

Veterinary Services Updates the Online Features of the Veterinary Services Process Streamlining System

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Veterinary Services (VS) program has updated the online features of its Veterinary Services Process Streamlining (VSPS) system. The newest version of the VSPS will be available to accredited veterinarians, laboratories and state and federal regulatory officials on April 13, 2009. Web-based training is tentatively scheduled for the week of April 27.

Accredited veterinarians use the VSPS to create online Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and laboratory specimen submission forms for equine infectious anemia (EIA) (VS 10-11). There is no fee for the use of this system. To date, approximately 3.2 million animals have been recorded on CVIs generated by the VSPS system. There are 46 EIA laboratories registered with the VSPS that directly enter test results to complete VS 10-11 submissions. The system accepts all forms of identification including: digital photos, premises ID and radio frequency identification. A list of animal IDs can be uploaded into the VSPS from a spreadsheet or text file.

VS officials updated and enhanced the VSPS system based on customer feedback. With the system updates, users can now:

- Decrease their data entry time by copying saved CVIs and lab submissions to create new documents.
- Streamline their data entry process by entering animal records directly to a CVI and laboratory submission.
- Allow the sharing of client animal records and address book records.
- Select a default laboratory, eliminating the need to select a laboratory from a large list of values.
- Take advantage of other additional features that save data entry time and increase the ease of using the VSPS.

The upcoming Web-based training is easy to access and requires a phone and a computer with Internet access. For more information about VSPS training or the new release, please contact Dr. Jamie Snow at Jamie.L.Snow@aphis.usda.gov.

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