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As a veterinary student, I know how important it is to trace interstate travel of animals and ensure their health to prevent and control the spread of diseases. I think digitizing travel and medical records could be very helpful for making document submission easier and ensuring records are kept long-term and easily accessed when tracing any outbreaks. However, in addition to any new digital records, animals must still have a physical identification marker such as an ear tag as well to ensure that their identity can be accurately confirmed. Otherwise, the actual individual involved in an outbreak may be confused with another animal and digital records would become unreliable.

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