

<b>HANDLING OF ANIMALS</b>	An animal must be handled as expeditiously and carefully as possible. [2.131, Policy #27]
<b>Criteria</b>	<p>Handling includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• petting</li><li>• feeding/watering</li><li>• cleaning</li><li>• manipulating</li><li>• loading/crating</li><li>• shifting/transferring</li><li>• immobilizing/restraining</li><li>• treating</li><li>• training</li><li>• working</li><li>• moving</li><li>• any similar activity</li></ul> <p>A dealer must handle an animal(s) in a manner to prevent: [2.131(a)(1)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• trauma</li><li>• overheating</li><li>• excessive cooling</li><li>• behavioral stress</li><li>• physical harm</li><li>• unnecessary discomfort</li></ul> <p>Physical abuse shall not be used to: [2.131(a)(2)(i)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• train animals</li><li>• work animals</li><li>• handle animals</li></ul> <p>Deprivation of food or water shall not be used to: [2.131(a)(2)(ii)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• train animals</li><li>• work animals</li><li>• handle animals</li></ul> <p>NOTE: Short-term withholding of food and water by a dealer is permitted <b>if</b> each affected animal receives its full dietary and nutritional requirements daily.</p>

<p><b>Species Specific</b></p>	<p>Possible evidence of improper handling includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• excessive pacing</li><li>• cowering in the corner</li><li>• excessive vocalization</li><li>• visible injuries or wounds</li><li>• excessive shivering or panting</li><li>• wild-eyed/apprehensive look</li><li>• open-mouthed breathing</li><li>• hissing/spitting/bar charging</li></ul> <hr/> <p><b>Other Animals</b> <i>Prairie Dogs</i> [Policy #27] Methods used to capture free-living prairie dogs from their natural habitat must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• humane</li><li>• cause the least amount of stress and discomfort to the animals</li><li>• be in compliance with the AWA regulations</li></ul> <p><b>Unacceptable</b> methods for capturing prairie dogs include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• vacuuming animals from their burrows</li><li>• flooding burrows</li><li>• introducing noxious gases into burrows</li></ul>
<p><b>Public Exhibition</b></p>	<p>B-dealer operations may include public exhibition.</p> <p>The dealer must protect the safety of the animal and the public during public exhibition by ensuring there is: [2.131(b)(1)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• minimal risk of harm to the animal</li><li>• minimal risk of harm to the viewing public</li><li>• a sufficient distance between the animal and the public <b>or</b></li><li>• barriers between the animals and the viewing public</li><li>• a knowledgeable and experienced handler for the dangerous animals. Dangerous animals include, but are not limited to: [2.131(c)(3)]</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ lions</li><li>▶ tigers</li></ul>

- ▶ bears
- ▶ wolves
- ▶ cougars
- ▶ leopards
- ▶ jaguars
- ▶ elephants
- ▶ polar bears
- ▶ nonhuman primates

Animals shall be exhibited only for periods of time and under conditions consistent with their good health and well-being.  
[2.131(c)(1)]

It is recommended that wild and exotic animals on public display have an area where they can hide from public view.

Performing animals will be allowed a rest period between performances at least equal to the time for one performance.  
[2.131(b)(2)]

Young or immature animals must not be exhibited for periods of time that would be detrimental to their health or well-being.  
[2.131(b)(3)]

Possible signs of distress in young animals include, but are not limited to:

- lethargy
- excessive crying
- struggling when handled

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**Public Contact**

Public contact is considered to be any direct contact with an animal by a person not an employee of the licensee.

Public contact may consist of:

- handling
- petting/touching
- holding, as for a photograph
- feeding
- riding

Venues where direct public contact may occur include, but are not limited to:

- circuses
- carnivals
- animal rides
- photo opportunities
- petting zoos
- magic acts

It is recommended that animals in direct contact with the public have an area where they can escape from public contact.

Young or immature animals must **not** be exposed to rough or excessive public handling. [2.131(b)(3)]

Drugs, such as tranquilizers, must **not** be used to:[2.131(b)(4)]

- facilitate public handling of animals
- allow public handling of animals
- provide for public handling of animals

For public feeding of animals, the food must be:[2.131(c)(4)]

- provided by the animal facility
- appropriate for:
  - ▶ the type of animal
  - ▶ the nutritional needs and diet of the animal
  - ▶ the age of the animal

An employee or attendant must be present at all times during periods of public contact. This employee should be: [2.131(c)(2)]

- responsible
- knowledgeable
- readily identifiable by means of a:
  - ▶ uniform
  - ▶ name tag
  - ▶ sign