# ANIMAL PRIZE EXHIBITOR INSPECTION

An exhibitor who gives away regulated animals as prizes, such as at a fair or carnival, must meet all applicable regulations and standards, including the transportation standards.

### **Definition**

Typically, these are carnival games giving away small mammals to attract people to play the game.

The small mammals usually given as prizes include:

- rabbits
- hamsters
- guinea pigs
- gerbils

NOTE: If you find an exhibitor giving away regulated animals other than small mammals, contact your SACS.

### **Exemption**

Churches, clubs or civic organizations raffling an animal as a fund raiser are not required to have a license.

## **Conducting** the Inspection

When inspecting the exhibitor on the road, some specific items to evaluate include, but are not limited to:

- transport cages and transport vehicle
- animal housing during exhibit
- animal housing when not on exhibit
- protection of animals from heat, sun, or inclement weather
- handling of the animals
- food storage
- watering and water availability

### Records

*Acquisition Records* [2.75(b)(1)]

Records of **all** animals must contain the following:

- name of the seller/donor
- complete address of the seller/donor
- USDA license or registration number if seller/donor is USDA licensed or registered

- if seller/donor is **not** USDA licensed or registered, then:
  - vehicle license number and State of issuance, and
  - driver's license number and State of issuance, or
  - State-issued photographic ID card number for nondrivers and State of issuance (see below)
- date animal was acquired
- species
- number of animals in the shipment, if applicable

If the vehicle license number and driver's license number or photographic ID card number cannot be obtained, the acquisition record must contain:

- an acceptable reason for not obtaining this information, AND
- at least two of the following:
  - social security number
  - > phone number
  - directions to the premises of the seller/donor

### Disposition Records [2.75(b)(1)]

Records of **all** animals must contain the following information:

- date animal(s) was given away or disposed of, including euthanasia
- number of animals
- species

**NOTE:** The name and address of the person receiving the animal is not required.

The APHIS Form 7019 - Record of Animals on Hand (Other than Dogs or Cats) or APHIS Form 7020 - Record of Acquisition, Disposition, or Transport of Animals (Other than Dogs or Cats) may be used to record and maintain the required information. (See pages 8.1.4 and 8.1.5)

Acquisition and disposition records must be held and available for inspection for one year after an animal is disposed of or euthanized. [2.80, 2.126(a)(2)]

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These records must be kept and maintained for more than one year if: [2.80(b)]

- necessary to comply with any applicable Federal, State, or local law
- the APHIS Administrator notifies the exhibitor in writing that specified records must be retained pending completion of an investigation

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