VETERINARY CARE RECORDS

An exhibitor must maintain records relating to the veterinary care of his/her animals.

Required Records

An exhibitor must maintain the following veterinary care records for all regulated animals, **when applicable**:

- written Program of Veterinary Care for part-time or consulting attending veterinarian [2.40(a)(1)]
- attending veterinarian approved exceptions/exemptions to the regulations/standards
- acclimation statements for transportation

Species Specific

Dogs & Cats

In addition to the required records listed above, the following veterinary care records are required for dogs and cats, when applicable:

- exercise plan for dogs [3.8]
- outdoor housing approval [3.4(a)]
- health certificate for transport [2.78(a)]

Nonhuman Primates

In addition to the required records listed above, the following veterinary care records are required for nonhuman primates, when applicable:

- environmental enhancement plan [3.81]
- outdoor housing approval [3.78(a)]
- health certificates for transport [2.78(a)]

Marine Mammals

In addition to the required records listed above, the following veterinary care records are required for marine mammals, when applicable:

- water quality records [3.106]
- individual marine mammal health records [3.110(d)]
- necropsy records [3.110(g)]
- health certificates for transport [3.112(a)]

Recommended Records

An exhibitor should maintain the following records as a part of good animal husbandry practices:

- health records
- surgery records
- necropsy records
- large felids non-commercial diet approval by attending veterinarian [Policy #25]
- elephant TB test records
- TB treatment records for elephants
- proof that all attendants, handlers, and/or trainees are being TB tested. NOTE: You do not have to review the TB test results.

NOTE: These records are not specifically required by the AWA regulations and standards, except for marine mammals. Therefore, a lack of any of these records or inadequacy of these records may not be cited as a stand-alone violation, except for marine mammals.

The citation of inadequate veterinary care for a sick animal may include a reference to the lack or inadequacy of veterinary care records, if appropriate.

Additional non-required records which may be helpful in assessing veterinary care include, but are not limited to:

- animal logs
- standards operating procedures, if available
- room maintenance logs
- cage wash validation sheets

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