's bank account.

Reporting

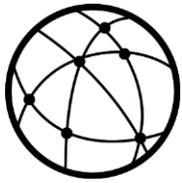
AFC will request a report from grant recipients to learn more about how funds were utilized. Generally, a report is requested 11 months after a grant is made. In the case of large donations or ongoing projects, an interim report may be requested.

Membership Renewal

Your organization's evaluation is valid for 12 months from the date of board approval. Membership is then renewed on an annual basis. We will email you a reminder and request that your organization's most recent financials and annual report be submitted along with a \$150 fee. The renewal documents will be reviewed by AFC staff who will be in touch with any questions. A renewal payment receipt is available upon request.

Need Help?

Always feel free to reach out to the American Fund if you have questions or concerns—we are here to support you. contact@americanfund.info +1 617-391-3094



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Installing the AFC donate button on your website:

- Save the attached .jpeg as an image in your website folder.
- Insert this image to a specific part of your website.
- Hyperlink the image with your unique AFC url.
- It will now link straight to your organization's AFC Donation page.

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