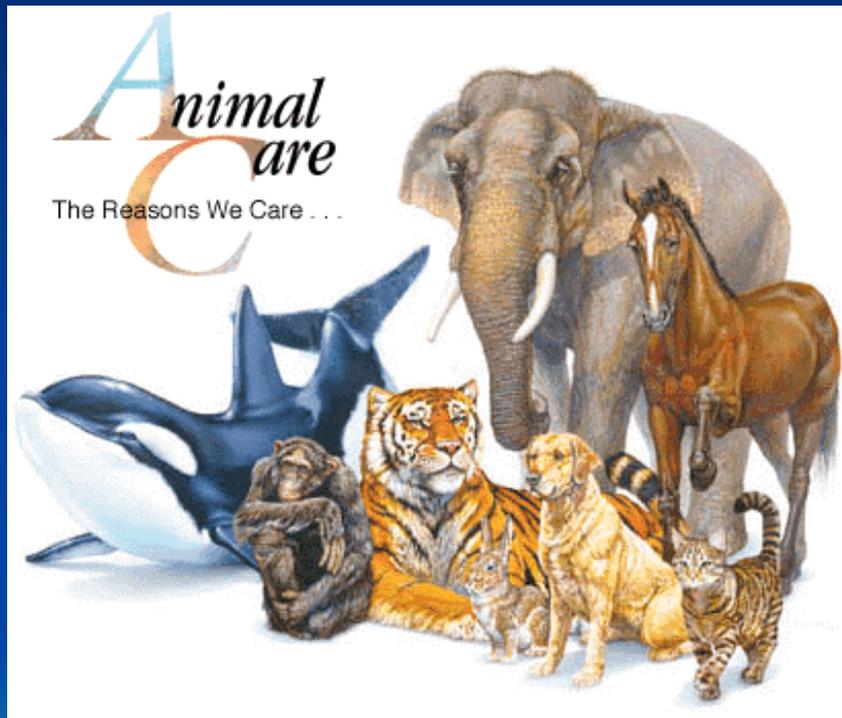


Emerging Issues USDA Perspective



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http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/index.shtml

Emerging Issues

- Emergency Programs
- 2008 Farm Bill, New Regulations
- Random Source
- ACIS database and FOIA
- Animal Welfare Center
- AC policies
- Field staffing and inspections



Pet Evacuation and Sheltering

States are required to include evacuation of household pets in their emergency response plans



- APHIS is the lead for Agriculture
- Pet evacuation and sheltering
- 4 Full Time Positions
- Recent Activities
 - ✓ California Wildfires
 - ✓ Iowa Floods
 - ✓ Hurricanes

Contingency Plans



Docket 06-159-1

- Develop, document, and follow an appropriate contingency plan for their animals in the event of an emergency or disaster
- Include training for facility personnel
- Proposed rule published October 23, 2008.....comment period ended February 20, 2009
- Comments under review

2008 Farm Bill

Section 14214 – Fines for AWA Violations

- ✓ Increases the maximum civil penalty amount to \$10,000 for each violation

Section 14210 – Importation of Live Dogs

- ✓ Prohibits importation of dogs for resale unless the dog is in good health, has received all necessary vaccinations, and is at least 6 months of age
- ✓ USDA, HHS, Commerce, and DHS directed to promulgate regulations



2008 Farm Bill

Section 14216 – Study on Use of Dogs and Cats in Federally Funded Research



- ✓ NIH was asked to seek an independent review of the use of Class B dogs and cats
- ✓ USDA is required to review findings and report to Congress
- ✓ GAO conducting audit

Minimum Age Requirements for the Transport of Animals

Docket 06-024-1

- Would establish minimum age requirements for the transportation of animals other than dogs and cats
- Proposed rule - comment period closed in September
- Comments under review



Standards for Regulation of Birds Not Bred for Use in Research

Docket 06-006-1



- Propose standards to regulate birds not bred for use in research
 - ✓ Advance Notice - 2004
 - ✓ 7,500 comments
 - ✓ Proposed rule - 2009/2010
 - ✓ Final rule (???)
 - ✓ Could result in over 10,000+ new facilities regulated under the AWA

OIG Audits

**Commercial Dog
Breeders**

Oversight of Exhibitors

Regulation of big cats and
other dangerous animals

Horse Protection



Animal Care Information System

- Implemented March 1
- Better tracking of
 - facilities
 - inspections
 - complaints
 - animals
- Phase 2 – late 2009
 - on-line applications



Electronic Freedom of Information Act

- Frequently requested documents
- Inspection reports
- Annual Reports
- 21 day appeal period



2009 Annual Reports

- Mailed 9/15/09
- Due 12/1/09
- Will be reviewed by FOIA officials prior to being posted on website



2009 Annual Reports

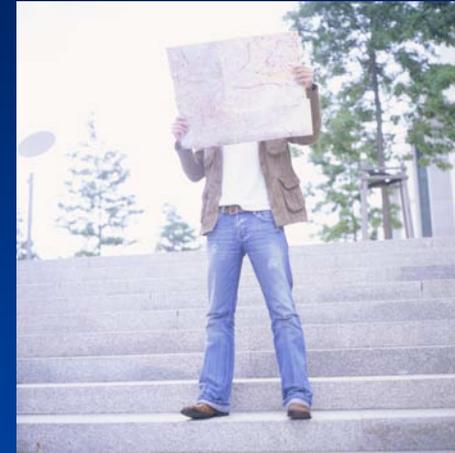
- On line Reporting?
- Column E explanation
 - Procedure causing pain or distress
 - Reason drugs were not used
- Summary of IACUC approved exceptions to the regulations or standards



2009 Annual Reports

In your packet are:

- Tips
- Examples
- Column E Explanation Format
- Annual Report Checklist



2009 Annual Reports

IO Assurance Statements:

- Professionally accepted standards
- Each PI has considered alternatives to painful procedures
- Adhering to regs and standards and reporting exceptions
- Attending Vet has appropriate authority



Center for Animal Welfare

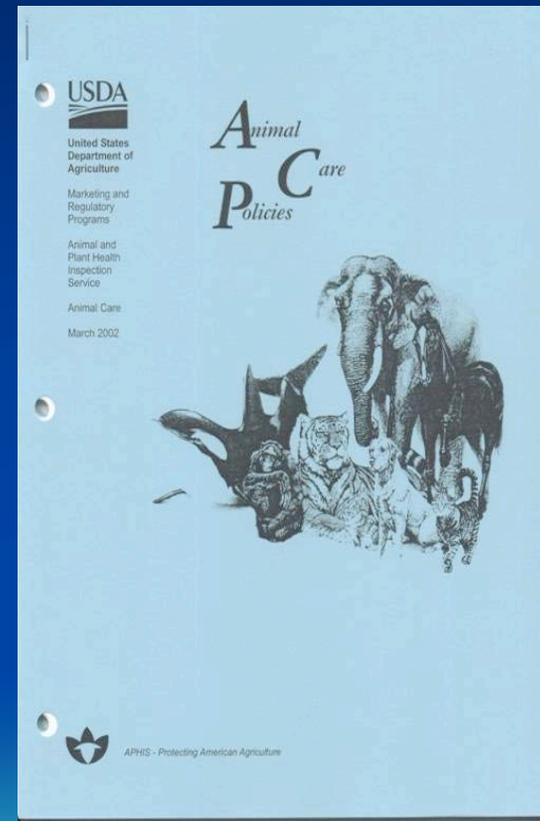
- National resource for policy development and analysis, training, science, and technology in support of the Animal Welfare Act and the Horse Protection Act
- Kansas City
- 2009



Policy Manual

Executive Order 13422

- January 2007
- “Significant guidance document”
- Public comment period closed November 8, 2007
- Final draft under review



Field Staffing / Inspections

- 102 Inspectors
- 12 Field Supervisors
- 4 Field Specialists
 - ✓ Laurie Gage: Big Cats
 - ✓ Gary Goldberg: Nonhuman Primates
 - ✓ Vaughan Langman: Biophysicist
 - ✓ Denise Sofranko: Elephants
- 9,600 Licensed/Registered Facilities
 - ✓ 15,700 inspections
- 1,120 Registered research Facilities
 - ✓ 1,700 inspections



AC Website

www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/index.shtml

- ✓ Current issues and notices
- ✓ AWAR, policies and other publications
- ✓ Lists of licensees and registrants
- ✓ Print forms and order forms (including app kits)
- ✓ Horse Protection Information
- ✓ Links to related sites
- ✓ FOIA requests and E-FOIA link
- ✓ File a facility complaint
- ✓ Pet evacuation and sheltering info
- ✓ Future – apply for license/registration online



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The Reasons We Care . . .

