

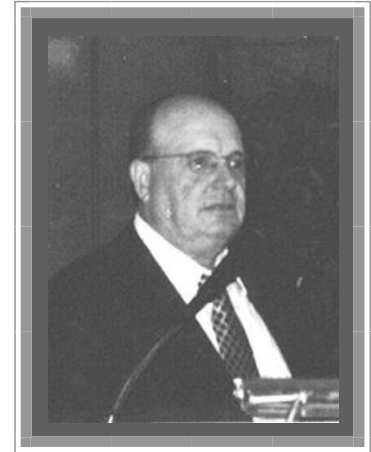
## Dr. Jerry DEPOYSTER, USDA/APHIS/Animal Care

### *“USDA’s Animal Care Overview*

Dr. Jerry DePoyster’s presentation will focus on a brief history and overview of USDA’s Animal Care including what animals and businesses are covered by the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), what aspects of animal care are mandated by the AWA and how the Animal Welfare is enforced.

It will also include an update on specific transportation issues such as:

- o Animal Incident reporting required by the Department of Transportation (DOT)
- o Regulation of non-domestic air carriers while in the USA
- o Acclimation Certificates for dogs and cats
- o And minimum age of transportation for exotic and wild animals



Dr. Jerry DePoyster is a true blue southerner practically raised in the swamps of Mississippi. He is much more at home in the bayous than in Washington. However, as fate may have it, he is a Senior Veterinary Medical Officer on the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal Care. Animal Care is a unit of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) which, in general, is concerned mostly with animal and plant disease eradication. For about 27 years he has worked for USDA, with the last 13 in USDA’s Animal Care Unit. His responsibilities on staff include, among many, the implementation of the Animal Welfare Act as it pertains to animals in transportation. He is a graduate of Auburn Alabama Veterinary School and also has a degree in Medical Technology.

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