

REGULATED FACILITIES	Certain facilities conducting research are regulated under the Animal Welfare Act. [1.1]
	<p>A facility conducting regulated research activities on regulated animals is required to be registered as a research facility.</p> <p>A facility includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school (see exemptions below) • institution • organization • person <p>Veterinary technician training programs must be registered if the facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • owns and houses regulated animals • conducts regulated procedures or research on regulated animals, regardless of who owns or houses the animals <p>Note: See exemption criteria below.</p> <p>Licensed exhibitors must be registered as a research facility and meet all of the applicable standards and regulations if they conduct any of the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • biomedical research (using animals as models for human applications) • conducting invasive or painful/distressful procedures for non-husbandry purposes • any research on domestic dogs and cats
Exemptions	<p>The following facilities are exempt from the registration requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • elementary schools [1.1] • secondary schools [1.1] • research facilities using only non-covered animals [1.1] • Federal research facilities <p>NOTE: Federal research facilities must establish an IACUC and comply with Section 2.31. However, the IACUC reports deficiencies to the head of the Federal agency. [2.37]</p>

- veterinary technician training programs that meet the following criteria:
 - ▶ all the regulated animals used are client-owned (private citizen or shelter/pound)
 - ▶ the procedures are accepted veterinary or husbandry practices
 - ▶ the students are under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian
 - ▶ there is a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship

A facility conducting research on a minimal number of animals other than dogs and cats may request an exemption from the registration requirement. The exemption request must:

- be in writing
- contain the details of the protocol
- justify why an exemption should be granted
- explain how the design of the protocol meets the intent of the AWA
- contain information on the facility's past and possibly future research activities
- give the name of any Federal funding source, if applicable
- be sent to the appropriate Animal Care Regional Office