

<p>IDENTIFICATION</p>	<p>[2.50, 2.51, 2.52, 2.53, 2.54, 2.55, 2.75, Policy #13, Policy #19,</p>
<p>Species Specific</p>	<p>[2.50(a), (b), & (d)]</p> <p>[2.50(a)(1), 2.50(b)(1)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • held on the premises purchased or otherwise acquired, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> donation from pounds/shelters from breeders from private individuals • sold or otherwise disposed of removed from the premises for delivery to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> research facility another dealer auction sale exhibitor any person for use as a pet <p>purposes must be identified with an official USDA tag or tattoo.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">if</p> <p>Unweaned puppies or kittens do need to be individually</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enclosure, AND •

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	<p>All species, other than dogs and cats, delivered for transportation, otherwise disposed of must be identified at the time of delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••
<p>Methods of</p>	<p>Dogs and Cats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• [2.50(a)(1)] approved tattoo (see page 12 7 5) [2.50(a)(1)] approved microchip (see page 12 7 6) [Policy #13] <p>the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">official tag [2.50(a)(2)(i), & (b)(3)(i)]approved tattoo [2.50(a)(2)(ii) & (b)(3)(ii)]plastic-type collar acceptable to the APHIS administrator <ul style="list-style-type: none">• for puppies only <p>Puppies less than 16 weeks of age are exempt from individual all [Policy #20] the puppies remain housed at the facility where they were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•• <p>required information, such as a card cage or the collar</p>

Exception

If a dealer acquires a live dog or cat which is already identified by an official method, the dealer may: [2.50(b)(2)]

- continue to use this identification, or
- replace the identification with his/her own official tag, tattoo, or microchip

NOTE: The dealer must list the old and new official identification numbers in his/her records of purchase AND the new official identification number must be used on all subsequent sales records.

Cats-Official Tags: [2.50(b)(4)]

The dealer may attach the tag and collar to the door of the primary enclosure containing the cat if:

- a reasonable effort to affix the tag/collar to the cat has been made
- the cat exhibits serious distress from the attachment of the tag/collar
- the dealer takes measures to adequately maintain the identity of the cat in relation to the tag

A primary enclosure may contain no more than one weaned cat without an affixed tag/collar UNLESS the other cats in the enclosure are identified by an official tattoo, plastic-type collar, or microchip. [2.50(b)(4), Policy #13]

Official Tag

Construction [2.51(a)]

An official USDA tag may be made of:

- durable plastic
- durable alloy, such as:
 - ▶ brass
 - ▶ bronze
 - ▶ steel
- aluminum of a sufficient thickness to assure the tag is durable and legible

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Size and Shape

The tag must be one of the following shapes:

- [2.51(a)(1)]
- riveted to an acceptable collar [2.51(a)(2)]

Contents

stamped on it:

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- dealer's USDA license number (For a list of State and .7 10)
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Tag Numbers

Official identification tag numbers must be:
consecutive and non-repetitive

- numerical order as possible

No tag number must be used to identify more than one animal.

An identification tag number must **not** period following its previous use. For example, if dog #5 died on January 1, 1999, the identification #5 must not be used on another

Acquisition of Tags [2.52]

Lost/Destroyed/Illegible Tags

If an official tag is *lost*, the dealer must try to find the tag and:

[2.54]

- if found, reapply the tag
- if not found:
 - ▶ affix a new tag to the animal and
 - ▶ record the new ID number on the official records

If a tag is *destroyed or becomes illegible*, the dealer must:

- affix a new tag to the animal and
- record the new ID number on the official records
- keep the old tag:
 - ▶ for a period of one year from the date of its removal from the animal OR
 - ▶ for longer than one year if requested by an APHIS official

Tags from Dead Dogs/Cats

If a dog/cat is euthanized or dies from other causes, the dealer must: [2.55]

- remove the tag [2.55(a)]
- retain the tag: [2.55(a) & (b)]
 - ▶ for a period of one year from the date of its removal from the animal OR
 - ▶ for longer than one year if requested by an APHIS official
- dispose of the tag after the required retention period [2.55(c)]

NOTE: The ID number may be reused after 5-years from the date of the death of the animal. [2.55(c)]

Official Tattoo

[2.50(a)(1) & (b)(2)]

Collars must be made of materials which will not injure the

Examples of acceptable materials for collars include, but are not limited to:

leather

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- metal chains with smooth even-sized links

limited to:

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- elastic
sharp metal
- dog/cat

[Policy #19]

The dealer must request and receive approval to use a tattoo as

Tattoo Code sheet - page 12. .11).

- in writing
submitted to the appropriate Regional Office

NOTE: Dealers of purpose-bred dogs and cats sold only for

Administrator.

Format

- a legible tattoo
the assigned official tattoo code AND
- dog/cat

NOTE: The official tattoo code will include the State in which the dealer is licensed and 3 more letters unique to that dealer. For example, a dealer from Maryland may have a tattoo code of MDDAA, or a dealer from Oklahoma may have a tattoo code of OKFZZ.

Microchip

Approval [Policy #13]

The dealer must request and receive approval from his/her Animal Care Inspector or appropriate Regional Office to use a microchip implant as the official form of identification for breeding stock or research animals only.

The dealer should complete a “Request to Use Microchipping as a Method of Identification” sheet (see page 12.6.12) with the following information:

- manufacturer and/or model of the microchip and reader
- location of the microchip on the animals
Note: The placement must be consistent from animal to animal.
- an assurance that the following requirements will be met:
 - ▶ the microchip scanner must be readily available to the APHIS representative
 - ▶ animal identification records must indicate the microchip number, location on the animal, and the name of the microchip manufacturer
 - ▶ any animal with a microchip that goes to another USDA licensee or registrant must have an official tag/tattoo if a compatible scanner is not available at the receiving facility

The Request sheet should be submitted to the appropriate Animal Care inspector or Regional Office.

If you (the inspector) are approving the microchip request, you must:

- review the Request sheet for accuracy and completeness of information
- sign and date the sheet
- send the original sheet to the Regional Office
- give a copy of the signed sheet to the dealer

All Species Other Than Dogs and Cats [2.50(e)]

At the time of delivery for transportation, purchase, acquisition, sale or disposal, if one or more animals are confined in a primary enclosure, the animal(s) must be identified by one of the following methods: [2.50(e)(2)]

- attach a label to the primary enclosure which contains a description of the animal(s), including:
[2.50(e)(2)(i)]
 - ▶ the number of animals [2.50(e)(2)(i)(A)]
 - ▶ the species of animals [2.50(e)(2)(i)(B)]
 - ▶ any distinctive physical features of the animals [2.50(e)(2)(i)(C)]
 - ▶ any identifying marks, tattoos or tags attached to the animals [2.50(e)(2)(i)(D)]
- mark the enclosure with a painted or stenciled number which is recorded in the accompanying documents or records. The documents/records must contain:
[2.50(e)(2)(ii)]
 - ▶ a description of the animals [2.50(e)(2)(ii)(A)]
 - ▶ the species of the animals [2.50(e)(2)(ii)(B)]
 - ▶ any distinctive physical features of the animals [2.50(e)(2)(ii)(C)]
- apply a tag or tattoo to each animal in the enclosure which individually identifies the animal by number or description [2.50(e)(2)(iii)]

At the time of delivery for transportation, purchase, acquisition, sale or disposal, if one or more animals are **not** confined in a primary enclosure: [2.50(e)(3)]

- each animal must be identified on a record which contains:
 - ▶ name and address of the person from whom the animal was purchased or otherwise acquired [2.75(b)(1)(i)]
 - ▶ the USDA license number or registration of the person if he/she is licensed or registered [2.75(b)(1)(ii)]
 - ▶ vehicle license number and driver's license number and State of issuance of each if seller/donor is **not** USDA licensed or registered (see below) [2.75(b)(1)(iii)]
 - ▶ date of purchase or acquisition [2.75(b)(1)(v)]
 - ▶ the species of the animal [2.75(b)(1)(vi)]
 - ▶ the name and address of the person to whom the animal was sold or given, if applicable [2.75(b)(1)(iv)]
 - ▶ the date of sale or disposition, if applicable [2.75(b)(1)(v)]
 - ▶ the number of animals in the shipment, if applicable [2.75(b)(1)(vii)]
- the record must accompany the animal(s) at the time it is
 - ▶ delivered for transportation
 - ▶ transported
 - ▶ purchased
 - ▶ sold
- the record must be kept and maintained by the dealer as part of his/her records

If the vehicle license number and driver's license number cannot be obtained, the record must contain:

- an acceptable reason for not obtaining this information, and
- at least two of the following:
 - ▶ social security number

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ phone number▶ directions to the premises of the seller/donor▶ official identification card number |
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