

**NON-APHIS
INSPECTION
FOR MISSING
ANIMALS**

An exhibitor must make his/her facility and records available for the purpose of searching for missing animals. [2.128]

The facility and records must be available:

- during normal business hours
- upon request by:
 - police officers
 - officers of other law enforcement agencies, such as:
 - sheriffs
 - marshals
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials
 - Office of Inspector General officials

An exhibitor **is** required by the AWA and its regulations to allow police or other law officer(s) access to his/her facility if the officer meets **all** of the following conditions:

- the request for access is made during normal business hours
- the exhibitor is furnished with a written description of the animal and the name and address of the owner before the search
- the officer complies with routine security measures required by the exhibitor, such as the use of masks, protective clothing and footwear, to prevent the spread of disease, or the escape of any animals

An exhibitor is **not** required by the AWA to allow access to his/her facility by agencies limited to enforcement of local animal regulations, such as:

- humane societies
- court-appointed humane investigators
- animal control officers
- private investigators