REGULATED ACTIVITIES

The Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulates the use of animals for research, tests, experiments and teaching. [1.1, Policy #10 & #16]

Registration

A USDA registration is required by any research facility engaging in regulated activities using covered animals, except when exempted by the Administrator by regulation.

Regulated activities include the following:

- the use or intent to use live regulated animals in:
 - research
 - tests
 - experiments
 - teaching
- the inoculation and selection of animals for the production of antibodies or antisera
- acquiring live animals for immediate euthanasia for tissue harvesting
- field studies that:
 - involve an invasive procedure
 - harm a live animal
 - materially alter an animal's behavior
- the surgical alteration of animals by a dealer as a necessary part of a proposed animal activity at a research facility.
 Note: Dealer must register as a research facility or the dealer's facility must be listed as a site of the research facility.
- genetically engineering regulated animals

NOTE: Certain regulated activities using cloned animals may require licensing. See page 3.1.2.

Licensed Exhibitors [Policy #10]

If a licensed exhibitor is conducting any of the following activities, he/she must also be registered as a research facility and meet all of the applicable standards and regulations:

- biomedical research (using animals as models for human applications)
- conducting invasive or painful/distressful procedures for

non-husbandry purposesany research on domestic dogs and cats

Exemptions

The following activities are exempt from the registration requirement:

- research using only non-covered or non-regulated animals
- research using only dead animals or parts of dead animals
 [1.1]
- research on veterinary products for use only in agricultural animals [Policy #26]
- manufacturing of veterinary products for use only in agricultural animals [Policy #26]
- producing pregnant mare urine (PMU) [Policy #10]
- harvesting of normal blood or sera [Policy #10]
- collection of data by licensed exhibitors on animals with the intent of improving their nutrition, breeding, management or care. The methods used to collect data must: [Policy #10]
 - be performed as an adjunct to normal husbandry or veterinary procedures
 - ▶ be non-invasive
 - not cause pain or distress
 - not use domestic dogs or cats

Licensing

Research facilities, other than State universities or colleges, may require licensing as a dealer or broker if they:

- sell antibodies or antisera [Policy #10]
- sell regulated animals born at the research facility for regulated purposes
- wholesale regulated animals for regulated purposes
- clone animals which are to be utilized for regulated purposes
 [Policy #10]
- sell cloned animals for regulated purposes [Policy #10]

If you encounter one of these situations and have questions, contact your SACS.