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Standardized Function Usage Recommendations

This appendix provides the value set and guidelines for standardizing current subject use or function. The function use categories are a classification applied to an animal at a given stage of its life/management cycle at the time it was observed. This function classification may not be the same function class the animal was originally produced to serve (represented with the NAHLN Production Class value set) or that the animal's breed or type was traditionally associated with (represented with the VS Subject Descriptor "Breed Type" subset).

The coding system used for the non-null concepts has been converted to Local as of version 20100108. The prior coding system was based on the HL70429.

Value Set Name: SubjectFunction

Value Set version: 20100108

Code System: Local (to USDA APHIS Veterinary Services)

The concepts listed in the tables below are associated with a status Active, Added or Retired. A retired concept was previously used, but is no longer included in the standardized SubjectFunction value set. An added concept was added and is active as of the value set version in which it is first published. The concepts are identified with Concept Unique Identifiers (CUI).

Information Unknown or Not Available

Code System: HL7 NullFlavor [2.16.840.1.113883.5.1008]

Value Set Name: NullFlavor

Concept Name	CUI	VS Concept State	Notes
AskedButUnknown	2.16.840.1.113 883.1.11.10614	Active	Description: Information was sought but not found (e.g., owner was asked but didn't know); Synonym = "Not Specified"
NoInformation	2.16.840.1.113 883.1.11.10610	Active	No information whatsoever can be inferred from this exceptional value. This is the most general exceptional value. It is also the default exceptional value.
Other	2.16.840.1.113 883.1.11.10616	Active	Description: The actual value is not an element in the value domain of a variable. (e.g., concept not provided by required code system).
Unknown	2.16.840.1.113 883.1.11.10612	Active	Description: A proper value is applicable, but not known.

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General

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Concept Name	CUI	VS Concept State	Notes
Bait	1001	Added	fish used for animal or fish consumption; added 20090915
Breeding/genetic stock	1002	Active	used for reproductive purposes
Broiler	1003	Added	Broilers are chickens used for meat and come in a variety of colors such as white, red, black, gray and mixed colors. They are typically marketed at 6 to 8 weeks of age, and weigh approximately 4 to 7 lbs. ; added 20090915
Cockerel	1004	Added	Male broiler chickens or roosters at 6 to 8 weeks of age. ; added 20090915
Companion	1005	Active	personal pleasure, recreation or hobby
Competition	1006	Active	activity based on the physical capabilities or the looks of the competitor, used for presentation or competition based on physical attributes and on "looks"; includes exhibit, show, racing and bull fighting; excludes rodeo
Dairy	1007	Active	milking purposes only (including milk production)
Draft	1008	Active	
Fiber	1009	Active	
Game	1010	Added	animals will be hunted; Synonym: Preserve; added 20090915
Heavy Broiler	1026	Added	Broiler chicken weighing 5 lbs or more; added 20090915
Layer	1011	Active	egg production
Meat	1012	Active	
Medium Broiler	1027	Added	Broiler chicken weighing less than 5 lbs; added 20090915
Multipurpose	1013	Active	
Nonphysical product production	1014	Retired	retired 20090915
Ornamental	1015	Active	fish used for display
Physical product production	1016	Retired	retired 20090915
Pullet	1017	Added	Female chicken that is beginning to lay eggs, approximately 20 weeks to one year of age. Typically, pullets are red (dark brown), white or grey; added 20090915
Research	1018	Added	commodity used for scientific methodology; added 20090915
Roasters	1019	Added	Male or female broiler chickens marketed at 9 to 12 weeks of age. Typically weigh 8 to 9 lbs. ; added 20090915
Rodeo	1020	Added	a public performance featuring bronco riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, and Brahma bull riding; added 20090915
Service	1021	Active	
Spent Fowl	1022	Added	Female chickens (Hens) that have been typically been used for commercial egg production and have been removed from production for slaughter. They are commonly characterized by thin legs and may have missing feathers. They are typically seen in white or red. ; added 20090915

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Straight Run	1023	Added	Broiler chickens that were not separated based on sex, mixed male and female. ; added 20090915
Wildlife	1024	Active	
Zoo	1025	Active	animals on display for viewing