

USDA Horse Protection Program

THERMOGRAPHY PROTOCOL

For the 2008 show season, USDA APHIS will incorporate the use of thermography as a part of the inspection process to determine if horses are in compliance with the Horse Protection Act.

Thermography evaluations will be used only to gather information in order to further validate the data collected during the seminar in 2007.

The data collected will not be analyzed at the show nor will the results will be provided at the show. Therefore, USDA will not assess penalties or initiate cases based on thermography evaluations.