

ZAHF Update: June 2020

Webinar Announcement and Updated COVID-19 Considerations

Webinar Discussion with USDA Animal Care

Please join us for an informative webinar with senior leadership from USDA Animal Care to discuss: 1) recent changes to Animal Welfare Act licensing requirements; 2) the status of USDA-mandated contingency plans; 3) the possibility of future inspections of birds and bird facilities; and 4) what the USDA Animal Care Office might look like in a post COVID-19 world. The goal of this webinar is to answer some of the most frequently-asked questions from the animal exhibitor community and identify areas where additional clarity is needed related to these issue-areas.

This webinar will take place on **Wednesday, July 15th, 2020 from 6pm – 7:30pm ET.**

Click here to register:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6340517827869858318>

We encourage participants to submit questions for this webinar ahead of time via the field provided in registration. A list of questions will be provided to the USDA panelists to help inform their presentations; all questions will be shared anonymously. There will be additional Q & A during the webinar as time permits, as well as the opportunity to submit follow-up questions to USDA after the session.

A recording of this webinar will be made available to those unable to attend.

Considerations for the Management of Non-Domestic Species in Human Care During COVID-19

We continue to update the *Considerations for the Management of Non-Domestic Species in Human Care During COVID-19* on our website; the most recent copy is available at <https://zahp.aza.org/covid-19-animal-care/>.

Please remember that these are intended to be considerations only; any actions taken by your facility should be based on a thorough risk assessment of your collection, protocols, location, and other factors that increase or decrease the risk of disease.

Additional information about how to conduct a risk assessment on your facility can be found in Secure Zoo Strategy: <https://securezoostrategy.org/step-3-risk-assessment-facility/>.
