

Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback” (OMB Control Number: 0579-0377)

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:

USDA-APHIS-Animal Care Online Complaint

PURPOSE:

A way for people to electronically submit via the Internet concerns about animals regulated under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and Horse Protection Act (HPA).

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:

Members of the General Public that want to send a complaint to USDA-APHIS-AC and/or anything regarding AWA and/or HPA.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: (Check one)

☒ Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form
☐ Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software)
☐ Focus Group

☐ Customer Satisfaction Survey
☐ Small Discussion Group
☐ Other: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.
6. The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following questions:

Personally Identifiable Information:

1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. If Yes, will any information that is collected be included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. If Yes, has an up-to-date System of Records Notice (SORN) been published? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Gifts or Payments:

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants? ☐ Yes ☒ No

BURDEN HOURS

Category of Respondent	No. of Respondents	Participation Time	Burden
Individuals or Households	275	30 minutes per complaint	138 hrs
Private Sector – Business	195	30 minutes per complaint	98 hrs
Totals	470		236 hrs

FEDERAL COST: The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is __\$9,500__

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents

Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

The general public voluntarily contacts USDA-APHIS-Animal Care about their concerns. AC will receive their complaints/concerns via phone, email, fax, letters, and over the Web. AC will accept and evaluate all complaints/concerns.

Administration of the Instrument

1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)

☒ Web-based or other forms of Social Media

☐ Telephone

☐ In-person

☐ Mail

☐ Other, Explain

2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Please make sure that all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.

Complaint information will be sent to a general email box for the regional office that manages complaints for the State where the incident occurred. acwest@aphis.usda.gov and

aceast@aphis.usda.gov. APHIS acknowledges that the online complaint has been received by immediately sending the submitter an electronic response that shows what they submitted and that APHIS will look into their concerns. Their contact information is not stored in any database. The contact information, if provided, is used to contact the submitter if additional information is needed. The complaint details are stored for 3 years with the files of the facility on which the complaint was filed. The relevant PII would be redacted based on the appropriate exemption if APHIS receives a Freedom of Information Act Request (FOIA) request for the complaint information.

Instructions for completing Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback”

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: Provide the name of the collection that is the subject of the request. (e.g., Comment card for soliciting feedback on xxxx)

PURPOSE: Provide a brief description of the purpose of this collection and how it will be used. If this is part of a larger study or effort, please include this in your explanation.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Provide a brief description of the targeted group or groups for this collection of information. These groups must have experience with the program.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: Check one box. If you are requesting approval of other instruments under the generic, you must complete a form for each instrument.

CERTIFICATION: Please read the certification carefully. If you incorrectly certify, the collection will be returned as improperly submitted or it will be disapproved.

Personally Identifiable Information: Provide answers to the questions. Note: Agencies should only collect PII to the extent necessary, and they should only retain PII for the period of time that is necessary to achieve a specific objective.

Gifts or Payments: If you answer yes to the question, please describe the incentive and provide a justification for the amount.

BURDEN HOURS:

Category of Respondents: Identify who you expect the respondents to be in terms of the following categories: (1) Individuals or Households; (2) Private Sector; (3) State, local, or tribal governments; or (4) Federal Government. Only one type of respondent can be selected per row.

No. of Respondents: Provide an estimate of the Number of respondents.

Participation Time: Provide an estimate of the amount of time required for a respondent to participate (e.g. fill out a survey or participate in a focus group)

Burden: Provide the Annual burden hours: Multiply the Number of responses and the participation time and divide by 60.

FEDERAL COST: Provide an estimate of the annual cost to the Federal government.

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents. Please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them. If the answer is yes, to the first question, you may provide the sampling plan in an attachment.

Administration of the Instrument: Identify how the information will be collected. More than one box may be checked. Indicate whether there will be interviewers (e.g., for surveys) or facilitators (e.g., for focus groups) used.

Submit all instruments, instructions, and scripts with the request.