

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 have the authority and 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 and daily observations 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

Licensee/Registrant		Veterinarian
Name		Name
Business Name		Clinic Name
USDA License/Registration Number		State License Number
Mailing Address		Business Address
City, State, and Zip Code		City, State, and Zip Code
Home Telephone	Business Telephone	Business Telephone
Email Address		Email Address

Emergency Care - Describe provisions for emergency, weekend, and holiday care:

The veterinarian will conduct regular visits to all premises where animals are kept to assess and ensure the adequacy of veterinary care and other aspects of animal care and use at the following frequency (**REQUIRED FOR DOGS**: not less than once every 12 months):

Physical examinations will be performed at the following frequency (**REQUIRED FOR DOGS**: Hands-on physical exam at least once every 12 months; **REQUIRED FOR MARINE MAMMALS**: Visual exam at least once every 6 months; **CETACEANS & SIRENIANS** require physical exam at least once every 12 months):

SECTION II. ATTENDING VETERINARIAN SIGNATURE (REQUIRED FOR DOGS)

I have read and completed this Program of Veterinary Care and understand my responsibilities as an attending veterinarian. (9 CFR § 1.1)

Printed Name	Signature	Date
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**SECTION III. COVERED SPECIES**

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List all species for which this document applies:

**SECTION IV. VACCINATIONS**

List the species, disease, and frequency of vaccinations, for example, 2 doses 4 weeks apart or annually. More space is on page 4; if needed, attach additional pages.

SPECIES	DISEASE/PRODUCT	INITIAL SERIES	BOOSTER
Dogs (REQUIRED)	Rabies		
Dogs (REQUIRED)	Parvovirus		
Dogs (REQUIRED)	Distemper		

 Check if not applicable**SECTION V. DISEASE SURVEILLANCE & TESTING**List species with regular disease surveillance (e.g., *Tuberculosis*, *Brucellosis*), the method and frequency of testing. More space is on page 4; if needed, attach additional pages.

SPECIES	DISEASE	METHOD (blood, skin test)	FREQUENCY

**SECTION VI. PARASITES**

List the species and frequency of sampling and treatment for the types of parasites listed below. If more space is needed, attach additional pages.

**REQUIRED FOR DOGS (ADULTS AND PUPPIES):** schedule for sampling and treatment of fleas, heartworm, and intestinal parasites such as worms, *Coccidia*, and *Giardia*.

SPECIES	PARASITE TYPE	FREQUENCY OF SAMPLING e.g., 10% monthly	TREATMENT(S) List all products, doses, & frequencies
	Ectoparasites (fleas, ticks, mites, lice, flies)		
	Blood Parasites (heartworm, <i>Babesia</i> , <i>Ehrlichia</i> , other)		
	Intestinal Parasites (fecals, deworming)		

**SECTION VII. GROOMING & PREVENTIVE CARE**List the types and frequencies of preventive care and treatments for the categories below. **REQUIRED FOR DOGS:** A schedule for care and treatment to ensure healthy and unmatted hair coats, properly trimmed nails, clean & healthy eyes, ears, skin, and teeth. More space is on page 4; if needed, attach additional pages.

GROOMING CATEGORY	SCHEDULE (e.g., monthly or every 6 months)	TREATMENT(S) List all procedures, products, or tools used
Hair Coat / Feathers		
Nails / Hooves / Feet		
Dental / Beak Care		
Eyes & Ears		
Skin		
Other:		

**SECTION VIII. NUTRITION**

List nutritional requirements, specific diets, vitamins, or supplements for the categories of animals below. More space is on page 4; if needed, attach additional pages.

Neonates / Young	
Healthy / Maintenance	
Breeding / Nursing	
Geriatric / Special Needs	
Other:	

Check if not applicable

**SECTION IX. NEONATAL CARE / HAND REARING**

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List any special instructions for the care and handling of neonatal young, especially in the case of hand rearing. More space is on page 4; if needed, attach additional pages.

**SECTION X. ENRICHMENT, SPACE, EXERCISE**

Describe measures to provide environmental enhancement, behavioral enrichment, socialization, and other means to promote species-typical behaviors and psychological well-being. **SEPERATE PLAN REQUIRED FOR NONHUMAN PRIMATES & BIRDS:** optional forms are available to document Environment Enhancement Programs.

List considerations for species compatibility, stocking density, or other means to provide enough space for animals to exercise and make normal postural adjustments. **SEPERATE PLAN REQUIRED FOR DOGS:** optional APHIS Form 7013 Canine Exercise Plan is available. More space is on page 4; if needed, attach additional pages.

**SECTION XI. TREATMENTS FOR DISEASES & INJURIES**

Sick, diseased, injured, or lame animals shall be provided with appropriate veterinary care or euthanized. Licensees and registrants, in consultation with their attending veterinarians, can use appropriate methods to treat diseases and injuries. List medications authorized, their indications (e.g., as an anesthetic or to treat an infection) and instructions for use, including dose, route (e.g., oral, intravenous, into muscle, under the skin) and frequency. More space is on page 4; if needed, attach additional pages.

MEDICATION NAME	INDICATION/SPECIES	DOSE (per unit body weight)	ROUTE	FREQUENCY/DURATION	COMMENTS/REVERSAL

Describe applicable capture, restraint, or other handling methods to be used in the course of prevention, control, diagnosis, or treatment of diseases and injuries:

Check if not applicable

List other medical procedures (e.g., blood collection, tail docking/dewclaw removal, blood feather removal, crop flushing, dehorning) the licensee/registrant is authorized and has demonstrated proficiency to perform. Include instructions for the procedures along with pre-procedural and post-procedural care, describe training, or other comments. More space is on page 4; if needed, attach additional pages.

**EUTHANASIA** Licensees and registrants, in consultation with their attending veterinarians, can use methods of euthanasia that meet the definition of "euthanasia" in the Animal Welfare Act Regulations, which allow for the use of humane methods that either:

- o Produce rapid unconsciousness and subsequent death without evidence of pain or distress, OR
- o Use 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

Check if not applicable

Describe method(s) of euthanasia the licensee/registrant is authorized and has demonstrated proficiency to perform including instructions, drugs or anesthetics to be used, routes, dosages, and other details, training, or comments. More space is on page 4; if needed, attach additional pages.

Check if not applicable

**SECTION XII. TRANSPORTATION**

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Specify considerations such as temperature, ventilation, space, any sedatives or medications, or other means to ensure the health and well-being of animals during transport:

**SECTION XIII. BIOSECURITY**

Describe measures to prevent the introduction or to control spread of disease among animals at the facility. These may include, but not be limited to, quarantine/isolation, sanitization, pest control, use of personal protective equipment (PPE), and other infection control measures. Consider also listing zoonotic disease risks.

**SECTION XIV. WATER QUALITY**

List specific instructions for water quality standards, treatments, sampling & testing procedures, or other measures to ensure water supports health and well-being:

**SECTION XV. OTHER TOPICS**

Provide any additional information on topics not covered elsewhere on this form:

Species-Specific Diseases (pododermatitis, wet tail, etc.):

Species-Specific Behavioral Concerns:

Population Management / Genetics:

Reproductive Husbandry:

Necessary Facility, Personnel, Equipment, and Services

Other Topics:

**ADDITIONAL VACCINES**

SPECIES	DISEASE	INITIAL SERIES	BOOSTER

**ADDITIONAL TREATMENTS**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**