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Animal Welfare Resources

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This page is a resource hub for licensees, registrants, and others in our regulated community. Here, you'll find information to help you achieve compliance and advance your knowledge in animal care and welfare.

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Animal Welfare Act and Regulations

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[Animal Welfare Act and Regulations \(also known as the "Blue Book"\) \(3.67 MB\)](#) [Ley de Bienestar Animal y Regulaciones para el Bienestar Animal \(también conocido como el "Libro Azul"\) \(5.26 MB\)](#)

Regulatory Compliance

These documents offer easy-to-understand information clarifying the [Animal Welfare Act \(AWA\) regulations](#), [Horse Protection Act \(HPA\) regulations](#), inspection processes, and other requirements.

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Regulatory Forms

Below are forms for current AWA licensees and registrants. We recommend downloading and saving a copy of each locally before filling out the online version.

Updated	Document	Form Number
2020-11	Animal Care: Record of Acquisition of Dogs and Cats (mandatory for licensees with dogs/cats)	APHIS Form 7005 (167.6 KB)
2021-05	Animal Care: Record of Disposition of Dogs and Cats (mandatory for licensees with dogs/cats)	APHIS Form 7006 (166.53 KB)
2018-04	Animal Care: Program of Veterinary Care	APHIS Form 7002 (177.81 KB)
2022-03	Animal Care: Program of Veterinary Care for Dogs	APHIS Form 7002A (231.18 KB)

Updated	Document	Form Number
2021-05	Animal Care: Continuation Sheet for Record of Disposition of Dogs and Cats	APHIS Form 7006A (158.04 KB)
2020-01	Animal Care: Itinerary of Exhibition With Overnight Travel	APHIS Form 7010 (1.14 MB)
2020-01	Animal Care: Continuation Sheet for Itinerary of Exhibition With Overnight Travel	APHIS Form 7010A (1.14 MB)
2020-08	Animal Care: Exercise Plan for Dogs	APHIS Form 7013 (132.79 KB)
2020-11	Animal Care: Record of Animals On-Hand (Other Than Dogs and Cats)	APHIS Form 7019 (130.88 KB)
2020-11	Animal Care: Record of Acquisition, Disposition or Transport of Animals (Other Than Dogs and Cats)	APHIS Form 7020 (153.23 KB)
2020-11	Animal Care: Continuation Sheet for Record of Acquisition, Disposition or Transport of Animals (Other Than Dogs and Cats)	APHIS Form 7020A (195.29 KB)
2020-11	Animal Care: Environment Enhancement Program for Nonhuman Primates	APHIS Form 7050 (258.72 KB)
2024-08	Animal Care: Environment Enhancement Program for Birds	APHIS Form 7052 (358.37 KB)
2021-05	Animal Care: Contingency Planning Program	APHIS Form 7093 (268.77 KB)

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Helpful Tips and References

[Animal Care Aids](#)

[This resource series covers a wide range of care topics. Each offers suggestions to help you meet—or exceed—the AWA standards.](#)



[Species Factsheets](#)

[These documents offer basic facts about specific animals that can be helpful in meeting their needs in captive care.](#)



[Other Animal Care Documents](#)

[These documents contain additional reference information that may be useful to our regulated community.](#)



Species Factsheets

Updated	Species/Document	Order	Group
2025-04	Gibbon (<i>Hylobates</i> spp.)	Primate	Ape
2024-12	Ring-Tailed Lemur (<i>Lemur catta</i>)	Primate	Prosimian

Other Animal Care Documents

Updated	Document	Topic
2026-01	Animal Welfare Act Compliance for Dog Breeders (521.22 KB)	Dogs
2025-07	Customer Aid for Live Dog Import Permit Applications	Dogs
2025-07	Bird Welfare Acceptance Checklist	Birds
2024-10	Comparable Standards Evaluation for Foreign Facilities Importing Marine Mammals From the United States (140.46 KB)	Facilities

Updated	Document	Topic
2022-08	Zoo and Aquarium Serology Study (512.28 KB)	Zoos and Aquariums
2022-05	Guidance for Zoos and Captive Wildlife Facilities: Protecting Birds From Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (552.5 KB)	Birds

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