

AGENCY PROFILE

What veterinary practices need to know about regulatory agencies.

Agency Name	United States Department of Agriculture
Logo	
General Info/ Agency Mission	<p>To provide leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development, nutrition, and related issues based on sound public policy, the best available science, and efficient management. The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) oversees animal import/ export, health certificates, and several aspects of animal disease management and animal emergency management. APHIS has several divisions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Care (AC) : Determines and promotes standards of humane care and treatment of animals through inspections and educational efforts. • Veterinary Services (VS) : Protects and improves the health, quality, and marketability of our nation's animals, animal products, and veterinary biologics by preventing, controlling, and/or eliminating animal diseases, and monitoring, and promoting animal health and productivity. • Wildlife Services (WS) : Provides leadership to resolve wildlife conflicts and create a balance allowing people and wildlife to peacefully coexist.
Legal Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Disease Traceability • Export Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Animals ◦ Products • The Animal Welfare Act and Regulations • Animal Care Policy Manual • The Horse Protection Act • Horse Protection Act Regulations • ESF11-- Emergency Support Function #11 (All-Hazards Response)
What it means to you	<p>USDA Regulates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Biologics (vaccine production) • Animal disease management • Animal Import and Export • National Veterinary Accreditation Program (Interstate Health Certificates) • NVAP Online Mandatory CE <p>APHIS Generates the following annual reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Care Publications and Reports • Wildlife Reports

	USDA Operates the National Veterinary Services Laboratory system.
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