
DEFINITIONS

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The singular form also signifies the plural.

Abuse (Physical)

a form of workplace violence which includes pushing, shoving, or hitting

Abuse (Verbal)

a form of workplace violence which includes yelling, swearing, or belligerent language meant to demean, intimidate, coerce, or threaten

Acclimated

accustomed to the prevailing climatic conditions

Acclimation

physiological adjustment of the animal to the prevailing climatic conditions

Act

the Act of August 24, 1966 (Pub. L. 89-544), (commonly known as the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act), as amended by the Act of December 24, 1970 (Pub. L. 91-579), (the Animal Welfare Act of 1970), the Act of April 22, 1976 (Pub. L. 94-279), (the Animal Welfare Act of 1976), and the Act of December 23, 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198), (the Food Security Act of 1985), and as it may be subsequently amended

Activity

for purposes of part 2, subpart C of this subchapter, those elements of research, testing, or teaching procedures that involve the care and use of animals

Administrative unit

the organizational or management unit at the departmental level of a research facility

Administrator

the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, or any other official of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to whom authority has been delegated to act in his stead

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| Ag Guide | “Guide for the Care and Use of Agricultural Animals in Agricultural Research and Teaching”, published by the Federation of Animal Science Societies, January 1999 edition |
| Ambient temperature | the air temperature surrounding the animal |
| Animal | any live or dead dog, cat, nonhuman primate, guinea pig, hamster, rabbit, or any other warm blooded animal, which is being used, or is intended for use for research, teaching, testing, experimentation, or exhibition purposes, or as a pet. This term excludes: birds, rats of the genus <i>Rattus</i> and mice of the genus <i>Mus</i> bred for use in research, and horses not used for research purposes and other farm animals, such as, but not limited to livestock or poultry, used or intended for use as food or fiber, or livestock or poultry used or intended for use for improving animal nutrition, breeding, management, or production efficiency, or for improving the quality of food or fiber. With respect to a dog, the term means all dogs, including those used for hunting, security, or breeding purposes. |
| Animal act | any performance of animals where such animals are trained to perform some behavior or action or are part of a show, performance, or exhibition |
| APHIS | the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture |
| APHIS, AC Regional Director | a veterinarian or his/her designee, employed by APHIS, who is assigned by the Administrator to supervise and perform the official work of APHIS in a given State or States. As used in part 2 of this subchapter, the APHIS, AC Regional Director shall be deemed to be the person in charge of the official work of APHIS in the State in which the dealer, exhibitor, research facility, intermediate handler, carrier, or operator of an auction sale has his/her principal place of business. |
| APHIS official | any person employed by the Department who is authorized to perform a function under the Act and the regulations in 9 CFR parts 1, 2, and 3 |
| Aquarium (Marine Mammal Exhibits) | a sea life exhibit housing a marine mammal(s) |
| Assault | a form of workplace violence which is any willful attempt or threat |

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| | to inflict injury upon another person, when coupled with an apparent present ability to do so, and/or any intentional display of force such as would give the victim reason to fear or expect immediate bodily harm |
| <i>Attempted inspection</i> | situation where no inspection was conducted because an authorized person was not available to accompany the inspector |
| Attending veterinarian | a person who has graduated from a veterinary school accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Council on Education, or has a certificate issued by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Education Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates, or has received equivalent formal education as determined by the Administrator; has received training and/or experience in the care and management of the species being attended; and who has direct or delegated authority for activities involving animals at a facility subject to the jurisdiction of the Secretary |
| Barrier | see "Public Barrier" |
| <i>Barrier facility</i> | a facility requiring special entry procedures above gowning, gloving and putting on a mask |
| <i>Brachiating species</i> | species of nonhuman primates that move around above the ground by arm-swinging |
| <i>Broker</i> | a person who functions as an intermediary between two or more parties in negotiating agreements, bargains or the like. Such person does not usually take actual physical possession or control of the animal(s), and does not usually hold the animal(s) in any facility. |
| <i>Buncher</i> | a person who collects dogs, cats or other regulated animals from random sources and supplies these animals to laboratory animal dealers |
| <i>Business days</i> | Monday through Friday |
| Business hours | a reasonable number of hours between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for legal Federal holidays, each week of the year, during which inspections by APHIS may be made |
| Business year | the 12-month period during which business is conducted, and may |

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| | be either on a calendar or fiscal-year basis |
| <i>Calendar year</i> | January 1 through December 31 |
| <i>Canceled/terminated license</i> | a license which has been deleted from the active list of licensees in LARIS. The license can no longer be used to conduct activities regulated under the Animal Welfare Act. |
| <i>Canceled/terminated registration</i> | a registration which has been deleted from the active list of registrants in LARIS. The registration can no longer be used to conduct activities regulated under the Animal Welfare Act. |
| <i>Carnival</i> | a temporary collection of amusement rides, booths, petting zoos and animal acts |
| <i>Carrier</i> | the operator of any airline, railroad, motor carrier, shipping line, or other enterprise which is engaged in the business of transporting any animals for hire |
| <i>Cat</i> | any live or dead cat (<i>Felis catus</i>) or any cat-hybrid cross |
| <i>Cetacean</i> | marine mammal order consisting of the whale, dolphin and porpoise |
| <i>Circus</i> | a traveling entity that has a grouping of animal acts and animal exhibitions that perform for the entertainment of the public |
| <i>Class "A" licensee (breeder)</i> | a person subject to the licensing requirements under part 2 and meeting the definition of a "dealer" (Sec. 1.1), and whose business involving animals consists only of animals that are bred and raised on the premises in a closed or stable colony and those animals acquired for the sole purpose of maintaining or enhancing the breeding colony |
| <i>Class "B" licensee</i> | a person subject to the licensing requirements under part 2 and meeting the definition of a "dealer" (Sec. 1.1), and whose business includes the purchase and/or resale of any animal. This term includes brokers, and operators of an auction sale, as such individuals negotiate or arrange for the purchase, sale, or transport of animals in commerce. Such individuals do not usually take actual physical possession or control of the animals, and do not usually hold animals in any facilities. A class "B" licensee may also exhibit animals as a minor part of the business. |
| <i>Class "C" licensee</i> | a person subject to the licensing requirements under part 2 and |

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| (exhibitor) | meeting the definition of an “exhibitor” (Sec. 1.1), and whose business involves the showing or displaying of animals to the public. A class “C” licensee may buy and sell animals as a minor part of the business in order to maintain or add to his animal collection. |
| Commerce | trade, traffic, transportation, or other commerce: (1) Between a place in a State and any place outside of such State, including any foreign country, or between points within the same State but through any place outside thereof, or within any territory, possession, or the District of Columbia; or (2) Which affects the commerce described in this part. |
| Compensation | receipt of goods, services, money, or other benefits |
| Complaint | a concern received by Animal Care that relates to regulated animals or activities |
| Conditioned animal | an animal which has been subjected to special care and treatment for sufficient time to stabilize, and where necessary, to improve its health |
| Contingency Plan | a written procedure that outlines the care, housing, removal or recapture of animals in the event of an emergency |
| Contract pound | a pound which is owned or operated by a person who has a legally binding agreement with a governmental entity |
| Coursing event | competitive dog event where the dogs chase a live animal, such as a raccoon, rabbit, or fox, or an inanimate object |
| Covered activity | an animal-use activity under the jurisdiction of the Animal Welfare Act |
| Covered animal | an animal species under the jurisdiction of the Animal Welfare Act, specifically all warm-blooded species, except as exempted by the Secretary of Agriculture |
| Criteria | factors that are used to determine if a general statement is met |

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| Dealer | any person who, in commerce, for compensation or profit, delivers for transportation, or transports, except as a carrier, buys, or sells, or negotiates the purchase or sale of: Any dog or other animal whether alive or dead (including unborn animals, organs, limbs, blood, serum, or other parts) for research, teaching, testing, experimentation, exhibition, or for use as a pet; or any dog at the wholesale level for hunting, security, or breeding purposes. This term does not include: A retail pet store, as defined in this section, unless such store sells any animals to a research facility, an exhibitor, or a dealer (wholesale); any retail outlet where dogs are sold for hunting, breeding, or security purposes; or any person who does not sell, or negotiate the purchase or sale of any wild or exotic animal, dog, or cat and who derives no more than \$500 gross income from the sale of animals other than wild or exotic animals, dogs, or cats, during any calendar year. |
| <i>Dedicated surgical facility</i> | a facility used only for surgery and which is operated and maintained under aseptic conditions |
| <i>Deficiency</i> | an item not in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act, or its regulations and standards |
| Department | the U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| Deputy Administrator | the Deputy Administrator for Animal Care (AC) or any other official of AC to whom authority has been delegated to act in his/her stead |
| Diurnal | periodic alternation between day and night |
| Dog | any live or dead dog (<i>Canis familiaris</i>) or any dog-hybrid cross |
| <i>Drive through zoo</i> | a facility with free roaming animals or animals housed in large enclosures contained within a perimeter fence and exhibited to the public who are restricted to enclosed moving vehicles |
| <i>Dry resting area (DRA)</i> | floor space adjacent to a pool where marine mammals may rest and engage in social activity |
| Dwarf hamster | any species of hamster such as the Chinese and Armenian species whose adult body size is substantially less than that attained by the Syrian or Golden species of hamsters |

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| Endangered species | those species defined in the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and as it may be subsequently amended |
| Euthanasia | the humane destruction of an animal accomplished by a method that produces rapid unconsciousness and subsequent death without evidence of pain or distress, or a method that utilizes anesthesia produced by an agent that causes painless loss of consciousness and subsequent death |
| Exemption | an approved exception to a regulation or standard |
| Exhibitor | any person (public or private) exhibiting any animals, which were purchased in commerce or the intended distribution of which affects commerce, or will affect commerce, to the public for compensation, as determined by the Secretary. This term includes carnivals, circuses, animal acts, zoos, and educational exhibits, exhibiting such animals whether operated for profit or not. This term excludes retail pet stores, horse and dog races, organizations sponsoring and all persons participating in State and county fairs, livestock shows, rodeos, field trials, coursing events, purebred dog and cat shows and any other fairs or exhibitions intended to advance agricultural arts and sciences as may be determined by the Secretary. |
| Exotic animal | any animal not identified in the definition of "animal" provided in this part that is native to a foreign country or of foreign origin or character, is not native to the United States, or was introduced from abroad. This term specifically includes animals such as, but not limited to, lions, tigers, leopards, elephants, camels, antelope, anteaters, kangaroos, and water buffalo, and species of foreign domestic cattle, such as Ankole, Gayal, and Yak. |
| Farm animal | any domestic species of cattle, sheep, swine, goats, llamas, or horses, which are normally and have historically, been kept and raised on farms in the United States, and used or intended for use as food or fiber, or for improving animal nutrition, breeding, management, or production efficiency, or for improving the quality of food or fiber. This term also includes animals such as rabbits, mink, and chinchilla, when they are used solely for purposes of meat or fur, and animals such as horses and llamas when used solely as work and pack animals. |
| Federal agency | an Executive agency as such term is defined in section 105 of title 5, |

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| | United States Code, and with respect to any research facility means the agency from which the research facility receives a Federal award for the conduct of research, experimentation, or testing involving the use of animals |
| Federal award | any mechanism (including a grant, award, loan, contract, or cooperative agreement) under which Federal funds are used to support the conduct of research, experimentation, or testing, involving the use of animals. The permit system established under the authorities of the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, are not considered to be Federal awards under the Animal Welfare Act. |
| Field study | a study conducted on free-living wild animals in their natural habitat. This term excludes any study that involves an invasive procedure, harms, or materially alters the behavior of an animal under study. |
| Fiscal year | any yearly period without regard to the calendar year at the end of which a firm, government, etc., determines its financial condition - same as "business year" |
| Floor | the lower or supporting surface of a structure |
| FOIA | Freedom of Information Act |
| Government-operated pound | a pound owned and operated by a State, county, city or local governmental agency |
| Handling | petting, feeding, watering, cleaning, manipulating, loading, crating, shifting, transferring, immobilizing, restraining, treating, training, working and moving, or any similar activity with respect to any animal |
| Harass | a form of workplace violence which is any repeated action or attempted action, which is intended to impede, fatigue, or exhaust another person |
| Haul out | exit from the water |
| Haul out area | floor space adjacent to a pool where marine mammals may rest and engage in social activity (same as dry resting area) |
| Hoofstock | any hoofed animal, such as deer, llama, sheep, pig, etc. |

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| Housing facility | any land, premises, shed, barn, building, trailer, or other structure or area housing or intended to house animals |
| Hybrid cross | an animal resulting from the crossbreeding between two different species or types of animals. Crosses between wild animal species, such as lions and tigers, are considered to be wild animals. Crosses between wild animal species and domestic animals, such as dogs and wolves or buffalo and domestic cattle, are considered to be domestic animals. |
| <i>ILAR Guide</i> | “Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals”, written by the Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources, National Research Council, published by the National Academy Press, 1996 edition |
| Impervious surface | a surface that does not permit the absorption of fluids. Such surfaces are those that can be thoroughly and repeatedly cleaned and disinfected, will not retain odors, and from which fluids bead up and run off or can be removed without their being absorbed into the surface material. |
| Indoor housing facility | any structure or building with environmental controls housing or intended to house animals and meeting the following three requirements: (1) It must be capable of controlling the temperature within the building or structure within the limits set forth for that species of animal, of maintaining humidity levels of 30 to 70 percent and of rapidly eliminating odors from within the building; and (2) It must be an enclosure created by the continuous connection of a roof, floor, and walls (a shed or barn set on top of the ground does not have a continuous connection between the walls and the ground unless a foundation and floor are provided); and (3) It must have at least one door for entry and exit that can be opened and closed (any windows or openings which provide natural light must be covered with a transparent material such as glass or hard plastic). |
| Intermediate handler | any person, including a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States or of any State or local government (other than a dealer, research facility, exhibitor, any person excluded from the definition of a dealer, research facility, or exhibitor, an operator of an auction sale, or a carrier), who is engaged in any business in which he receives custody of animals in connection with their |

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| | transportation in commerce |
| Inspector | any person employed by the Department who is authorized to perform a function under the Act and the regulations in 9 CFR parts 1, 2, and 3 |
| Isolation in regard to marine mammals | the physical separation of animals to prevent contact and a separate, non-common, water circulation and filtration system for the isolated animals |
| <i>Itinerary</i> | a list of a traveling exhibitor's scheduled exhibition dates and locations |
| <i>Kitten</i> | a cat 16 weeks of age or less |
| <i>LARIS</i> | License and Registration Information System |
| <i>Leased animal</i> | an animal used for regulated purposes by a licensee/registrant which is owned by another legal entity who is receiving compensation for its use |
| <i>Letter of Information</i> | a letter from the Regional Office to a licensee/registrant with a repeat or chronic noncompliance(s) which is intended to have a positive impact on compliance. Also referred to as an "LOI" |
| Licensed veterinarian | a person who has graduated from an accredited school of veterinary medicine or has received equivalent formal education as determined by the Administrator, and who has a valid license to practice veterinary medicine in some State |
| Licensee | any person licensed according to the provisions of the Act and the regulations in part 2 of this subchapter |
| <i>Location</i> | a group of animal housing facilities with the same address or on the same premises |
| <i>LOI</i> | see "Letter of Information" |
| <i>Maintenance Program</i> | a written plan which outlines procedures for ongoing repairs or replacement |
| Major operative procedure | any surgical intervention that penetrates and exposes a body cavity or any procedure which produces permanent impairment of physical or physiological functions |

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| <i>Marine mammal</i> | a mammal whose natural home is the sea, such as the whale, dolphin, porpoise, manatee, dugong, pinniped (walrus, seal, sea lion), sea otter and polar bear |
| Minimum horizontal dimension (MHD) | the diameter of a circular pool of water, or in the case of a square, rectangle, oblong, or other shape pool, the diameter of the largest circle that can be inserted within the confines of such a pool of water |
| Mobile or traveling housing facility | a transporting vehicle such as a truck, trailer, or railway car, used to house animals while traveling for exhibition or public education purposes |
| <i>Most probable number (MPN)</i> | term used in a standard water test to indicate the coliform count in a water sample |
| <i>Musth</i> | a period of high testosterone levels in male elephants characterized by aggressive behavior, pronounced secretions from the temporal gland, and an increase in sexual activity. In male camels, it is referred to as musth or rut. |
| Necropsy | an appropriate post-mortem examination (which complies with currently acceptable professional standards) of an animal which may include, but not be limited to, a systematic gross pathology examination (internal and external), appropriate microbiological cultures and histopathology of lesions, and other indicated tests, performed by or under the supervision of a veterinarian experienced with that species |
| <i>Nonagricultural/nonproduction animal</i> | an animal NOT used for traditional agricultural production purposes, such as for the production of food and fiber; for improvement of farm animal nutrition, breeding, management, or production efficiency; or for the improvement of the quality of food or fiber. Examples are dog, cat, or other pet animal. |
| Non-conditioned animal | an animal which has not been subjected to special care and treatment for sufficient time to stabilize, and where necessary, to improve its health |
| Nonhuman primate | any nonhuman member of the highest order of mammals including prosimians, monkeys, and apes |
| <i>On loan animal</i> | an animal whose physical location and custodial care has been |

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| | temporarily transferred to a licensee/registrant for regulated purposes |
| Operator of an auction sale | any person who is engaged in operating an auction at which animals are purchased or sold in commerce |
| Outdoor housing facility | any structure, building, land, or premise, housing or intended to house animals, which does not meet the definition of any other type of housing facility provided in the regulations, and in which temperatures cannot be controlled within set limits |
| Painful procedure as applied to any animal | any procedure that would reasonably be expected to cause more than slight or momentary pain or distress in a human being to which that procedure was applied, that is, pain in excess of that caused by injections or other minor procedures |
| Paralytic drug | a drug which causes partial or complete loss of muscle contraction and which has no anesthetic or analgesic properties, so that the animal cannot move, but is completely aware of its surroundings and can feel pain |
| <i>Partial inspection</i> | a focused inspection concentrating on a particular area of the regulations/standards or a specific non-compliant item |
| <i>Perimeter fence</i> | a secondary containment system surrounding the area or area of outdoor housing facilities where regulated animals are located |
| Person | any individual, partnership, firm, joint stock company, corporation, association, trust, estate, or other legal entity |
| Pet animal | any animal that has commonly been kept as a pet in family households in the United States, such as dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, and hamsters. This term excludes exotic animals and wild animals. |
| <i>Petting zoo</i> | a type of exhibit that normally includes direct contact between the public and the animals, including public handling and feeding of the animals. This type of exhibit usually involves small non-dangerous animals and/or farm animals. |
| <i>Pinniped</i> | order of marine mammal with all four limbs modified into flippers, such as the seal, sea lion and walrus |

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| <i>Pocket pet</i> | small, non-dangerous pet type mammal, such as, a flying squirrel, hedgehog, prairie dog, and sugar glider |
| <i>Policy</i> | an “interpretive rule” which clarifies or interprets an existing Animal Welfare Act regulation or standard |
| Positive physical contact | petting, stroking, or other touching, which is beneficial to the well-being of the animal |
| <i>Potable water</i> | water fit for human consumption |
| Pound or shelter | a facility that accepts and/or seizes animals for the purpose of caring for them, placing them through adoption, or carrying out law enforcement, whether or not the facility is operated for profit |
| <i>Prelicense inspection</i> | inspection conducted to determine compliance with the AWA regulations and standards prior to issuance of a USDA license |
| <i>Premises</i> | the land and any buildings upon it |
| Primary conveyance | the main method of transportation used to convey an animal from origin to destination, such as a motor vehicle, plane, ship, or train |
| Primary enclosure | any structure or device used to restrict an animal or animals to a limited amount of space, such as a room, pen, run, cage, compartment, pool, or hutch |
| <i>Private pound</i> | a pound not owned or operated by a governmental entity |
| <i>Public barrier</i> | a fence, wall or other structure which controls direct contact between the public and an animal |
| <i>Puppy</i> | a dog 16 weeks of age or less |
| <i>Qualified Handler</i> | a person with demonstrable knowledge and skill in currently accepted professional standards and techniques in animal training and handling |
| Random source | dogs and cats obtained from animal pounds or shelters, auction sales, or from any person who did not breed and raise them on his or her premises |
| <i>RBIS</i> | Risk-based Inspection System |

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| <i>Registered Exhibitor</i> | a noncommercial exhibitor who does not charge admission and exhibits only animals native to the area, such as a municipal deer park |
| Registrant | any research facility, carrier, intermediate handler, or exhibitor not required to be licensed under section 3 of the Act, registered pursuant to the provisions of the Act and the regulations in part 2 of this subchapter |
| <i>Regulated activity</i> | an activity that is controlled or directed under Title 9 CFR Subchapter A |
| <i>Regulated animal</i> | an animal as defined in 9 CFR Subchapter A Part 1 |
| <i>Reinspection</i> | a follow-up inspection conducted to ensure that noncompliant items have been corrected |
| <i>Renewal time period</i> | the time period between the receipt of the USDA license renewal packet by the licensee and the expiration date of the current license |
| <i>Research</i> | use of live animals for the primary purpose of gathering data which will eventually be processed, evaluated or disseminated to a specific group or population that needs or wants the information gathered. In the Inspection Guides, the term “research” is used to denote research, testing, experimentation, and teaching. |
| Research facility | any school (except an elementary or secondary school), institution, organization, or person that uses or intends to use live animals in research, tests, or experiments, and that (1) purchases or transports live animals in commerce, or (2) receives funds under a grant, award, loan, or contract from a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States for the purpose of carrying out research, tests, or experiments: Provided, That the Administrator may exempt, by regulation, any such school, institution, organization, or person that does not use or intend to use live dogs or cats, except those schools, institutions, organizations, or persons, which use substantial numbers (as determined by the Administrator) of live animals the principal function of which schools, institutions, organizations, or persons, is biomedical research or testing, when in the judgment of the Administrator, any such exemption does not vitiate the purpose of the Act. |

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| Retail pet store | any outlet where only the following animals are sold or offered for sale, at retail, for use as pets: dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, rats, mice, gophers, chinchilla, domestic ferrets, domestic farm animals, birds, and cold blooded species. Such definition excludes--(1) Establishments or persons who deal in dogs used for hunting, security, or breeding purposes; (2) Establishments or persons exhibiting, selling, or offering to exhibit or sell any wild or exotic or other non-pet species of warm-blooded animals (except birds), such as skunks, raccoons, nonhuman primates, squirrels, ocelots, foxes, coyotes, etc.; (3) Any establishment or person selling warm-blooded animals (except birds, and laboratory rats and mice) for research or exhibition purposes; and (4) Any establishment wholesaling any animals (except birds, rats and mice). (5) Any establishment exhibiting pet animals in a room that is separate from or adjacent to the retail pet store, or in an outside area, or anywhere off the retail pet store premises. |
| Retail sales | the direct sale to an individual for that person's own use |
| Revoked license | a license which has been rescinded by a legal decision |
| Roadside zoo | exhibitions geared toward the tourist trade. They may be seasonal and/or located near major tourist traffic routes. A roadside zoo may be a small zoo, animal act or petting zoo. |
| Routine inspection | a periodic, unannounced inspection conducted to determine compliance with the AWA regulations and standards |
| Sanitize | to make physically clean and to remove and destroy, to the maximum degree that is practical, agents injurious to health |
| Search | an investigation to determine if a regulated activity is being conducted by an unlicensed person |
| Secretary | the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States or his/her representative who shall be an employee of the Department |
| Shelter | a natural or man-made structure which an animal can use for refuge or protection from adverse conditions |

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| Sheltered housing facility | a housing facility which provides the animals with shelter; protection from the elements; and protection from temperature extremes at all times. A sheltered housing facility may consist of runs or pens totally enclosed in a barn or building, or of connecting inside/outside runs or pens with the inside pens in a totally enclosed building. |
| Significant deficiency | a noncompliance with the AWA or its regulations and standards which is or may be a threat to the health and safety of an animal |
| Sirenian | marine mammal order consisting of the manatee and dugong |
| Site | all locations where regulated activities are conducted within a 35 mile radius of a facility's headquarters |
| Standards | the requirements with respect to the humane housing, exhibition, handling, care, treatment, temperature, and transportation of animals by dealers, exhibitors research facilities, carriers, intermediate handlers, and operators of auction sales as set forth in part 3 of this subchapter |
| State | a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, or any other territory or possession of the U.S. |
| Survival surgery | any surgery in which an animal regains consciousness either during or after the operative procedure |
| Suspended license | a USDA license which has been rescinded for a specific period of time by a legal decision |
| Terminated/canceled license | a license which has been deleted from the active list of licensees in LARIS. The license can no longer be used to conduct activities regulated under the Animal Welfare Act. |
| Threat | a form of workplace violence which is any oral or written expression or physical movement that is interpreted by a reasonable person as conveying an intent to place that person in fear of bodily injury to him/herself or to a third party |
| TRA | site designation for an inspection conducted on-the-road |

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| Transporting device | an interim vehicle or device, other than man, used to transport an animal between the primary conveyance and the terminal facility or in and around the terminal facility of a carrier or intermediate handler |
| Transporting vehicle | any truck, car, trailer, airplane, ship, or railroad car used for transporting animals |
| <i>Traveling exhibitor</i> | a person who exhibits his/her animals on-the-road |
| <i>Valid license</i> | a USDA license in good standing and legally effective |
| <i>Variance</i> | an approved exemption from the regulations or standards |
| <i>Violence</i> | a form of workplace violence which is any act (verbal, written, chemical or physical aggression) or attempted act which is intended to control or cause, or is capable of causing, death or serious bodily injury to oneself or others or damage to property |
| Weaned | an animal that has become accustomed to taking solid food and has done so, without nursing, for a period of at least 5 days |
| <i>Wholesale</i> | the sale of an animal to an individual or business for the purpose of being resold |
| Wild animal | any animal which is now or historically has been found in the wild, or in the wild state, within the boundaries of the United States, its territories, or possessions. This term includes, but is not limited to, animals such as: deer, skunk, opossum, raccoon, mink, armadillo, coyote, squirrel, fox, wolf. |
| Wild state | living in its original, natural condition; not domesticated |
| <i>Workplace violence</i> | any abusive behavior (verbal or physical), harassment, assault or threats against a USDA employee by licensees, registrants, applicants, co-workers or any other persons which may occur in the course of the employee's duties |
| Zoo | any park, premises, building, cage, enclosure, or other structure in which a live animal is kept for public exhibition or viewing, regardless of compensation |
