



What is the Animal Welfare Information Center?

The Animal Welfare Information Center (AWIC) is part of the National Agricultural Library (NAL), which is located in Beltsville, Maryland. The Center was established in December 1986 as mandated by amendments to the Animal Welfare Act. It is the focal point for those interested in obtaining information or publications covering many aspects of animal welfare. The center serves many types of users, including: laboratory technicians, veterinarians, animal care committee members, administrators, researchers, and private citizens. AWIC can help these people and others interested in learning more about methods for the humane care, use, and handling of animals in research, testing, and education.

AWIC Services

The Information Center staff combines subject expertise, state-of-the-art technology, and networking to assist users in meeting their ever-expanding needs for information. The staff can assist you in alternatives searching, finding answers to specific questions or in beginning a more extensive research program. The Center maintains an up to date web site (<http://www.nal.usda.gov/awic>) in which all AWIC publications, current news and issues, alternatives searching, databases, workshop information and animal welfare legislative information can be found.



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AWIC Web Site:

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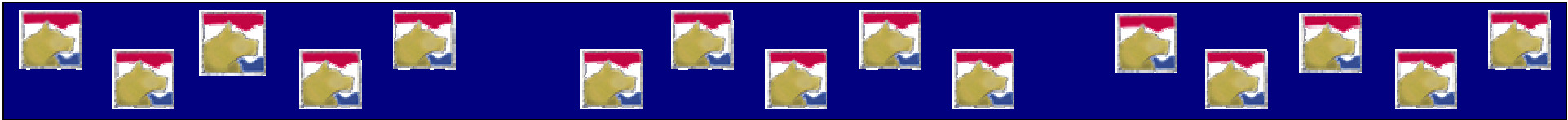


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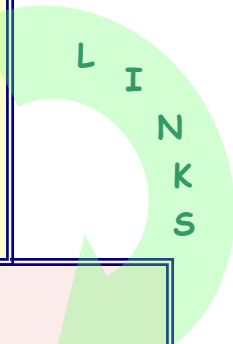


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Companion Animals	AWIC Workshops	Additional Links	APHIS Animal Care	



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Hot Topics	Hot topics, issues and publications relating to farm, laboratory and exhibition animals.	Lab Animal	Resources about laboratory animals used in biomedical research including legislation, publications, training, meetings, organizations, etc.
News	New Publications from AWIC, animal related hot topics, press releases, news articles, reports, etc.	Farm Animals	Resources about farm animals used in biomedical or agricultural research, including policies, guidelines, publications, meetings, etc.
Government & Legal Resources	Federal, international, and professional society animal care and use laws, regulations, guidelines, and policies.	Zoos, Circuses, & Wildlife	Links to websites relating to zoos, circuses, and wildlife in captivity.
AWIC Bulletin	AWIC Bulletin (formerly Newsletter). Animal care articles, legislation updates, and announcements.	Companion Animals	Links to websites relating to pets and other companion animals.
Publications	AWIC publications including animal care information resources, audiovisual catalog, proceedings, manuals, non-AWIC animal care and use documents, and document delivery information.	AWIC Workshops	The web versions of the AWIC workshop, Meeting the Information Requirements of the Animal Welfare Act, with registration information for the hands-on workshop held at the National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland.
Databases	Web-based and fee for service databases useful in searching for alternatives or animal care and use information.	Additional Links	Links to websites relating to animal welfare, care and use including journals and newsletters.
Alternatives & Literature Searches	Methods, guidelines, training, databases, organizations, thesaurus, literature searches related to alternatives for animal use.	APHIS Animal Care	USDA, APHIS Animal Care is the office that develops regulations and enforces the Animal Welfare Act. Contains regulatory information, registration and licensing policies, and reports.

