

## §2.4

be completed to come into compliance with the regulations and standards. The applicant will have two more chances to demonstrate his or her compliance with the regulations and standards through re-inspection by APHIS. If the applicant fails the third inspection he or she will forfeit the application fee and cannot re-apply for a license for a period of 6 months following the third inspection. Issuance of the license will be denied until the applicant demonstrates upon inspection that the animals, premises, facilities, vehicles, equipment, other premises and records are in compliance with all regulations and standards in this subchapter.

### §2.4 Non-interference with APHIS officials.

A licensee or applicant for an initial license shall not interfere with, threaten, abuse (including verbally abuse), or harass any APHIS official in the course of carrying out his or her duties.

### §2.5 Duration of license and termination of license.

(a) A license issued under this part shall be valid and effective unless:

(1) The license has been revoked or suspended pursuant to section 19 of the Act.

(2) The license is voluntarily terminated upon request of the licensee, in writing, to the AC Regional Director.

(3) The license has expired or been terminated under this part.

(4) The applicant has failed to pay the application fee and the annual license fee as required in §§2.1 and 2.6. There will be no refund of fees if a license is terminated prior to its expiration date.

(b) Any person who is licensed must file an application for a license renewal and an annual report form (APHIS Form 7003/VS Form 18-3) as required by §2.7, and pay the required fees, on or before the expiration date of the present license or the license shall expire and automatically terminate on its anniversary date. The licensee will be notified by certified mail at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of the license. Failure to comply with the annual reporting requirements, or to pay the required license fees prior to the expiration date of the license, shall re-

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sult in automatic termination of such license on the anniversary date of the license.

(c) Licensees must accept delivery of registered mail or certified mail notice and provide the AC Regional Director notice of their address in conformity with the requirements in §2.1.

(d) Any person who seeks the reinstatement of a license that has been automatically terminated must follow the procedure applicable to new applicants for a license set forth in §2.1.

(e) Licenses are issued to specific persons for specific premises and do not transfer upon change of ownership, nor are they valid at a different location.

(f) A license which is invalid under this part shall be surrendered to the AC Regional Director. If the license cannot be found, the licensee shall provide a written statement so stating to the AC Regional Director.

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### §2.6 Annual license fees.

(a) In addition to the application fee of \$10 required to be paid upon the application for a license, license renewal, or changed class of license under §2.1, each licensee shall submit to the AC Regional Director the annual license fee prescribed in this section. Paragraph (b) of this section indicates the method used to calculate the appropriate fee. The amount of the fee is determined from Table 1 or 2 in paragraph (c) of this section.

(b)(1) Class "A" license. The annual license renewal fee for a Class "A" dealer shall be based on 50 percent of the total gross amount, expressed in dollars, derived from the sale of animals to research facilities, dealers, exhibitors, retail pet stores, and persons for use as pets, directly or through an auction sale, by the dealer or applicant during his or her preceding business year (calendar or fiscal) in the case of a person who operated during such a year. If animals are leased, the lessor shall pay a fee based on 50 percent of any compensation received from the leased animals and the lessee shall pay a fee based upon the net compensation