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I support APHIS collecting information on dogs that are being brought into the U.S. from areas where swine fever exists. This is important because bringing in sick dogs puts other dogs at risk. Not only that, but checking sick dogs can lead them to get the help they need. Dogs' safety and health are important to me because I have animals myself and I would support anything that keeps them safe. People should also be responsible for the animals they are bringing into the country. It is their job to ensure that these dogs are safe and that other animals are not being put at risk.

APHIS wants to count the requirement that people importing dogs complete a dog import record. This record has information about the dogs, where they are coming from and how they get into the U.S, and how their bedding was handled. APHIS is asking that this information be collected for another three years.

Collecting this information is helpful because it can help prevent African swine fever from entering the U.S. APHIS says it can come into contact with affected pigs and contaminated bedding. Looking into where dogs come from and how materials are dealt with can keep other animals safe. I do believe that APHIS should only be collecting information that is relevant and that dogs are not being abused while being checked for information. The agency says that respondents have gone down, but the responses and total hours have increased. I think APHIS should discuss why there are increases and decreases so that people can understand the reason why there are changes and people can decide if all information is necessary.

I recommend that this information be collected because it protects animals. However, I think APHIS should also focus on making this process easy for people moving the dogs because it's a hard job dealing with animals physically and emotionally.

Overall, I support APHIS collecting this information on dogs because it protects dogs and other animals from being exposed. Unnecessary information should not be collected, and what should be focused on is what matters and what keeps the animals safe. People who bring animals into the country have a responsibility to keep all animals safe.

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