CONFISCATION PROCEDURES

Any animal not currently being used for research and found by an APHIS official to be suffering as a result of failure to comply with the AWA regulations and standards may be confiscated and euthanized. [2.38 and Policy #8]

Criteria

Before confiscating any animal, the APHIS official must:

- 1) make a reasonable effort to notify the research facility of the condition of the animal [2.38(e)(1)]
- 2) request that the condition be corrected by [2.38(e)(1)]
 - adequate care being given, or
 - euthanasia of the animal
- 3) if the research facility cannot be located or notified, [2.38(e)(2)]
 - contact local police or other law officers to accompany him/her to the premises
 - provide adequate temporary care for the animal

If the research facility refuses to comply with this request or the condition cannot be corrected by temporary care, the APHIS official may confiscate the animal following Policy #8 - *Guidelines* for the Confiscation and Destruction of Animals. [2.38(e)(1)& (e)(2]

Confiscated animals may be: [2.38(e)(3)]

- placed, by sale or donation, with other USDA registered research facilities or licensed dealers that:
 - comply with the AWA regulations and standards, and
 - can provide proper care, or
- euthanized

The research facility from which the animals were confiscated is responsible for all costs incurred in the placement or euthanasia of the animals. [2.38(e)(3)]

ANIMAL CARE 8.4.1