

**STOLEN
ANIMALS**

No person may obtain, sell, or use a stolen animal for any activity regulated by the Animal Welfare Act. [2.38(k)(3)]

A stolen animal may NOT be:

- acquired
- purchased
- sold
- used for research
- offered for transport
- transported

If you (the inspector) are suspicious about the source of an animal, you should:

- obtain the source of the animal
- collect pertinent information about the animal such as:
 - ▶ date of acquisition
 - ▶ species/breed/type
 - ▶ sex
 - ▶ age/date of birth
 - ▶ identification number from tag, tattoo, microchip, ear tag, etc.
 - ▶ color and markings
- check the “Missing Pet Network” website at:
 - ▶ www.aphis.usda.gov/ac
 - ▶ www.missingpet.net
- conduct a traceback to the original owner of the animal

If you discover that the animal may be a missing or stolen animal, contact your SACS.

