




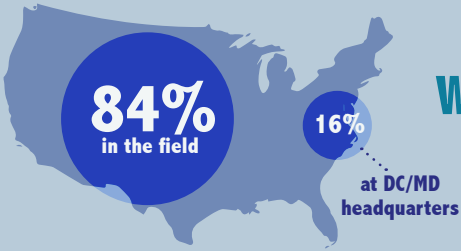
Animal Welfare

Animal Care protects the welfare of animals by administering two important laws: the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and the Horse Protection Act (HPA). Over 8,000 licensees, registrants, and horse show participants engage in activities governed by these laws—breeders, dealers, and exhibitors; research facilities; transporters; dog importers; and managers of horse shows, exhibitions, and sales. Animal Care also provides national leadership on the safety and well-being of pets and other animals during disasters.



\$34M
BUDGET

157
EMPLOYEES



84%
in the field

16%
at DC/MD
headquarters

WHERE
WE WORK

2019 Highlights



Conducted **9,326** AWA site inspections, assessing the health, care, and treatment of more than **1 million** animals



Found **99%** of AWA licensees and registrants in substantial compliance through the use of inspections, guidance, and outreach



Debuted the Licensing and Registration Assistant, an online self-service tool—used over **4,000** times already—to help individuals and businesses quickly see if they need to be licensed or registered under the AWA



Issued **20** new “Animal Care Aids,” a series of one-page, easy-to-use resources designed to support AWA licensees with the care of their animals



Issued **2,002** permits covering **6,263** dogs entering the United States (compared to 586 permits for 2,021 dogs in FY 2018) through a new online permitting system launched last year



Worked with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to complete the final report to Congress on the 21st Century Cures Act, a report that gives an interagency road map to reduce administrative burden for more than **1,000** AWA-registered biomedical facilities while maintaining scientific integrity and humane animal care



Delivered **5** Interagency Collaborative Animal Research Education (ICARE) Academies—a training program with HHS’ National Institutes of Health that reaches approximately **150** research institutions—to improve animal welfare at laboratories and increase compliance with Federal standards while minimizing regulatory burdens on research



Initiated **17** investigative cases for alleged AWA violations and assessed **\$147,300** in penalties



Inspected **1,210** horses at shows and exhibitions for HPA compliance



Assessed more than **\$70,000** in penalties for HPA violations and disqualified **66** individuals from participating in HPA-regulated activities



Invested more than **\$400,000** in cooperative agreements with key emergency management partners to strengthen U.S. preparedness for ensuring the safety of pets and other animals in disasters



Provided **\$15,000** to help Native American communities with free spay and neuter services for their pets

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