

Date: 16 APR 1986

Nike Animal Rescue Foundation  
1208 Spaich Drive  
San Jose, Ca 95117

Employer Identification Number:  
77-0099174  
Accounting Period End:  
December 31  
Foundation Status Classification  
509(a)(1) & 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Advance Ruling Period Ending:  
December 31, 1987  
Person to Contact: Taxpayer  
Service Representative  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(800) 424-1040

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably be expected to be a publicly supported organization described in section 509(a)(1) & 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period. This advance ruling period begins on the date of your inception and ends on the date shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must submit to us information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, you will be classified as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period, you will be classified as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if you are classified as a private foundation, you will be treated as a private foundation from the date of your inception for purposes of sections 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and donors may rely on the determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you submit the required information within the 90 days, grantors and donors may continue to rely on the advance determination

until the Service makes a final determination of your foundation status. However, if notice that you will no longer be treated as a section 509(a)(1) & 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) organization is published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin, grantors and donors may not rely on this determination after the date of such publication. Also, a grantor or donor 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 that resulted in your loss of section 509(a)(1) & 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) status, or acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a section 509(a)(1) & 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) organization.

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name and address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other Federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

You are required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$10 a day, up to a maximum of \$5,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

You are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

Contribution deductions are allowable to donors only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received. Dues, subscriptions, ticket purchases, and similar payments may not necessarily qualify as deductible contributions, depending on the circumstances.

In the event you carry on fund raising activities, such as sales of merchandise or admission tickets to benefit performances, you may not represent that the full purchase price of such item entitles the patron to a deduction for federal income tax purposes. In those cases in which your fund raising activity is designed to solicit payments which are in part a gift and in part the consideration for goods, services, or other benefits, you must determine in advance of solicitation the amount to be attributed as the consideration and the amount to be attributed as a gift. You should clearly indicate these respective amounts in the publicity for such activity and upon any ticket, receipt, or other evidence issued in connection with payment. Moreover, the amount attributable to the consideration must reflect that fair market value of such goods, services, or other benefits and be reasonable in comparison with those for which there are established charges.

The effective date of this determination is November 22, 1985 - date of Incorporation.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

*J. S. Michel*  
District Director