

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
ANIMAL CARE**

PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE

INSTRUCTIONS

For use of this form, see 9 CFR 2.40 (Animal Welfare Regulations, Title 9, Subchapter A, Part III, Subpart D, Section 2.40)

The attending veterinarian shall establish, maintain, and supervise programs of disease control and prevention, pest and parasite control, pre-procedural and post-procedural care, nutrition, euthanasia, and adequate veterinary care for all animals on the premises of the licensee/registrant. A written program of adequate veterinary care between the licensee/registrant and the doctor of veterinary medicine shall be established. By law, such programs must include regularly scheduled visits to the premises by the veterinarian. Scheduled visits are required to monitor animal health and husbandry.

This optional form or an equivalent format may be used to meet the requirement for a written Program of Veterinary Care. This form may be used as a guideline for developing and writing the veterinary care plan for your animals.

Pages or blocks which do not apply to the facility should be marked N/A. If the space provided is not adequate for a specific topic, additional sheets may be added. Ensure the additional sheets include Section and Item Numbers.

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SECTION I. PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT

A. LICENSEE/REGISTRANT		B. VETERINARIAN
1. NAME		1. NAME
2. BUSINESS NAME		2. CLINIC NAME
3. USDA LICENSE/REGISTRATION NUMBER		3. STATE LICENSE NUMBER
4. STREET MAILING ADDRESS		4. BUSINESS ADDRESS
5. CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE		5. CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE
6. HOME TELEPHONE	7. BUSINESS TELEPHONE	6. BUSINESS TELEPHONE
8. EMAIL ADDRESS		7. EMAIL ADDRESS

We have read and completed this Program of Veterinary Care and understand our responsibilities.

Regularly scheduled visits by the veterinarian will occur at the following frequency: _____.

C. NOTES:

check if not applicable

SECTION II. DOGS AND CATS

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IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, ADDITIONAL PAGES MAY BE ADDED

A. VACCINATIONS – SPECIFY THE FREQUENCY OF VACCINATION FOR THE FOLLOWING DISEASES

CANINE			FELINE		
	JUVENILE	ADULT		JUVENILE	ADULT
PARVOVIRUS			PANLEUK		
DISTEMPER			RESP. VIRUSES		
HEPATITIS			RABIES		
LEPTOSPIROSIS			OTHER (specify)		
RABIES					
BORDETELLA					
OTHER (specify)					

B. PARASITE CONTROL PROGRAM – DESCRIBE THE FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING OR TREATMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING

1. ECTOPARASITES (fleas, ticks, mites, lice, flies)

2. BLOOD PARASITES (heartworm, Babesia, Ehrlichia, other)

3. INTESTINAL PARASITES (fecals, deworming)

C. EMERGENCY CARE – DESCRIBE PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY, WEEKEND, AND HOLIDAY CARE

D. EUTHANASIA

1. SICK, DISEASED, INJURED, OR LAME ANIMALS SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH VETERINARY CARE OR EUTHANIZED. LICENSEES AND REGISTRANTS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THEIR ATTENDING VETERINARIANS, CAN USE METHODS OF EUTHANASIA THAT MEET THE DEFINITION OF EUTHANASIA IN THE ANIMAL WELFARE REGULATIONS, WHICH ALLOWS FOR THE USE OF HUMANE METHODS THAT EITHER:

- o PRODUCE RAPID UNCONSCIOUSNESS AND SUBSEQUENT DEATH WITHOUT EVIDENCE OF PAIN OR DISTRESS, OR
- o UTILIZE ANESTHESIA PRODUCED BY AN AGENT THAT CAUSES PAINLESS LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS AND SUBSEQUENT DEATH.

APPROPRIATE METHODS MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE DESCRIBED IN THE "AVMA GUIDELINES FOR EUTHANASIA OF ANIMALS".

EUTHANASIA WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE: VETERINARIAN LICENSEE/REGISTRANT

2. METHOD(S) OF EUTHANASIA

E. PREVENTATIVE CARE AND TREATMENT (HAIR COATS, NAILS, EYES, EARS, SKIN, AND TEETH)

F. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM TOPICS – THE FOLLOWING TOPICS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE:

- CONGENITAL CONDITIONS
- QUARANTINE CONDITIONS
- NUTRITION
- ANTHELMINTIC ALTERNATION
- OTHER (specify) _____
- EXERCISE PLAN (dogs)
- PROPER HANDLING OF BIOLOGICS
- VENEREAL DISEASES
- PEST CONTROL AND PRODUCT SAFETY
- PROPER USE OF ANALGESICS AND SEDATIVES

check if not applicable

SECTION III. WILD AND EXOTIC ANIMALS

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IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, ADDITIONAL PAGES MAY BE ADDED

A. VACCINATIONS – LIST THE DISEASES FOR WHICH VACCINATIONS ARE PERFORMED AND THE FREQUENCY OF THE VACCINATIONS (enter N/A if not applicable)

CARNIVORES

HOOFED STOCK

PRIMATES

ELEPHANTS

MARINE MAMMALS

OTHER (specify)

B. PARASITE CONTROL PROGRAM – DESCRIBE THE FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING OR TREATMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING

1. ECTOPARASITES (fleas, ticks, mites, lice, flies)

2. BLOOD PARASITES

3. INTESTINAL PARASITES

C. EMERGENCY CARE

1. DESCRIBE PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY, WEEKEND, AND HOLIDAY CARE

2. DESCRIBE CAPTURE AND RESTRAINT METHOD(S)

D. EUTHANASIA

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2. METHOD(S) OF EUTHANASIA

E. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM TOPICS – THE FOLLOWING TOPICS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PEST CONTROL AND PRODUCT SAFETY | <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENT (primates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> QUARANTINE PROCEDURES | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER QUALITY (marine mammals) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ZOOSES | <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIES-SPECIFIC BEHAVIORS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> PROPER STORAGE AND HANDLING OF DRUGS AND BIOLOGICS |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> PROPER USE OF ANALGESICS AND SEDATIVES |

F. LIST THE SPECIES SUBJECTED TO TUBERCULOSIS TESTING AND THE FREQUENCY OF SUCH TESTS

check if not applicable

SECTION IV. OTHER WARMBLOODED ANIMALS

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IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, ADDITIONAL PAGES MAY BE ADDED

A. INDICATE SPECIES

B. VACCINATIONS – LIST THE DISEASES FOR WHICH VACCINATIONS ARE PERFORMED AND THE FREQUENCY (enter N/A if not applicable)

C. PARASITE CONTROL PROGRAM – DESCRIBE THE FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING OR TREATMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING

1. ECTOPARASITES (fleas, ticks, mites, lice, flies)

2. INTERNAL PARASITES (Helminths, Coccidia, other)

D. EMERGENCY CARE – DESCRIBE PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY, WEEKEND, AND HOLIDAY CARE

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F. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM TOPICS – THE FOLLOWING TOPICS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE FORMULATION OF THE PROGRAM OF VETERINARY CARE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PASTEURELLOSIS | <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIES SEPARATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PODODERMATITIS | <input type="checkbox"/> MALOCCLUSION/OVERGROWN INCISORS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNIBALISM | <input type="checkbox"/> PEST CONTROL AND PRODUCT SAFETY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WET TAIL | <input type="checkbox"/> HANDLING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (specify) _____ | |

SECTION V. ATTENDING VETERINARIAN SIGNATURE

The attending veterinarian must sign this Program of Veterinary Care if the animals include dogs or marine mammals.

1. PRINTED NAME

2. SIGNATURE

3. DATE

Privacy Act Notice

Authority: The Animal Welfare Act (AWA), 7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.*

Purpose: This system supports APHIS' administrative activities and enforcement of the AWA.

Routine Uses:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a (b) of the Privacy Act, records maintained in the system may be disclosed outside USDA as follows:

- 1) Records maintained under the proviso of this authority form an integral support network essential for the implementation and enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act, including licensing and registration of individuals, businesses, and research facilities, compliance with regulations and standards applicable under the Act, and annual reporting requirements of summary data as required by law.
- 2) Referral to the appropriate agency whether Federal, State, local or foreign, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting a violation of law, or of enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order issued pursuant thereto, of any record within this system when information available indicates a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program statute, or by rule, regulation or order issued pursuant thereto.
- 3) Disclosure to the Department of Justice for use in litigation when the agency, or any component thereof, or any employee of the agency in his or her official capacity, or any employee of the agency in his or her individual capacity where the Department of Justice has agreed to represent the employee, or the United States, where the agency determines that litigation is likely to affect the agency or any of its components, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and the use of such records by the Department of Justice is deemed by the agency to be relevant and necessary to the litigation; provided, however, that in each case, the agency determines that disclosure of the records to the Department of Justice is a use of the information contained in the records that is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.
- 4) Disclosure in a proceeding before a court or adjudicative body before which the agency is authorized to appear, when the agency, or any component thereof, of any employee of the agency in his or her official capacity, or any employee of the agency in his or her individual capacity where the agency has agreed to represent the employee, or the United States, where the agency determines that litigation is likely to affect agency or any of its components, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and the agency determines that use of such records is relevant and necessary to the litigation; provided, however, that in each case, the agency determines that disclosure of the records to the court is a use of the information contained in the records that is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.
- 5) Disclosure may be made to a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the congressional office made at the request of that individual.

Disclosure: Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to furnish this information may impede the veterinary care plan for your animal.