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As a future veterinarian, I believe extension of approval is very necessary for the protection of animals and assurance of proper care by owners, dealers, and employees of research facilities. Allowing the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to continue collecting data and documentation regarding inspections, licenses, and written records of veterinary care helps to ensure the standards established by the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) are met in various avenues of services that involve the care of animals. Additionally, APHIS has proposed to combine the AWA paperwork with the bird welfare paperwork (birds not bred for research). In my opinion, this is overall a positive change, as it will simplify the renewal cycle and increase efficiency in bookkeeping.

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