

# APHIS Veterinary Services: Helping Native Americans Protect Their Livestock and Fisheries



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**T**he Veterinary Services (VS) program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is dedicated to protecting the health of agricultural animals from coast to coast and to fostering safe animal trade worldwide. APHIS-VS is eager to help Native American communities maintain and promote their valuable livestock and fisheries, keeping them free of disease and pests through technical and emergency training, outreach activities, and consultations that ensure APHIS initiatives respect Native American cultural heritage and values.

Here's some of what APHIS-VS can do for you:

- ▲ **Survey** and test for diseases that can affect animals and aquatic life on or near Native American lands, including brucellosis, tuberculosis, scrapie, and viral hemorrhagic septicemia
- ▲ **Prevent** diseases and pests from harming livestock herds and fisheries by holding rabies vaccination clinics, restricting movement of potentially diseased animals in interstate or international transit, conducting collaborative disease investigations, and providing training on foreign animal diseases

- ▲ **Prepare** Native American communities to respond to animal disease and pest emergencies by developing emergency response plans, taking part in full-scale drills, participating in National Veterinary Stockpile activities, creating a database of community animals, and other measures
- ▲ **Provide** information on animal traceability and other animal disease program regulations dealing with chronic wasting disease, pseudorabies, scrapie, tuberculosis, and other diseases
- ▲ **Teach** Native American youth and offer work experiences through summer internship and training programs

## *For More Information*

Please visit the APHIS Web site at [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov) for more information about our animal health programs. For specific questions about how APHIS-VS can assist your communities, please contact National Tribal Liaison Terry Clark at (301) 440-4388 or [terry.w.clark@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:terry.w.clark@aphis.usda.gov).

*APHIS works closely with Native American communities to help protect their agricultural resources.*

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