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Overview Animal Welfare Act Inspections Compliance Support Emergency Programs

USDA and Animal Care

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Animal Care is a very small part of USDA

This represents all of the programs in USDA

Figure 01-3. 2019 Outlays (All Other includes Rural Development, Research, Food Safety, Marketing and Regulatory, and Departmental Management)

We are a small program in Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS)

APHIS makes up a small portion of the section labeled "All Other"

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APHIS Programs

APHIS FY2019 Budget

- **Animal Care (AC)**
- **Veterinary Services (VS)**
 - National Veterinary Accreditation Program
- **Wildlife Services (WS)**
- **Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS)**
- **International Services (IS)**
- **Plant Protection & Quarantine (PPQ)**
- **Management Support Programs**
 - Legislative and Public Affairs
 - Policy and Program Development
 - Investigative & Enforcement Services

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Program Act No. 1527
The Horse Protection Act

Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act

Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act (PKEMRA)

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- Excellent customer service**, including timely review of applications; responsive and courteous handling of customer inquiries and complaints; and fair and equitable inspections and review of appeals of inspection findings, public complaints and other alleged violations, and comments on rulemakings.
- Quality inspections and guidance** to support the regulated community in understanding the regulatory requirements, gaining an accurate picture of their compliance status, and working through compliance issues to ensure humane animal care and use.
- Learning opportunities** to support humane animal care and use, including practical tips and aids, webinars, symposia, presentations at conferences and meetings, stakeholder messages, and science-based research.
- Assistance** for regulated facilities seeking personalized help with compliance challenges and for people and animals in disasters.

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Animal Care – By the Numbers

- Employs approximately **200** civil servants
 - Located across the United States
- Conducts over **9,000** inspections of approximately **8,000** licensed or registered facilities annually under the Animal Welfare Act
- Inspects over **1,500** horses at shows and other events annually for compliance with the Horse Protection Act.

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Animal Welfare Act

A federal law created in 1966 due to a wave of public sentiment which produced thousands of letters to Congress, protesting the alleged theft of pet dogs for sale to research.



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Covered Animals



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Animals NOT Covered by the AWA



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Activities Covered by the AWA



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Activities NOT Covered by the AWA



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Animal Welfare Act

Public Law 89-544,
US Code 7 §2131-2159.

A statute enacted by Congress in 1966.

Includes:


- restrictions on the importation of live dogs for purposes of resale
- prohibitions on animal fighting ventures
- provisions intended to prevent the theft of personal pets

Animal Welfare Regulations

Code of Federal Regulations
9 CFR Chapter1 Subchapter A

Every regulation listed in the CFR must have an enabling statute (Animal Welfare Act)

Purpose: to describe in greater detail how an agency should interpret the law



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Animal Welfare Regulations

- Part 1 – Definitions
- Part 2 – Regulations
 - Subpart A - Licensing
 - Subpart B - Registration
 - Subpart C - Research Facilities
 - Subpart D - Attending Veterinarian and Adequate Veterinary Care
 - Subpart E - Identification of Animals
 - Subpart F - Stolen Animals
 - Subpart G - Records
 - Subpart H - Compliance with Standards and Holding Period
 - Subpart I - Miscellaneous
 - Subpart J - Importation of Live Dogs

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Animal Welfare Regulations

- Part 3 – Standards
 - Subpart A - Dogs and Cats
 - Subpart B - Guinea Pigs and Hamsters
 - Subpart C - Rabbits
 - Subpart D - Nonhuman Primates
 - Subpart E - Marine Mammals
 - Subpart F - All other covered species
- Part 4 – Rules of Practice
 - Facilities and Operating Standards
 - Structural strength, heating, ventilation, shelter, primary enclosures
 - Animal Health and Husbandry Standards
 - Feeding, watering, sanitation
 - Transportation Standards

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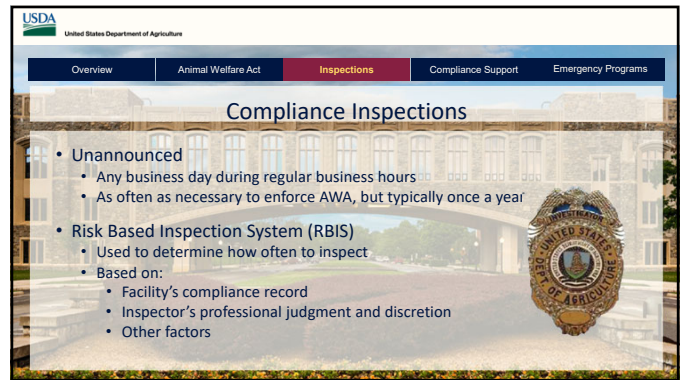
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Quality Inspections and Guidance



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Compliance Inspections

- Unannounced
 - Any business day during regular business hours
 - As often as necessary to enforce AWA, but typically once a year
- Risk Based Inspection System (RBIS)
 - Used to determine how often to inspect
 - Based on:
 - Facility's compliance record
 - Inspector's professional judgment and discretion
 - Other factors



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Inspection Procedures

- Facility representative goes with inspector
- Provides inspector access to all areas of facility, including all animals
- The AWA standards and regulations are the baseline for assessing a facility's level of care provided to animals
- Inspector may take photos, video, or copy records



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Inspecting Facilities

- Housing
- Primary enclosures
- Temperature
- Lighting
- Drainage
- Perimeter fences



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Inspecting Husbandry

- Sanitation
- Pest control
- Feeding & watering
- Handling
- Food storage
- Recordkeeping

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Inspecting Animals

- Adequate veterinary care
- Compatibility of animals housed together

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Non-Compliances

Non-critical – does not have a direct impact on animal welfare

Critical – likely to have or has had a direct impact on animal welfare, but is not adversely impacting welfare at the time of the inspection

Direct – anything having an adverse effect on welfare at the time of the inspection

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Exit Briefing

Inspector meets with facility representative:

- Review report findings
 - Discuss noncompliant items
 - Answer questions
- Review animal inventory and any photographs taken
- Provide copy of report
 - May send report by certified mail or email
- Obtain signature
- Correction date

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