

**NON-APHIS
INSPECTION
FOR MISSING
ANIMALS**

A research facility must make its place of business, animals, and records available for the purpose of searching for missing animals.
[2.38(d)]

The animals and records must be available:

- during normal business hours
- upon request by:
 - ▶ police officers
 - ▶ officers of other law enforcement agencies, such as:
 - sheriffs
 - marshals
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials
 - Office of Inspector General officials

A research facility is required by the AWA and its regulations to allow police or other law officer(s) access to its place of business if the officer meets all of the following conditions:

- the request for access is made during normal business hours
- the research facility is furnished with a written description of the animal and the name and address of the owner before the search
- the officer complies with routine security measures required by the research facility, such as the use of masks, protective clothing and footwear, to prevent the spread of disease or the escape of any animals

A research facility is **not** required by the AWA to allow access to its place of business by agencies limited to enforcement of local animal regulations, such as:

- humane societies
- court-appointed humane investigators
- animal control officers
- private investigators

