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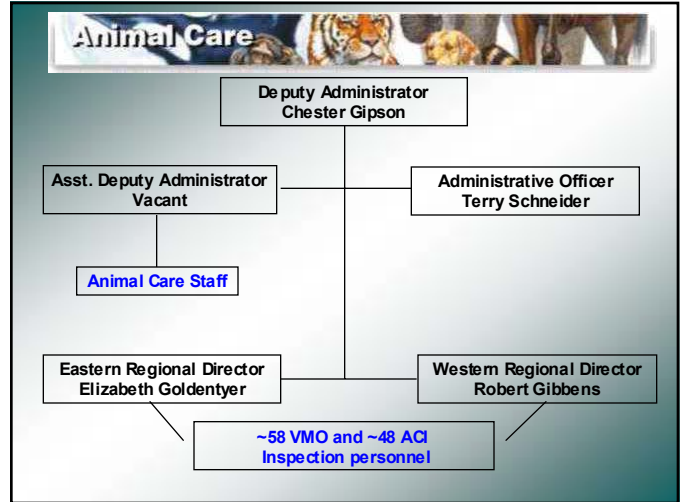
Animal Care Beginnings



- Dalmatian named "Pepper" stolen by dog dealer and found in research
- "Life" and "Sports Illustrated" magazines carried this story which led to a Public Outcry which then led the passing of the "Laboratory Animal Welfare Act" of 1966
- 1966 Act regulated dealers who handle dogs and cats, as well as laboratories that use dogs, cats, hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits, or nonhuman primates in research

Animal Care Thru the Years

- Veterinary Services (VS) -- 1966 to 1988
- REAC -- 1988 – 1996
 - Regulatory Enforcement / Animal Care
- Animal Care (1996 to Present)



Animal Welfare Act (AWA)

- Provides for the humane care and treatment of “animals” in regulated activities
- What is an “animal” in the AWA?

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Definition of Animal



- Any live or dead dog, cat, nonhuman primate, guinea pig, hamster, rabbit, or any other warmblooded animal, which is being used, or is intended for use for research, teaching, testing, experimentation, or exhibition purposes, or as a pet. This term excludes (1) birds, rats of the genus *Rattus*, and mice of the genus *Mus*, bred for use in research, (2) horses not used for research purposes, and (3) and other farm animals, such as, but not limited to livestock or poultry, used or intended for use as food or fiber, or livestock or poultry used or intended for use for improving animal nutrition, breeding, management, or production efficiency, or for improving the quality of food or fiber. With respect to a dog, the term means all dogs, including those used for hunting, security, or breeding purposes.

Who Does the Animal Welfare Act Effect?

- Dealers
- Breeders
- Exhibitors
- Transportation



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Dealers



- “A” Dealers
 - Purpose Bred for Research
 - Wholesale Breeders of animals for the Pet Trade
 - Retail Sales of most pet animals not regulated
 - Wild or exotic are regulated
 - Breeders of exotic animals for retail or w/ wholesale
 - Bred and raised on premises
- “B” Dealers
 - Obtain animals from other dealers
 - Random Source animals
 - Brokers of animals
 - Auction of animals

Exhibition

- Zoos
- Circuses
- Educational Exhibits
- Entertainment
- Traveling Exhibitors
- Marine Animal Exhibits



Transportation

- Air, Land, Truck, Rail, Sea
 - Only for AWA "defined" animals --- farm animals or horses are mostly excluded
- Humane handling and shipping
- Non-domestic airlines also covered if on U.S. soil

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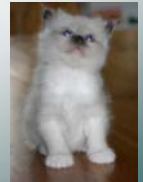
Exempt Activities Include:



- Retail Pet Trade
- Primary and secondary schools
- Field trials
- Coursing events
- Dog and cat shows
- Farm animals in agricultural exhibits
- Rodeos
- Racing – horse or dog
- Livestock shows

AWA Ensures:

- Adequate veterinary medical care
- Proper Housing
- Safe Transportation
- Shelter from the elements
- Adequate Feeding and Watering
- Humane Handling practices
- Qualified Personnel
- Proper Sanitation
- Recordkeeping



Animal Welfare Act Enforcement

- Minimum Standards of the AWA are listed in:
 - Regulations (which includes Standards)
 - Policies (Interpretive Rules)
- And enforced through:
 - Owners compliance with the AWA
 - Unannounced Inspections



The Inspection Process

- Unannounced
- Problems identified and discussed during the course of the inspection
- Inspection report completed
 - Owner and Inspector signs
 - Owner can challenge the report



What is Inspected?

- Facility Maintenance Program
 - Cleaning/Sanitation
 - Pest Control
 - Drug Storage
 - Records
 - Living Conditions and medical care of Animals
- Overall, the facility owner and Inspection have a common goal – the welfare of animals



Facts and Figures (FY 2002 data)

- 7,485 facilities / 13,820 sites
- 9,569 total inspections



An OIE Initiative

- Animal welfare is a complex, multi-faceted public policy issue that includes important scientific, ethical, economic and political dimensions.
- Because of its growing importance in society, animal welfare must today be addressed in a scientifically credible manner.
- Due to the multi-faceted nature of the topic, it is essential to include all stakeholders in deliberations, to ensure cultural and religious sensibilities are addressed, as well as the economic issues.
- A science-based approach to animal welfare particularly oriented to animals in agriculture and aquaculture is essential to preserve its value and credibility.



Comments:

Chester Gipson's impression from the recent Counsel of Europe meeting in Paris:

- While animal welfare is a complex, multi-faceted public policy issue the OIE has decided to focus on **transportation, sea and land**, slaughter including religious slaughter and depopulation for disease control. The US will be active in developing guiding principles and standards that are proposed. We are forming industry groups and identifying industry experts to participate in the process. Segments of the industry has developed good transportation standards and those need to be shared and considered by the OIE working group on transportation.

Specific Transportation Issues

- Animal Incident Reporting
 - Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Regulation of Non-domestic Air Carriers
 - Transportation of certain animals on U. S. soil
- Acclimation Certificates for Dogs and Cats
 - Proposed rule may eliminate certificates
 - Replace with performance standards
- Establish minimum age for exotic and wild animal transportation



DOT Animal Incident Reporting

New Law, Section 710 of AIR 21: (14 CFR Part 119)

- Requires reporting by air carriers on incidents involving animals during air transportation (loss, injury, or death)

Definition of Animal

- Any warm or cold blooded animal which, at the time of transportation, is being kept as a pet in a family household in the United States, or is being transported for the purpose of being sold as a pet in the United States

Definition of Air Carrier

- Any air carrier that provides scheduled passenger air transportation (Domestic Carriers)

Air Transport

- Entire period during which an animal is in the custody of the animal, from check-in of the animal prior to departure until the animal is returned to the owner or guardian of the animal at the final destination

This may be an Animal Incident!



Regulation of Non-domestic Air Carriers On USA Soil

Inspect and enforce AWA requirements for:

- Containers
- Paperwork
- Physical Condition of Animal (dead or dying)
- Inhumane conditions
- Inspection and enforcement of the AWA
- Also Intermediate Handlers



Acclimation Certification for Dogs and Cats



- Required when a dog (or cat) needs to be transported at temperatures lower than 7.2 ° C (45° F) and above a minimum temperature set by the attending veterinarian
- Originally intended for certain breeds such as sled dogs
- New rule, if finalized, will eliminate acclimation certificates.
 - Performance Standards
 - This allows flexibility for all breeds of dogs and cats, but protects others
- Present requirements are confusing and can lead to harm of the animal if followed by the letter of the law
 - The regulations allow as long as 4.75 hours lower than 7.2° (45° F) and higher than 29.5 ° C (85 ° F) for 4.75 hours (possible to add 2 more hours if consignee agrees)

Establish Minimum Age Requirements for Exotic and Wild Animals

- At present, there is no minimum age requirement for animals other than dogs and cats.
 - New rule will also establish a "safe" minimum age of transport for other animals



Had Enough?



Europeans Confuse Americans

A Real Quote From an Email:

“the last chance to beard the sprouts before the concrete sets over the brassica patch”

The Actual Explanation:

“This will be the last chance to [sing the King of Spain's] beard of the [Brussels] sprouts before the concrete sets [legal steps] over the brassica patch [Brussels].”

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Inadequate transportation container!



Unbalanced loading!



A violation of the AWA and City parking laws!

