

Animal Laboratory Public Search Tool

How to find information about universities, hospitals, companies and other facilities that use certain animals in experiments

Are animal experiments being conducted in your city/state or at your university or alma mater? Use the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s public search tool to find out!

The Animal Welfare Act* requires facilities in the U.S. that conduct experiments on certain animals to register with the USDA, file an annual report with the agency each year and submit to unannounced inspections from the agency at least once annually. These annual reports and inspection reports are then uploaded to the USDA website where they can be accessed by the public.

Find annual reports from animal laboratories

Annual reports list the number of dogs, cats, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, primates, sheep and pigs used in experiments or held in the laboratory (but not yet used in experiments) that year. Sometimes other species are included as well. The report notes the number of animals used in each category of experiment and describes each category.

TO VIEW LABORATORY ANNUAL REPORTS

1. Access the USDA's [Animal Care Public Search Tool](#). Click on **Annual Reports** on the green bar at the top of the page.
2. You can search by **Year, City, State, Zip Code, Customer/Organization Name, Customer Number or Certificate Number**. Enter one or more search terms, then click the **Search** button.
3. Click the **View Annual Reports** tab.
4. Click **View Report** on the left-hand side of each listing.

Find inspection reports from animal laboratories

Inspection reports include the location where the inspection took place and any Animal Welfare Act violations that were identified during the inspection. Violations are listed as “non-compliant items” and are described in the report. The report also summarizes the specific species and number of animals inspected.

TO VIEW LABORATORY INSPECTION REPORTS

1. Access the USDA's [Animal Care Public Search Tool](#). Click on **Inspection Reports** on the green bar at the top of the page.
2. Select **Research Facility** from the drop-down box in the **License/Registration Type** section.
3. You can search by **City, State, Zip Code, Customer/Organization Name, Customer Number or Certificate Number**. Enter one or more search terms, then click the **Search** button.
4. Click the **View Inspection Reports** tab.
5. Click **View Inspection Report** on the left-hand side of each listing.



** The Animal Welfare Act (AWA) is a federal law that sets minimal standards for the treatment of certain warm-blooded animals used in experiments. Ninety-five percent of animals used in experiments in the U.S. are excluded from AWA protections and are not counted in USDA statistics. These animals include “purpose-bred” birds, mice and rats (birds, mice and rats bred specifically to be used in experiments) and animals such as octopuses, frogs, fish, turtles and crabs. Facilities that conduct experiments exclusively on animals not protected by the AWA are not required to submit annual reports to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), nor are they inspected by the USDA or any other government agency. The failure to protect excluded species under the law means that there is no oversight or scrutiny of their treatment and use in the laboratory. And, because these animals are not counted, no one knows how many of them are suffering in laboratories. It also means that facilities using unprotected species in experiments are not required to search for alternatives to conducting harmful experiments on these animals.*



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