



# Welcome to USDA Animal Care



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*Every day, attending veterinarians across the country provide care to animals regulated under the Animal Welfare Act. We appreciate your skill and dedication.*

*Our partnership with attending veterinarians is a critical component of the inspection process and key to our success in assuring humane care and treatment. That's why we are dedicated to building and maintaining a strong and lasting partnership.”*

**Betty Goldentyer, DVM**  
Deputy Administrator  
Animal Care, USDA



# What All Attending Veterinarians **NEED** to Know

The Vital Role of Attending Veterinarians to the  
Success of Facilities Regulated under the  
Animal Welfare Act

# Goals

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- Define the relationship of the attending veterinarian (AV) with USDA APHIS Animal Care
- Have an understanding of the AUTHORITY of the AV under the Animal Welfare Act
- Build knowledge on the various topics found on our new AV website

# Objectives

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- ❖ Introduction to USDA Animal Care and the Animal Welfare Act
- ❖ Define the role of the AV and what a regulated person or business must do to be compliant under the Animal Welfare Act
- ❖ Explain how to write a compliant Program of Veterinary Care for a regulated facility
- ❖ Discuss how being an AV might impact your professional practice
- ❖ Review the new requirements for dogs
- ❖ See the various ways to reach out to USDA Animal Care

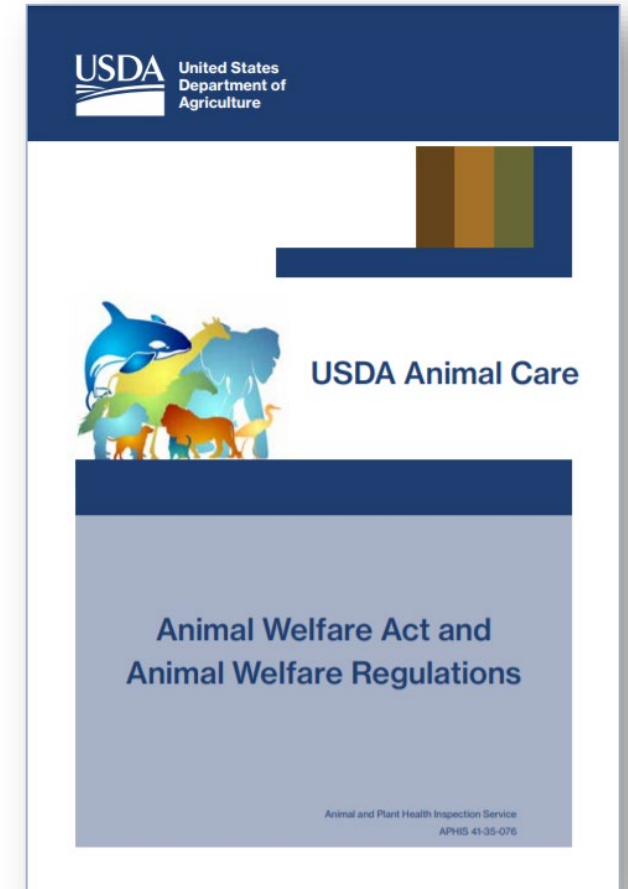


# What are the benefits to being an Attending Veterinarian?

- A trusted voice in the community
- Improving an industry
- New experiences
- Advancing public health
- Expanding animal welfare

# USDA APHIS Animal Care

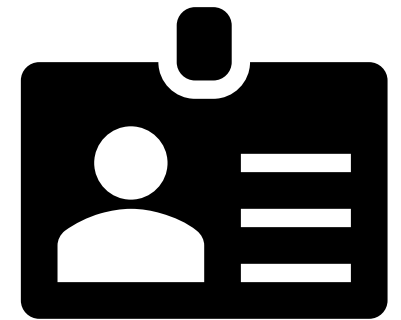
- Animal Care is an APHIS program responsible for:
  - Animal Welfare Act (AWA)
  - Horse Protection Act
  - Emergency programs
- Examples of licensed or registered facilities under the AWA
  - <https://efile.aphis.usda.gov/LRAssistant/s/>
- We conduct inspections of facilities that are licensed or registered under the AWA



# Do I qualify to be an Attending Veterinarian?

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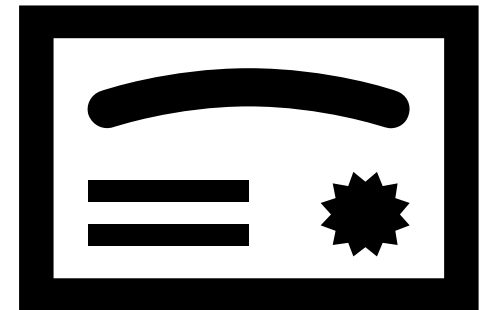
- Graduate of an AVMA accredited veterinary school; OR
  - Certificate issued by AVMA Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates; OR
  - Equivalent formal education as determined by the APHIS administrator
- Training and/or experience in the care and management of the species being attended to as the veterinarian
- Be given authority by the regulated facility to provide veterinary care for the animals



# Do I have to be Licensed and Accredited?

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- The AWA doesn't specifically require either in order to serve in the role of the attending veterinarian
- The attending veterinarian may need to be licensed to give rabies vaccines and dispense medication or to be accredited to sign health certificates for the movement of animals
- If an otherwise qualified veterinarian is serving as an attending veterinarian for a facility, other veterinarians can be delegated to perform these tasks under the attending veterinarian's oversight



What if I don't  
have  
experience  
with all the  
animals at a  
facility?



Identify and consult with  
veterinarians who have  
expertise with these species



Identify and consult with  
specialists



Employ additional veterinarians



# What are my client's responsibilities for providing adequate veterinary care under the AWA?

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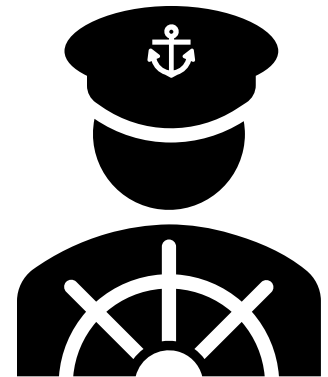
- Hire an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements
- Provide the attending veterinarian authority
- Establish and follow programs of adequate veterinary care
- Perform daily observation of all animals
- Provide appropriate facilities and equipment for adequate veterinary care

# What does it mean to have authority at a regulated facility?

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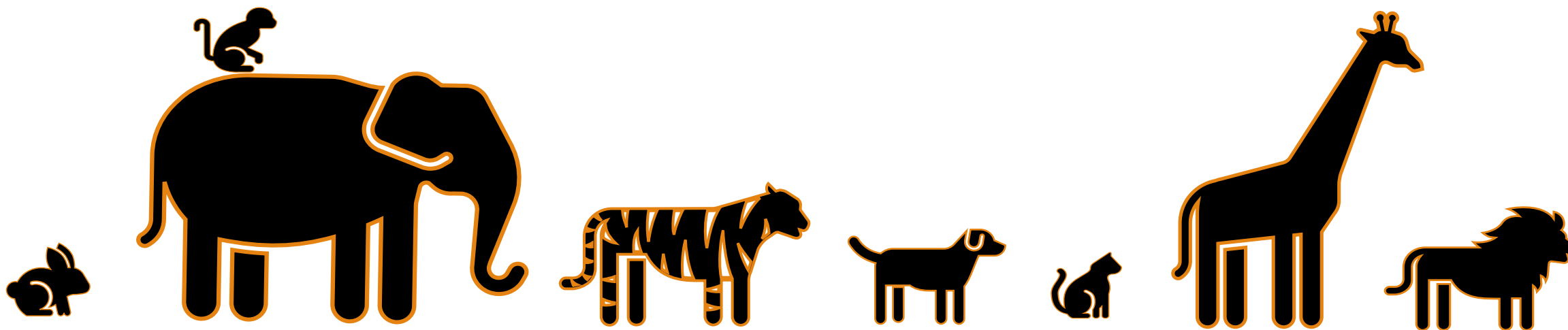
- The attending veterinarian must have the appropriate authority to:
  - Ensure adequate veterinary care
  - Oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use
- The duties performed by the attending veterinarian to ensure compliance with the regulations are ultimately the responsibility of the licensee, and the licensee must provide the attending veterinarian with adequate authority to carry out his/her functions

**BE THE AUTHORITY!**



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# How to Fill Out the Program of Veterinary Care

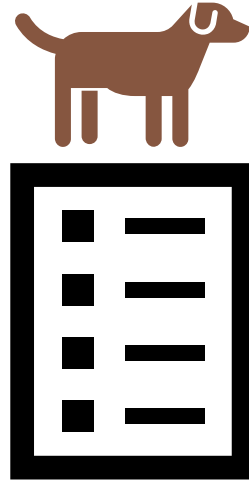


# Animal Care provides forms for your convenience

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**Form 7002**  
For all animals



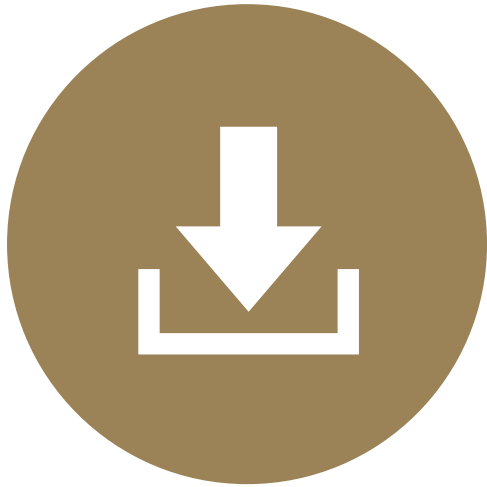
**Form 7002A**  
For **dogs**



Your own form or  
document is also  
acceptable

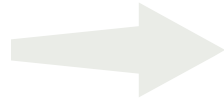


## Practical Tip



**First!**

Download form  
(7002 or 7002A)  
to your computer



Save the file



**THEN** begin to fill  
out the form

# Form 7002



Form 7002 can be filled out by the licensee or the veterinarian – but the attending veterinarian must oversee and approve the Program of Veterinary Care!

Frequency of visits is determined by the veterinarian

List additional vets or special instructions here

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**ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE**  
**ANIMAL CARE**

**PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

For use of this form, see 9 CFR 2.40 (Animal Welfare Regulations, Title 9, Subchapter A, Part III, Subpart D, Section 2.40)

The attending veterinarian shall establish, maintain, and supervise programs of disease control and prevention, pest and parasite control, pre-procedural and post-procedural care, nutrition, euthanasia, and adequate veterinary care for all animals on the premises of the licensee/registrant. A written program of adequate veterinary care between the licensee/registrant and the doctor of veterinary medicine shall be established. By law, such programs must include regularly scheduled visits to the premises by the veterinarian. Scheduled visits are required to monitor animal health and husbandry.

This optional form or an equivalent format may be used to meet the requirement for a written Program of Veterinary Care. This form may be used as a guideline for developing and writing the veterinary care plan for your animals.

Pages or blocks which do not apply to the facility should be marked N/A. If the space provided is not adequate for a specific topic, additional sheets may be added. Ensure the additional sheets include Section and Item Numbers.

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**SECTION I. PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT**

A. LICENSEE/REGISTRANT		B. VETERINARIAN
<p>1. NAME <b>A. Licensee, LLC</b></p>	<p>1. NAME <b>T. Veterinarian, DVM</b></p>	
<p>2. BUSINESS NAME <b>Creature Adventure</b></p>	<p>2. CLINIC NAME <b>Animal Health Care Center</b></p>	
<p>3. USDA LICENSE/REGISTRATION NUMBER <b>##-C-####</b></p>	<p>3. STATE LICENSE NUMBER <b>State ####</b></p>	
<p>4. STREET MAILING ADDRESS <b>### Licensee St</b></p>	<p>4. BUSINESS ADDRESS <b>### Veterinarian St</b></p>	
<p>5. CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE <b>Town, State, #####</b></p>	<p>5. CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE <b>Town, State, #####</b></p>	
<p>6. HOME TELEPHONE <b>### ### ####</b></p>	<p>6. BUSINESS TELEPHONE <b>### ### ####</b></p>	

We have read and completed this Program of Veterinary Care and understand our responsibilities.

Regularly scheduled visits by the veterinarian will occur at the following frequency: Monthly (per your vet)

**C. NOTES:**

List here any special instructions or additional veterinarians.

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List frequency of vaccination:  
if not enough room, attach a page

List sampling and  
treatment for all parasites

If the licensee will perform  
euthanasia, list specific drugs,  
doses and methods

Suggested topics for the husbandry  
program can be added in here

**Not enough room? Attach a page!**

☐ check ☐ not applicable

SECTION II. DOGS AND CATS

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A. VACCINATIONS – SPECIFY THE FREQUENCY OF VACCINATION FOR THE FOLLOWING DISEASES

	CANINE		FELINE	
	JUVENILE	ADULT	JUVENILE	ADULT
PARVOVIRUS	every X wks	X yr(s)	PANLEUK	every X wks X yr(s)
DISTEMPER	every X wks	X yr(s)	RESP. VIRUSES	every X wks X yr(s)
HEPATITIS	every X wks	X yr(s)	RABIES	X wks X yr(s)
LEPTOSPIROSIS	every X wks	X yr(s)	OTHER (specify)	
RABIES	X wks	X yr(s)	Grooming/nails/dental	every X wks every X wks
BORDETELLA	every X wks	X yr(s)		
OTHER (specify) Grooming/nails/dental	every X wks	every X wks		

B. PARASITE CONTROL PROGRAM – DESCRIBE THE FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING OR TREATMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING

- ECTOPARASITES (fleas, ticks, lice, etc.)

Both dogs and cats examined at every physical exam; licensee is trained to recognize lice/fleas/ticks/biting flies, and is authorized to start monthly treatments when parasites observed with topical application of X, to be repeated in one month, and then consult with DVM for more instructions
- BLOOD PARASITES (heartworm, Babesia, Ehrlichia, other)

Adult dogs sampled annually; treated monthly with heartworm preventative
- INTESTINAL PARASITES (roundworms)

Dogs and cats sampled up on entering kennel; sampled annually; treated with X orally once every X weeks for two treatments, followed by second sampling. If negative, no further treatment; if positive, DVM will give further instructions for treatment

C. EMERGENCY CARE – DESCRIBE PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY, WEEKEND, AND HOLIDAY CARE

Veterinarian has 24 hr emergency service and vet on call, however if extended services are needed, will be referred to the University of State (###-###-###)

D. EUTHANASIA

- SICK, DISEASED, INJURED, OR LAME ANIMALS SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH VETERINARY CARE OR EUTHANAZED. LICENSEES AND REGISTRANTS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THEIR ATTENDING VETERINARIANS, CAN USE METHODS OF EUTHANASIA THAT MEET THE DEFINITION OF EUTHANASIA IN THE ANIMAL WELFARE REGULATIONS, WHICH ALLOWS FOR THE USE OF HUMANE METHODS THAT EITHER:
 
  - PRODUCE RAPID UNCONSCIOUSNESS AND SUBSEQUENT DEATH WITHOUT EVIDENCE OF PAIN OR DISTRESS, OR
  - UTILIZE ANESTHESIA PRODUCED BY AN AGENT THAT CAUSES PAINLESS LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS AND SUBSEQUENT DEATH.

APPROPRIATE METHODS MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE DESCRIBED IN THE "AAMA GUIDELINES FOR EUTHANASIA OF ANIMALS".

EUTHANASIA WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE: ☒ VETERINARIAN ☐ LICENSEE/REGISTRANT
- METHOD(S) OF EUTHANASIA

Tranquilize and IV euthanasia.

E. A ADDITIONAL PROGRAM TOPICS – THE FOLLOWING TOPICS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONGENITAL CONDITIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXERCISE PLAN (logs)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QUARANTINE CONDITIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROPER HANDLING OF BIOLOGICS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NUTRITION	<input type="checkbox"/> VENEREAL DISEASES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANTHELMINTIC ALTERNATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PEST CONTROL AND PRODUCT SAFETY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify) Zoonoses	<input type="checkbox"/> PROPER USE OF ANALGESICS AND SEDATIVES

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If the boxes on the form are too small for all the information requested, attaching another document meets the requirement for documentation of the topics listed

Sometimes not all items apply to the licensee; these are suggested topics to discuss

There may be special information to note about certain species here; it's okay to enter N/A if it doesn't apply!

☐ check if not applicable

**SECTION III. WILD AND EXOTIC ANIMALS** PAGE 3 of 5

**A. VACCINATIONS** – LIST THE DISEASES FOR WHICH VACCINATIONS ARE PERFORMED AND THE FREQUENCY OF THE VACCINATIONS (see N/A if not applicable)

CARNIVORES  
Please see attached Creature Adventure Vaccine document

HOOFED STOCK  
Please see attached Creature Adventure Vaccine document

PRIMATES

ELEPHANTS

MARINE MAMMALS

OTHER (specify)  
Black Bear - Please see attached Creature Adventure Vaccine document

**B. PARASITE CONTROL PROGRAM** – DESCRIBE THE FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING OR TREATMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING

1. ECTOPARASITES (fleas, ticks, mites, lice, flies)  
Licensee is trained to recognize fleas/ticks/lice and uses X topical once and repeats in one month, then consults with DVM for more instructions

2. BLOOD PARASITES  
Animals monitored at physical exams

3. INTESTINAL PARASITES  
Yearly herd treatment; rotation and monitoring of herd with fecal samples quarterly with X as instructed by DVM

**C. EMERGENCY CARE**

1. DESCRIBE PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY, WEEKEND, AND HOLIDAY CARE  
Dr. Veterinarian has 24 hr emergency service and a vet is on call; however, if more services are needed, will be referred to University of State (###-###)

2. DESCRIBE CAPTURE AND RESTRAINT METHOD(S)  
Holding pen/ catch chute/darted as needed by veterinarian

**D. EUTHANASIA**

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EUTHANASIA WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE: ☒ VETERINARIAN ☐ LICENSEE/REGISTRANT

2. METHOD(S) OF EUTHANASIA  
Tranquilize and IV euthanasia solution. Under certain specific circumstances, the AV has authorized trained personnel to use alternative methods.

**E. A ADDITIONAL PROGRAM TOPICS** – THE FOLLOWING TOPICS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE:

<input type="checkbox"/> PEST CONTROL AND PRODUCT SAFETY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENT (primate)
<input type="checkbox"/> QUARANTINE PROCEDURES	<input type="checkbox"/> WATER QUALITY (marine mammals)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ZOONOSSES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPECIES-SPECIFIC BEHAVIORS
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> PROPER STORAGE AND HANDLING OF DRUGS AND BIOLOGICS
	<input type="checkbox"/> PROPER USE OF ANALGESICS AND SEDATIVES

**F. LIST THE SPECIES SUBJECTED TO TUBERCULOSIS TESTING AND THE FREQUENCY OF SUCH TESTS**  
State is brucella and tuberculosis free; no testing required.

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If you've listed this information in an attachment already you do not have to repeat it here

Different species may have different instructions for emergency care or additional veterinarians involved in their treatment; this is a good place to note that

It's a good idea to note if there are special instructions for euthanasia in case of emergency on the PVC

<input type="checkbox"/> check if not applicable	SECTION IV. OTHER WARMBLOODED ANIMALS	PAGE 4 of 5
A. INDICATE SPECIES		
Rabbits		
B. VACCINATIONS - LIST THE DISEASES FOR WHICH VACCINATIONS ARE PERFORMED AND THE FREQUENCY (enter N/A if not applicable)		
Please see attached Creature Adventure vaccination document.		
C. PARASITE CONTROL PROGRAM - DESCRIBE THE FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING OR TREATMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING		
1. ECTOPARASITES (fleas, ticks, mites, lice, flies) Please see attached Creature Adventure vaccination document.		
2. INTERNAL PARASITES (helminths, coccidia, other) Please see attached Creature Adventure vaccination document.		
D. EMERGENCY CARE - DESCRIBE PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY, WEEKEND, AND HOLIDAY CARE The veterinarian is available 24 hr on call, but if additional services are needed, the University of State is available ###-####.		
E. EUTHANASIA		
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APPROPRIATE METHODS MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE DESCRIBED IN THE "AVMA GUIDELINES FOR EUTHANASIA OF ANIMALS".		
EUTHANASIA WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VETERINARIAN <input type="checkbox"/> LICENSEE/REGISTRANT		
2. METHOD(S) OF EUTHANASIA Tranquilize and IV euthanasia. If a specific circumstance occurs, the AV has authorized trained personnel on site to use alternative methods.		
F. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM TOPICS - THE FOLLOWING TOPICS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PASTEURELLOSIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPECIES SEPARATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PODODERMATITIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALOCCLUSION/OVERGROWN INCISORS	
<input type="checkbox"/> CANNIBALISM	<input type="checkbox"/> PEST CONTROL AND PRODUCT SAFETY	
<input type="checkbox"/> WET TAIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HANDLING	
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify) _____		
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# Sample Attachment: Program of Veterinary Care

Lists by species

Includes hoofcare

States frequency

Has deworming  
schedule



Wildlife Adventures Vaccination Program									
	Wildlife Adventure								
	Licensee St, Town, State, Zip								
	Phone Number								
Date:	1/1/2021	Animal Locations:		Drive through and petting zoo					
Species	Annual vaccine	Hoofcare	Parasites						
Antelope	none	quarterly	MX injectable dewormer annually						
Camelid	CD&T, WNV, EWT	quarterly	MX injectable dewormer annually						
Cervidae	CD&T, Virus 6	quarterly	MX injectable dewormer annually						
Cattle	Virus 7, Bac 7, SBAC	quarterly	MX injectable dewormer annually						
Equine	WNV, EWT, EHV4/1	8 wks	MX gel oral dewormer annually						
Sheep/goat	CDT, RV	quarterly	MX dewormer oral quarterly						
Note: some fallow and elk done once a year, some antelope and sheep only twice a year due to stress									
Blood and stool collected depending on individual animal condition									
African porcupine	none								
NA Porcupine	none								
Patagonian Coyote	none								
Potbelly Pig	BAC 5, RV		Hooves trimmed at annual physical exam						
Coatimundi	RV								
Ringtail Lemur	none		RV if exposure is possible						
Sugar Glider	none								
Rabbits	none		May change if RHV in state						
Hedgehog	none								
Serval	FVRCP, DHLPP, RV, Fel L								
Hyena	FVRCP, DHLPP, RV								
Black Bear	WNV, RV, DHLPP		Training for voluntary injections						
Fox	DHLPP, RV								
Wolfdog	DHLPP, RV		Monthly HW prevention, topical flea prevention						
NOTE: list may be updated if veterinary recommendations change									



# A Written Program of Veterinary Care is **REQUIRED** for all dogs.



Form 7002A provides  
additional space for  
canine specific  
program details.  
This form is provided for  
your convenience.

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SECTION III. COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS FROM HEAD TO TAIL				PAGE 2 of
SPECIFY THE FREQUENCY Note: the frequency must be not less than every 12 months. (For example: 10% of adult dogs each month; each breeding female before being bred; each 1 week old puppy; all dogs at each annual visit to the premises, etc.)				
A. ADULTS:				
B. PUPPIES:				
SECTION IV. VACCINATION, PARASITE CONTROL, AND PREVENTIVE CARE				
IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, ADDITIONAL PAGES MAY BE ADDED				
A. VACCINATIONS SCHEDULE – (Specify the frequency, for example 2 doses 2-4 wks. apart starting at 8 wks. of age.)				
	INITIAL VACCINATION	SECOND VACCINATION	REVACCINATION (BOOSTER)	NOTES
PARVOVIRUS (Required, explain if not scheduled)				
DISTEMPER (Required, explain if not scheduled)				
RABIES (Required, explain if not scheduled)				
LEPTOSPIROSIS				
HEPATITIS				
BORDETELLA				
OTHER (specify)				
Explanation(s) for unscheduled vaccinations:				
B. PARASITE CONTROL PROGRAM – DESCRIBE THE FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING AND/OR TREATMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING: (*Required, explain if not scheduled)				
1. ECTOPARASITES (*fleas, ticks, mites, lice, flies, other)				
2. BLOOD PARASITES (*heartworm, Babesia, Ehrlichia, other)				
3. INTESTINAL PARASITES (*worms, *coccidia, *giardia, other)				
C. PREVENTIVE CARE AND TREATMENT PLAN TO MAINTAIN: (Include when the veterinarian must be consulted)				
1. HEALTHY AND UNMATTED HAIR COATS				
2. PROPERLY TRIMMED NAILS				
3. CLEAN AND HEALTHY EYES				
4. CLEAN AND HEALTHY EARS				
5. CLEAN AND HEALTHY SKIN				
6. CLEAN AND HEALTHY TEETH				
7. OTHER				

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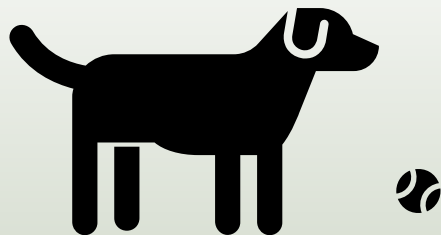
SECTION V. EMERGENCY CARE AND SAFE HANDLING PRACTICES, EUTHANASIA, AND OTHER TOPICS		PAGE 3 of
IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, ADDITIONAL PAGES MAY BE ADDED		
A. EMERGENCY CARE		
DESCRIBE PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY, WEEKEND, AND HOLIDAY CARE		
B. SAFE HANDLING PRACTICES		
DESCRIBE SAFE HANDLING PRACTICES FOR DIFFICULT TO HANDLE DOGS (SUCH AS DOGS THAT ARE VICIOUS, UNPREDICTIBLE, UNSOCIALIZED, WOLF HYBRIDS, ETC.)		
C. EUTHANASIA		
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EUTHANASIA WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE: <input type="checkbox"/> VETERINARIAN <input type="checkbox"/> LICENSEE/REGISTRANT (PER METHODS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE AV)		
2. METHOD(S) OF EUTHANASIA CARRIED OUT BY THE VETERINARIAN		
3. METHOD(S) OF EUTHANASIA CARRIED OUT BY THE LICENSEE/REGISTRANT		
SECTION VI. OTHER ASPECTS OF ANIMAL CARE AND USE –		
<input type="checkbox"/> PEST CONTROL OPTIONS AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE DOGS	<input type="checkbox"/> POTENTIAL CONGENITAL CONDITIONS AND HOW TO MITIGATE/MANAGE THEM	
<input type="checkbox"/> QUARANTINE PROCEDURES	<input type="checkbox"/> DOG BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS	
<input type="checkbox"/> NUTRITIONAL PARAMETERS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> POTENTIAL VENEREAL DISEASES AND HOW TO MITIGATE/MANAGE THEM	
<input type="checkbox"/> MEASURES TO MITIGATE ANTHELMINTIC RESISTANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> PROPER STORAGE AND HANDLING OF MEDICATIONS AND BIOLOGICS	
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> PROPER USE OF ANALGESICS AND SEDATIVES (USE ONLY AS PRESCRIBED BY THE ATTENDING VETERINARIAN)	

# An Exercise Plan is **REQUIRED** for all dogs

Form 7013 is provided for convenience;  
you may use your own format, if preferred

Some vets only include items in the checked  
box; others will add more instructions

A facility's exercise plan for dogs must be  
documented and approved by the attending  
veterinarian. Signing the exercise plan is a  
convenient way to document  
approval.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE ANIMAL CARE  
**EXERCISE PLAN FOR DOGS**

The Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations Section 3.8 (9 CFR 3.8) requires all licensees and registrants to develop, document, and follow an appropriate exercise plan for their dogs. In developing an exercise plan, providing positive physical contact with humans that encourages exercise through play or similar activities should be considered. If dogs are maintained without sensory contact with other dogs, they must be provided with daily physical contact with humans. Forced methods of exercise such as treadmill, swimming, or carousels are unacceptable for meeting the exercise requirements. The exercise plan must be approved by the attending veterinarian.

This form is optional for licensees/registrants developing exercise plans per the regulations. Locally developed formats may be used if desired.

**SECTION I - LICENSEE/REGISTRANT INFORMATION**

1. NAME OF LICENSEE/REGISTRANT (first, middle initial, last):  
Wildlife Adventures

2. USDA CERTIFICATE NUMBER:  
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**SECTION II - SPACE ALLOCATION DECLARATION**

3. SELECT THE APPROPRIATE BOX THAT BEST DESCRIBES THE ALLOCATED SPACE FOR YOUR DOGS:

☐ A. My dogs are over 12 weeks of age (except bitches with litters) and are housed individually in a cage, pen, or run that provides at least two times the floor space required for each dog as described in 9 CFR 3.6(c)(1).

☒ B. My dogs are over 12 weeks of age and are housed in compatible groups in a cage, pen or run that provides, in total, at least 100 percent of the required space for each dog if it were maintained separately.

**SECTION III - EXERCISE PLAN**

4. FREQUENCY:  
The dogs are socialized to walk on a leash in the park with volunteers.

5. METHOD:  
Leash walk

6. DURATION:  
Daily for 30 minutes

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**SECTION IV - LICENSEE/REGISTRANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I have read the regulatory requirements for a written exercise plan for my dogs and hereby establish this completed plan to fulfill them.

7A. SIGNATURE OF LICENSEE/REGISTRANT:  
[Signature]

7B. DATE:  
01/21/2021

**SECTION V - VETERINARIAN CERTIFICATION**

I have read and approve this exercise plan.

8A. NAME, TITLE, ADDRESS, AND SIGNATURE OF VETERINARIAN:  
[Signature]

8B. DATE:  
01/21/2021

APHIS FORM 7013  
OCT 2018

# An Environment Enhancement Plan is **REQUIRED** for all nonhuman primates

Form 7050 is provided for convenience;  
you may use your own format

Each section has the regulatory  
requirement at the top

Prompts are provided based on  
common methods used to meet the  
requirement

ALL boxes do not need to be  
filled to meet the  
requirement



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT PLAN FOR NONHUMAN PRIMATES**

For use of this form, see 9 CFR 3.81 (Animal Welfare). Dealers, exhibitors, and research facilities must develop, document, and implement a plan to ensure the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. This form may be used to meet the requirement for a written plan. Use of this form is voluntary and alternatively, facilities may use their own format. Pages or blocks which do not apply to the facility should be omitted. Ensure the additional sheets include the following information:

1. NAME  
2. BUSINESS NAME  
3. USDA LICENSE/REGISTRATION  
4. MAILING ADDRESS  
5. CITY, STATE, AND ZIP  
6. HOME TELEPHONE

**SECTION IV. ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT, PART A (STRUCTURE AND SUBSTRATE)**  
9 CFR 3.81(b): The physical environment in the primary enclosures must be enriched by providing means of expressing non-injurious, species typical activities. Species differences should be considered when determining the type or methods of enrichment. Examples of environmental enrichment include providing perches, swings, mirrors, and other increased cage complexities.

A. DESCRIBE HOW THE ANIMAL HOUSING PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPRESS SPECIES-TYPICAL POSTURES AND POSITIONS FOR RESTING, SLEEPING, FEEDING, EXPLORATION, AND PLAY.

☐ Cont'd

B. DESCRIBE HOW THE ANIMAL HOUSING PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPRESS SPECIES-TYPICAL LOCOMOTION.

☐ Cont'd

C. DESCRIBE HOW THE ANIMAL HOUSING PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE SOCIAL ADJUSTMENTS.

☐ Cont'd

D. ARE ELEVATED RESTING STRUCTURES PROVIDED IN EACH ENCLOSURE? ☐ YES ☐ NO (provide explanation)

☐ Cont'd

E. ARE NEST BOXES OR NESTING MATERIAL PROVIDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO (provide explanation)

☐ Cont'd

F. DESCRIBE MATERIALS PROVIDED TO SUPPORT SCENT MARKING (include schedules for replacement and sanitation).

☐ Cont'd

APHIS FORM 7050 (Cont'd)  
NOV 2020

# Can licensees help provide basic veterinary care?



- Many attending veterinarians will teach licensees how to administer medications and vaccinations, and some have instructed licensees on methods to humanely euthanize animals

**Euthanasia** (def.): *means the humane destruction of an animal accomplished by a method that produces rapid unconsciousness and subsequent death without evidence of pain or distress, or a method that utilizes anesthesia produced by an agent that causes painless loss of consciousness and subsequent death.*



# Standardized treatment protocols

All treatments for veterinary problems **must** be approved by the attending veterinarian. Standard protocols may be used to instruct and authorize licensees to treat common conditions in advance.

- Examples: minor wounds with topical medications, ear infections with specific drugs, deworming protocols
- Some veterinarians will add an entire ‘vet book’ of approved treatments and standing orders for the licensee to use
- Including pictures of common conditions with the written instructions can help licensees correctly recognize problems
- It is helpful to include instructions for when to call the attending veterinarian *before* starting treatment
- It is **essential** to ensure the licensee understands when to ask for help, and what to do if treatment doesn’t work





## Canine Care Topics

### Dental Care

- Canine Periodontal Disease
- Monitoring for Periodontal Disease in Dogs
- Preventive Care for Periodontal Disease in Dogs

### Skin & Coat Care

- Coat Care: Preventing Matted Hair
- Identifying Healthy and Unhealthy Skin in Dogs
- Common Skin Disorders in Dogs

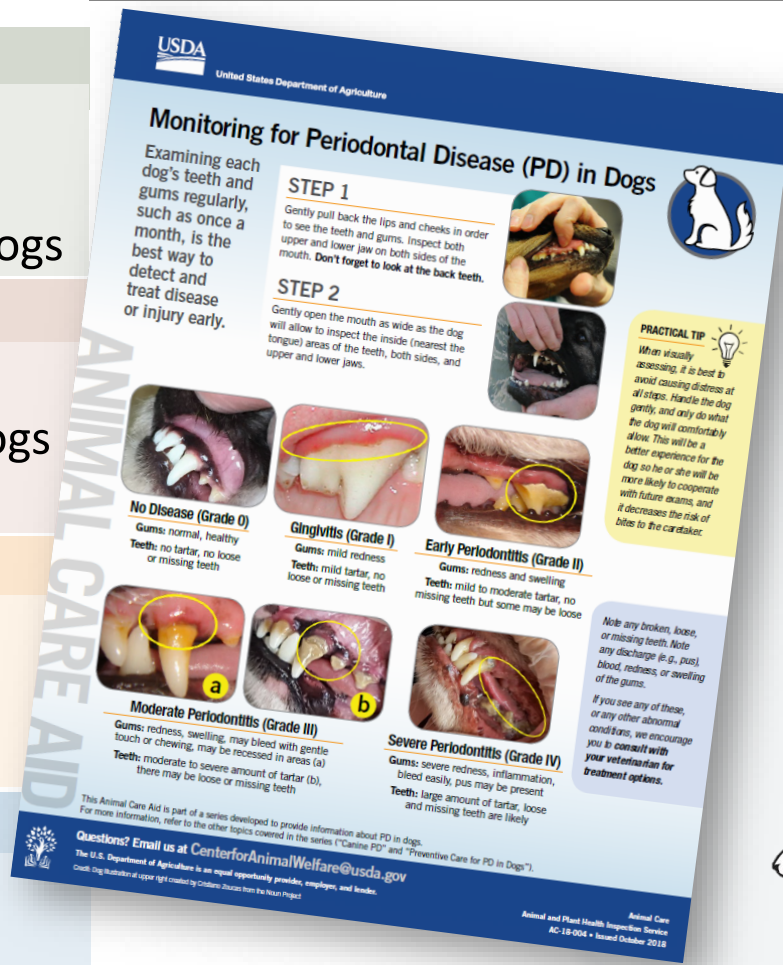
### Parasite Prevention

- Heartworm Disease in Dogs
- Intestinal Parasites in Dogs
- Flea Control for Dogs

### Behavioral Development

- Maternal Stress and Puppy Development
- Early Rearing Environment
- Socialization

# Animal Care Aids



*care topics are also available for other species*





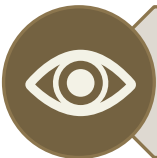
# Required elements for the program of veterinary care



Availability of appropriate personnel, facilities, and equipment



Methods to prevent and control disease, including emergency care



Daily observation of all animals to assess health and well being

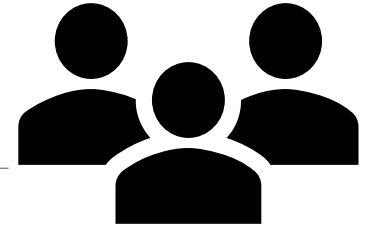


Guidance to personnel involved in the care and use of animals



Adequate pre-procedural and post-procedural care

# What is the Attending Veterinarian's role in the inspection process?



- Are attending veterinarians required to be present for USDA inspections?  
**No**; however, it provides opportunity for in-depth discussions between the USDA inspector, the attending veterinarian, and the licensee or registrant
- One of the most important components of our inspections is ensuring facilities are carrying out attending veterinarians' directions and providing them with sufficient authority to maintain adequate care and welfare of the animals.  
  
Unless directions are already written down, inspectors may need to speak with the attending veterinarian

# Liability: Will citations hurt my license?

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- The Animal Welfare Act grants the USDA authority over regulated facilities. **Animal Care does not have the authority to pursue action against attending veterinarians**
- While facilities may be subject to penalties or other sanctions for failing to comply with the Animal Welfare Act or Regulations, the attending veterinarian will not





# Could my medical records become public information?

## Possibly, but not usually

- Any records that the USDA has in its possession may become publicly available through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Inspectors will review a facility's written program of veterinary care and any associated medical records during an inspection, but generally the records remain in the possession of the facility and/or veterinarian
- One exception is if a potential compliance issue is identified. In this case, supporting documentation may be copied to document the issue.

# What are the new rules for dogs?



A written Program of Veterinary Care is required for all dogs and must include:



**Scheduled visits** by the attending veterinarian not less than once every 12 months



Complete 'head to tail' **physical exams** on all dogs not less than once every 12 months



**Sampling and treatment for parasites**, including fleas, worms, coccidia, giardia, and heartworm



**Vaccination schedules** for contagious and deadly diseases including rabies, parvovirus, and distemper



**Preventive care program** to ensure healthy and unmatted coats, properly trimmed nails, and clean and healthy eyes, ears, skin, and teeth for their dogs



Medical records are also required

need to include identification, records of routine husbandry (such as vaccinations and preventive medical procedures, testing, or treatments), and a description of any clinical veterinary issues



# New Rule Common Q&As

Does the attending veterinarian have to be the one to administer the vaccines?

Is rabies vaccination required for indoor kennels?

What if a dog has had reactions in the past to vaccines?

Is heartworm testing/sampling/prevention required for indoor kennels?

If a dog had a physical exam done by a veterinarian other than the attending veterinarian does that count as a 12-month exam?

Does the attending veterinarian have to be the one to administer the vaccines?

- **No**, if the attending veterinarian is comfortable with the facility staff administering vaccinations. Some states require that a licensed veterinarian be the one to administer the vaccine.

Is rabies vaccination required for indoor kennels?

- **Yes**. A rabies vaccination schedule is required regardless of housing.

What if a dog has had reactions in the past to vaccines?

- **An attending veterinarian can exempt an individual dog** due to medical reasons.

Is heartworm testing/sampling/prevention required for indoor kennels?

- **Dogs are required to be sampled and treated** in accordance with a schedule approved by the attending veterinarian for parasites including heartworm. Prevention is not required but recommended.

If a dog had a physical exam done by a veterinarian other than the attending veterinarian does that count as a 12-month exam?

- **Yes**, the attending veterinarian can delegate his/her responsibilities to another veterinarian to conduct the physical exams as long as all relevant information is provided to the attending veterinarian.



# How Can I Contact USDA APHIS Animal Care?



**USDA INSPECTOR  
ASSIGNED TO THE  
FACILITY**



**SUPERVISORY ANIMAL  
CARE SPECIALIST FOR  
YOUR STATE  
(SEE RESOURCES)**



**CUSTOMER SUPPORT  
EMAIL AT  
[ANIMALCARE@USDA.GOV](mailto:ANIMALCARE@USDA.GOV)  
OR CALL  
(970) 494-7478.**



**FILING A COMPLAINT  
ON AC WEBSITE  
(SEE RESOURCES)**



# Summary

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- Introduction to USDA APHIS Animal Care and the Animal Welfare Act
- Defined the role of the attending veterinarian and what a regulated person or business must do to be compliant in providing adequate veterinary care under the Animal Welfare Act
- Explained how to write a compliant Program of Veterinary Care for a regulated facility
- Discussed how being an attending veterinarian might impact your professional practice
- New requirements for dogs and the common Q&As
- Ways to reach out to Animal Care



# Additional Resources:

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**Animal Care Website:** <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare>

**Licensing and Registration Assistant Site:** <https://efile.aphis.usda.gov/LRAssistant/s/>

**Forms** (at the bottom of the page):

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/sa\\_publications/ct\\_publications\\_and\\_guidance\\_documents](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/sa_publications/ct_publications_and_guidance_documents)

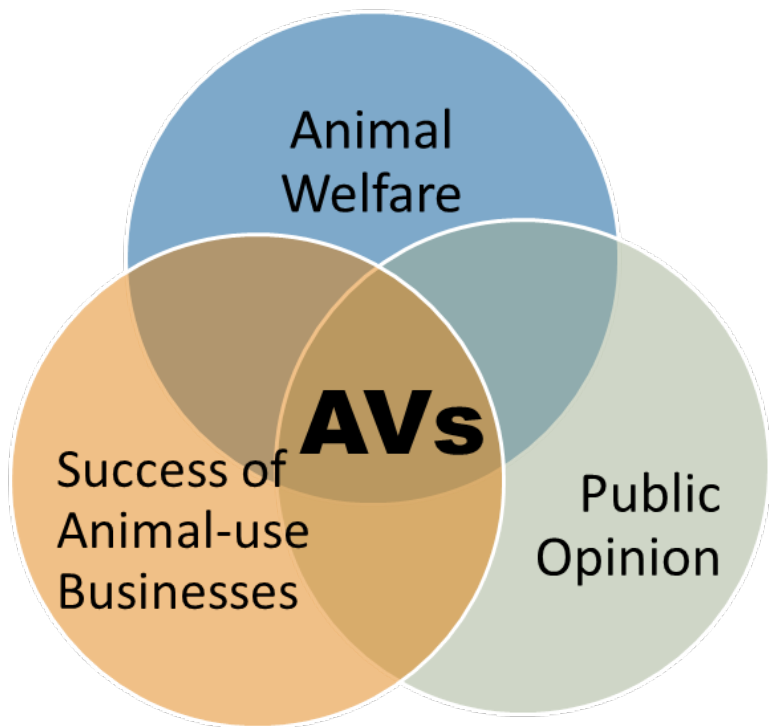
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**Supervisor Contact Information:**

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/sa\\_attending\\_veterinarians/av-sacs/supervisory-ac-specialists-areas](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/sa_attending_veterinarians/av-sacs/supervisory-ac-specialists-areas)

**File a Complaint:** <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/complaint-form>



# Thank You . . .

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For more information visit:

[www.aphis.usda.gov/animalwelfare/av](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animalwelfare/av)