

Tasks of Accredited Veterinarians Cited in 9 CFR 161.1(g)

(g) *Tasks that applicants for accredited status must be able to perform.* Applicants for accredited status must be able to:

(1) *Category I .*

- (i) Perform physical examination of individual Category I animals to determine whether they are free from any clinical signs suggestive of communicable disease.
- (ii) Recognize the common breeds of Category I animals and accurately record breed information on official documents.
- (iii) Apply common animal identification for Category I animals.
- (iv) Properly complete certificates for domestic and international movement of Category I animals.
- (v) Perform necropsies on Category I animals.
- (vi) Recognize and report clinical signs and lesions of exotic animal diseases that occur in Category I animals.
- (vii) Vaccinate Category I animals and accurately complete the vaccination certificates.
- (viii) Properly collect and ship specimen samples to the appropriate laboratory for testing with complete and accurate paperwork.
- (ix) Develop appropriate biosecurity protocols, as well as cleaning and disinfection protocols, to control communicable disease spread in Category I animals.

(2) *Category II .*

- (i) Perform physical examination of individual animals and visually inspect herds or flocks to determine whether the animals are free from any clinical signs suggestive of communicable disease.
- (ii) Recognize the common breeds of Category I and Category II animals, including the types of poultry as defined by the National Poultry Improvement Plan in subchapter G of this chapter and the common breeds of livestock, and be able to accurately record breed information on official documents.
- (iii) Recognize all USDA animal identification systems.
- (iv) Estimate the age of livestock using a dental formula.
- (v) Apply USDA-recognized identification (e.g., eartag, microchip, tattoo) for the USDA animal identification system.
- (vi) Certify the health status of an avian flock regarding diseases of domestic or international regulatory concern, and evaluate records pertaining to poultry flock testing and participation in Federal and State poultry health programs and classifications.
- (vii) Properly complete certificates for domestic and international movement of animals.
- (viii) Apply and remove official seals.
- (ix) Perform necropsies on animals.
- (x) Recognize and report clinical signs and lesions of exotic animal diseases.
- (xi) Develop a herd or flock health plan consistent with requirements in subchapters B, C, and D of this chapter.
- (xii) Vaccinate for USDA program diseases and accurately complete the vaccination certificate.

(xiii) Properly collect and ship sample specimens to an appropriate laboratory for testing with complete and accurate paperwork.

(xiv) Properly perform testing for tuberculosis (e.g., caudal fold test).

(xv) Develop appropriate biosecurity protocols, as well as cleaning and disinfection protocols, to control communicable disease spread.

(xvi) Explain basic principles for control of diseases for which APHIS or APHIS-State cooperative programs presently exist.