



# ZAHP newsletter

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## News & Updates

### Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Updates & Resources



As of February 24, 2022, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has confirmed highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in twelve U.S. states, including New York, Indiana, Florida, and the Carolinas. This week, additional findings of HPAI were confirmed in both commercial and non-commercial flocks. **ZAHP will be hosting a webinar on HPAI with information tailored to the exotic animal industry in the near future; details will be shared here in future newsletters.** View the resources below for the most up-to-date HPAI information:

Visit ZAHP's new HPAI webpage for news, resources, and more

View all confirmations of HPAI in backyard and commercial flocks from USDA

Read Stakeholder Announcements from USDA APHIS for the latest HPAI updates

#### USDA Seeks Public Comment on Proposal to Establish Animal Welfare Regulations for Birds

The USDA is inviting public comments on a proposal to amend the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations to establish new regulations and standards governing the management of captive birds not bred for use in research. [Read the entire statement from USDA here and submit comments here.](#)

#### ZAHP Releases New African Swine Fever (ASF) Guide

African Swine Fever: Secure Zoo Strategy Guide provides guidelines for developing a response plan against potential future outbreaks of African Swine Fever (ASF) in a zoological facility. [View and download the guide here!](#)

## Webinars & Events

### A Conversation About Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) with the Raptor Center and Partners for Wildlife

Monday, February 28  
7 - 8 PM EST / 6 - 7 PM CST

With new cases of HPAI being reported across the United States every week, join The Raptor Center and Partners for Wildlife for a discussion about all things avian influenza with a chance to submit your questions.

This talk is designed for wildlife rehabilitators and facilities who have permanent education birds in their care. **Dr. Victoria Hall** and **Gail Buhl** will chat about the basics of the disease, how it transmits, why it is making headlines, and what general concepts rehabbers and facilities should keep in mind.

Learn more and register for the webinar here!

### Susan Harwood Training Grant Program Application Webinar

Tuesday, March 1  
1:00 - 2:30 PM EST

OSHA awards grants to nonprofit organizations on a competitive basis through its Susan Harwood Training Grant Program. **You can register for a free live webinar on March 1, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. EST to assist non-profit organizations with preparing a competitive application for a Susan Harwood Training Grant.**

Grants are awarded to provide training and education programs for employers and workers on the recognition, avoidance, and prevention of safety and health hazards in their workplaces and to inform workers of their rights and employers of their responsibilities under the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Act. [Learn more about the Susan Harwood Training Grant Program here.](#)

Register for the webinar now!

### March 2022 ZOHU Call

Wednesday, March 2  
2:00 - 3:00 PM EST

Zoonoses & One Health Updates (ZOHU) Calls are one-hour monthly webinars offered by the CDC that provide timely education on zoonotic and infectious diseases, One Health approaches, and more.

March's call will cover the newly-approved tick-borne encephalitis vaccine, serosurveillance for anthrax exposure in Texas feral swine, and three U.S. human rabies deaths linked to bat exposures in August 2021.

Learn more here!