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**REGULATED  
ACTIVITIES**

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The Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulates the sale of animals for pets, exhibition or research. [1.1, 2.1, Policy #23]

A USDA license is required by any person engaging in a regulated activity using covered animals, except when exempted by regulation.

Regulated activities include the following:

- wholesale selling, trading, or negotiating the sale of domestic species
- retail or wholesale selling, trading, or negotiating the sale of wild or exotic species for purposes other than food, fiber or fur
- retail or wholesale selling, trading, or negotiating the sale of farm animals for purposes other than food, fiber, fur, agricultural research, or agricultural exhibition
- selling regulated animals over the allowable limits to research institutions
- operating an auction selling regulated animals for purposes other than food, fiber or fur
- supplying blood or serum from regulated animals for resale, research, teaching or testing
- supplying whole or parts of dead regulated animals for resale, research, teaching or testing

Examples of regulated businesses include, but are not limited to:

- *Pet Wholesalers* - selling or trading pets in wholesale channels
- *Pet Breeders* - breeding pets for the wholesale trade or selling dogs and cats as breeding stock to other breeders selling wholesale
- *Pet Stores* - wholesale selling of pet animals, or wholesale or retail selling of wild animals, exotic animals, non-pet animals, animals for research, or animals for exhibition
- *Laboratory Animal Breeders* - breeding regulated animals for the laboratory-animal trade
- *Laboratory Animal Dealers* - selling or trading regulated laboratory animals, either directly to research institutions or through other dealers

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- *Bunchers* - collecting dogs, cats or other regulated animals from random sources and supplying these animals to laboratory animal dealers
  - *Brokers* - selling or negotiating the sale of regulated animals but not taking physical possession of the animal
  - *Private Pounds/Shelters selling for research purposes* - selling regulated animals either directly to a research facility or through a dealer
  - *Exotic Animal Auctions* - operating an auction which sells wild or exotic animals for regulated purposes
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