

Purpose

The purpose for the Dealer Inspection Guide, a major component of the Animal Care Resource Guide, is to provide APHIS Animal Care personnel with a clear, concise, user-friendly reference for inspecting the facilities of USDA licensed animal dealers.

By facilitating the inspection process, the Dealer Inspection Guide will serve as a useful tool to improve the quality and uniformity of inspections, documentation, and enforcement of the Animal Care Program.

Philosophy

The Dealer Inspection Guide is designed to *facilitate* the decision-making process. It cannot - nor is it intended to - replace the inspector's professional judgment.

Scope

The content of the Dealer Inspection Guide was gleaned from pertinent sections of Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR) and current Animal Care policies. Applicable information was restated or paraphrased as necessary for clarity and formatted and organized to facilitate access and use.

The Dealer Inspection Guide *summarizes* current regulatory and policy criteria for USDA licensed dealers and provides a logical inspection process for verifying compliance. It does *not* add to, delete from, or change current regulatory requirements or standards - nor does it establish policy.