# **DOGS & CATS**

Each research facility must make, keep, and maintain records or forms for all live dogs and cats which disclose required information on acquisitions, dispositions, births, and deaths. [2.35]

#### **Criteria:**

Records must be kept on live dogs/cats which are: [2.35(b) & (c)]

- purchased or otherwise acquired such as donations
- owned
- held
- in the research facility's possession or control
- transported
- euthanized
- sold or otherwise disposed of
- offspring born of any dog/cat in the research facility's possession or control

## Acquisition

The record of acquisition for each live dog and cat must contain the following information:

- name and complete address of the seller or donor [2.35(b)(1)]
- USDA license or registration number if seller/donor is USDA licensed or registered [2.35(b)(2)]
- vehicle license number and driver's license number and State of issuance of each if seller/donor is **not** USDA licensed or registered [2.35(b)(3)] (see next page)
- date animal was acquired through: [2.35(b)(4)]
  - birth
  - purchase
  - donation
  - transfer
  - breeding loan
  - exchange
- official USDA tag, tattoo, or microchip number, if applicable [2.35(b)(5)] NOTE: If the microchip is located in a different location from where the research facility places its microchips, the location of the microchip must be noted in the animal's record.
- any identification number or mark assigned to the dog or cat by the research facility [2.35(b)(7)]

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- a description of each animal [2.35(b)(6)]
- the species and breed or type [2.35(b)(6)(i)]
- the sex [2.35(b)(6)(ii)]
- date of birth or approximate age [2.35(b)(6)(iii)]
- the color and any distinctive markings [2.35(b)(6)(iv]

If the vehicle license number and driver's license number cannot be obtained, the record must contain:

- an acceptable reason for not obtaining this information, and
- at least two of the following:
  - social security number
  - phone number
  - directions to the premises of the seller/donor
  - official identification card number

Records of acquisition may be kept and maintained on: [2.35(d)(1)]

- APHIS Form 7005-Record of Acquisition and Dogs and Cats on Hand (see page 14.2.4), and
- APHIS Form 7001-The USDA Interstate and International Certificate of Health Examination for Small Animals (see page 13.4.3)

#### **Disposition**

The record of disposition for each live dog and cat must contain the following information:

- name and complete address of the buyer or person to whom the animal was transported to or given [2.35(c)(1)]
- date animal was disposed of through: [2.35(c)(2)]
  - death, including euthanasia
    - sale
    - donation
    - transfer
    - breeding loan
    - exchange
- the method of transportation, if applicable, including: [2.75(c)(3)]
  - name of the initial carrier or intermediate handler, or
  - name of the owner of the privately owned vehicle

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Records of disposition may be kept and maintained on: [2.35(d)(2)]

- APHIS Form 7006 Record of Disposition of Dogs and Cats (see page 14.2.6), and
- APHIS Form 7001-The USDA Interstate and International Certificate of Health Examination for Small Animals (see page 13.4.3)

### All Records

A copy of the record containing all the required acquisition and disposition information must: [2.35(e)]

- be kept by the research facility
- accompany each shipment of a live dog/cat
- given to the receiver of each animal **NOTE**: Record accompanying the shipment or given to the receiver does not have to contain the source and date of acquisition of the dog/cat, except as required for random source dogs and cats.

Records must be held for 3 years after an animal is disposed of or euthanized. [2.35(f)]

Records must be kept and maintained for more than 3 years if: [2.35(f)]

- necessary to comply with any applicable Federal, State, or
- the APHIS Administrator notifies the research facility, in writing, that specified records must be retained pending completion of an investigation or proceeding. NOTE: The APHIS Administrator will inform the research

facility, in writing, when the records may be disposed of.

Records must be available for inspection and copying by: [2.35(f)]

- any APHIS official
- any Federal funding agency representative

#### APHIS inspectors will:

- maintain the confidentiality of the information
- not remove the records from the research facility's premises
  - there has been an alleged violation

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	the records are needed to investigate a possible
	violation
	the records are needed for enforcement purposes

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