

# Presidential pets through the ages: the presidents, the pets and resources on animal care and the importance of animals in our lives



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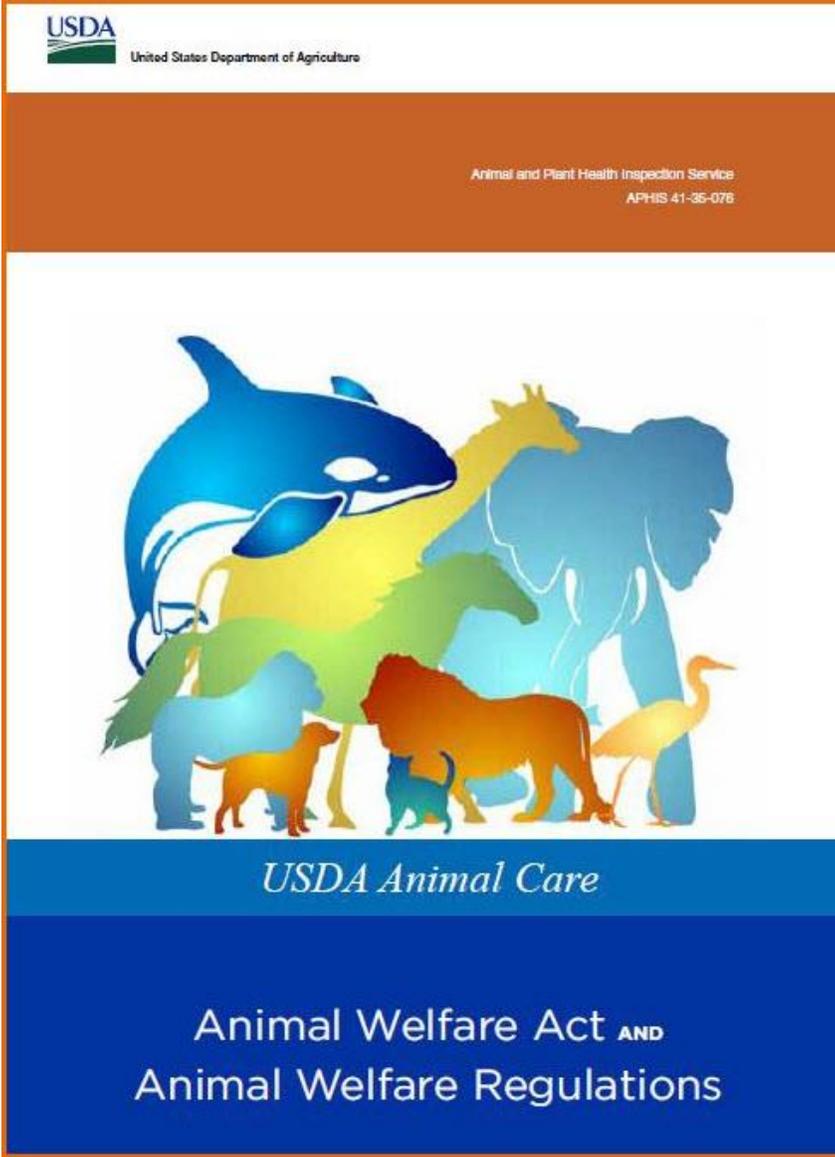


# Presidents with no pets

United States presidents have often kept pets while in office, or pets have been part of their families. Donald Trump and James K. Polk are the only presidents not to have a presidential pet while in office.

To get you started with presidential pets a video on You Tube:

<https://youtu.be/Fs6E2vo5JGA>



The poster features a central illustration of various animals in silhouette, including a blue orca, a yellow horse, a blue elephant, a green horse, a blue dog, a brown dog, a brown lion, a blue cat, and a yellow bird. The background is white. The top left corner has the USDA logo and the text 'United States Department of Agriculture'. The top right corner has the text 'Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service' and 'APHIS 41-35-076'. The bottom section is a dark blue band with the text 'USDA Animal Care' and 'Animal Welfare Act AND Animal Welfare Regulations'.

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<https://share.america.gov/history-of-presidential-pets/>

- They've met the pope and R2-D2 of Star Wars fame, presided over the Easter Egg Roll and cheered up wounded veterans.
- Presidential pets have always played an important, if unofficial, role in the White House. They can welcome visitors, connect with the public and provide companionship to the president and first family.
- The White House also has been home to decidedly nontraditional pets. Theodore Roosevelt, an explorer and naturalist before he became president, kept more than 50 animals, including a badger, a flying squirrel, a lion and several bears.



<https://blogs.voanews.com/all-about-america/2015/07/06/americas-most-exotic-presidential-pets/>

- It is traditional for American presidents to have family pets that often appear in official family photographs.
- Horses, cows, goats, chickens, dogs, cats, songbirds, parrots, and other small animals were a part of daily life during the White House's earliest years. Since 1870, White House domestic pets have mirrored the species generally seen in American households, according to the White House Historical Association.





# Historical pictures of presidential pets

<https://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/president/holiday/historicalpets1/peindex-js.html>



President Benjamin Harrison (1889-93) gave his grandchildren a pet goat named His Whiskers. One day, while pulling the president's grandchildren around in a cart, His Whiskers took off through the White House gates. President Harrison chased him in hot pursuit.



Archie Roosevelt, son of President Theodore Roosevelt (1901-09), poses with Algonquin the calico pony June 17, 1902. Algonquin once rode in the White House elevator to visit Archie when he was ill

# Using sheep to cut the grass at the White House



To cut groundskeeping costs during World War I, President Woodrow Wilson (1913-21) brought a flock of sheep to trim the White House grounds. Included in the flock was Old Ike, a tobacco-chewing ram

# Presidential Pet Information from the National Park Service

<https://www.nps.gov/nama/blogs/presidential-pets.htm>

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## Presidential Pets

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🕒 June 24, 2012 || Posted by: Nicole DeLuca, Park Ranger

Hippos, tigers and bears, oh my! Most of us enjoy the company of a pet in our own homes. A purring cat or playful dog can easily make its way into our hearts and become a member of the family. Well, it makes sense that a president would feel no different. In fact, after a long day in the oval office, coming home to a lovable companion is probably just what a president needs. This explains why almost all presidents over the years have filled the White House with friends from the animal kingdom. And while many presidents have had the standard dog, which ranks as the most popular species to frequent the [White House](#), there are some surprising creatures that have held the title of Presidential Pet.





- President George Washington, 1789-1797
- [Samson, Steady, Leonidas, Traveller, Magnolia and other stallions](#)  
[Nelson](#) and [Blueskin](#), horses used during the American Revolution  
[A horse](#) given to Washington by Gen. Braddock
- [Drunkard, Mopsey, Taster, Cloe, Topsy, Tipler, Forester, Captain, Lady Rover, Vulcan, Sweet Lips, and Searcher](#), all hounds
- Five French hounds  
[Rozinante](#), Nellie Custis's horse  
[A parrot](#) belonging to Mrs. Martha Washington



President John Quincy Adams,  
1825-1829

Alligator given to him by the  
Marquis de Lafayette. The gator  
actually lived in a White House  
bathroom, leaving some guests  
terrified.

Silkworms belonging to Mrs.  
Louisa Adams





- President Martin Van Buren, 1837-1841

- A pair of tiger cubs given to him by the Sultan of Oman that Congress made him send to the zoo



President Rutherford B. Hayes, 1877-1881

[Hector](#), Newfoundland dog

[Duke](#), possibly an English mastiff

[Grim, greyhound](#)

[Otis](#), miniature schnauzer

[Dot](#), cocker spaniel

[Juno and Shep](#), two hunting dogs

[Jet](#), dog

Siam, first [Siamese](#) kitten to reach America

Miss Pussy, another [Siamese cat](#)

Piccolomini, cat

[A goat](#)

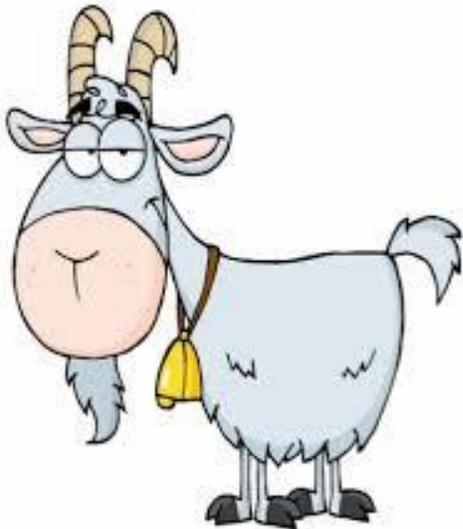
[Mockingbird](#)

[Four canaries](#)

Pedigreed [Jersey cows](#)

Several [carriage horses](#)

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## President Theodore Roosevelt, 1901-1909

Bleistein, Teddy Roosevelt's favorite horse

Renown, Roswell, Rusty, Jocko Root, Grey Dawn, Wyoming and Yagenka, all horses

General and Judge, carriage horses

Algonquin, Archie Roosevelt's Shetland pony

Pete, a bull terrier, was a favorite pet

Rollo, Saint Bernard

Sailor Boy, Chesapeake Bay retriever

Blackjack (Jack), Kermit Roosevelt's Manchester terrier

Skip, mixed-breed dog

Manchu, Alice Roosevelt's Pekingese

Emily Spinach, Alice Roosevelt's snake

Snakes belonging to Quentin Roosevelt

Eli Yale, a Hyacinth macaw also belonging to Quentin Roosevelt

Tom Quartz, cat

Slippers, cat

Josiah, badger (!)

Rabbit named Peter

Two Kangaroo Rats

Flying squirrel

Guinea pigs named Admiral Dewey, Dr. Johnson, Bob Evans, Bishop Doan, and Father

O'Grady

Also: lion, hyena, wildcat, coyote, five bears, two parrots, zebra, barn

owl, lizard, roosters, hen, pig, raccoon



President William Taft, 1909-1913

Pauline Wayne, last cow at the  
White House

Mooly Woolly, another cow  
Caruso, dog



## President Calvin Coolidge, 1923-1929

Calvin and Grace Coolidge quite literally had a zoo at the White House:

[Prudence Prim](#), female white collie

[Rob Roy](#), male white collie

[Peter Pan](#), terrier

[Paul Pry](#), an Airedale terrier

[Calamity Jane](#), Shetland sheepdog

[Tiny Tim](#), chow

[Blackberry](#), also a chow

[Ruby Rouch](#), brown collie

[Bessie](#), collie

[Boston Beans](#), bulldog

[King Cole](#), Belgian shepherd

[Palo Alto](#), bird dog

[Nip and Tuck](#), canaries

[Snowflake](#), also a white canary

[Old Bill](#), a thrush

[Enoch](#), goose

[Mockingbird](#), belonging to Grace Coolidge

[Tiger](#), cat

[Blacky](#), another cat

[Rebecca](#) and [Reuben](#), raccoons

[Ebenezer](#), donkey

[Smoky](#), bobcat



Finally, given to them by dignitaries from other countries, there were also lion cubs (humorously named Tax Reduction and Budget Bureau), a wallaby, [a pygmy hippo named Billy](#), and a black bear!



## **President Ronald Reagan, 1981-1989**

[Lucky](#), Bouvier des Flandres

[Rex](#), Cavalier King Charles spaniel

[Victory](#), golden retriever

[Peggy](#), Irish setter

[Taca](#), Siberian husky

[Fuzzy](#), Belgian sheepdog

[Horses](#) at ranch

**President George W. Bush, 2001-2009**

[Miss Beazley](#), Scottish terrier

[Spot](#), English springer spaniel, offspring of [Millie](#)

[Barney](#), Scottish terrier

[India](#) "Willie," cat

[Ofelia](#), longhorn cow at ranch



**President Barack Obama, 2009-2017**

[Bo](#), Portuguese water dog

[Sunny](#), also a Portuguese water dog

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# Joe Biden's Dogs Shepherd In New Era of Presidential Pets at the White House

How the new administration can prepare for Major and Champ's arrival in Washington, D.C.



- Major and Champ, the Bidens' two German shepherds, already have legions of fans, like many [presidential pets](#) before them. For decades, Americans have treated the dogs and cats belonging to the first family as celebrities. The excitement surrounding Champ and Major is especially intense because there has not been a pet in the White House since the Obama family departed four years ago; President Trump is the first president in over 100 years not to have a pet while in office. On top of that, Major is the first-ever White House pet to be [adopted from a shelter](#), according to Andrew Hager, historian in residence at Maryland's Presidential Pet Museum.

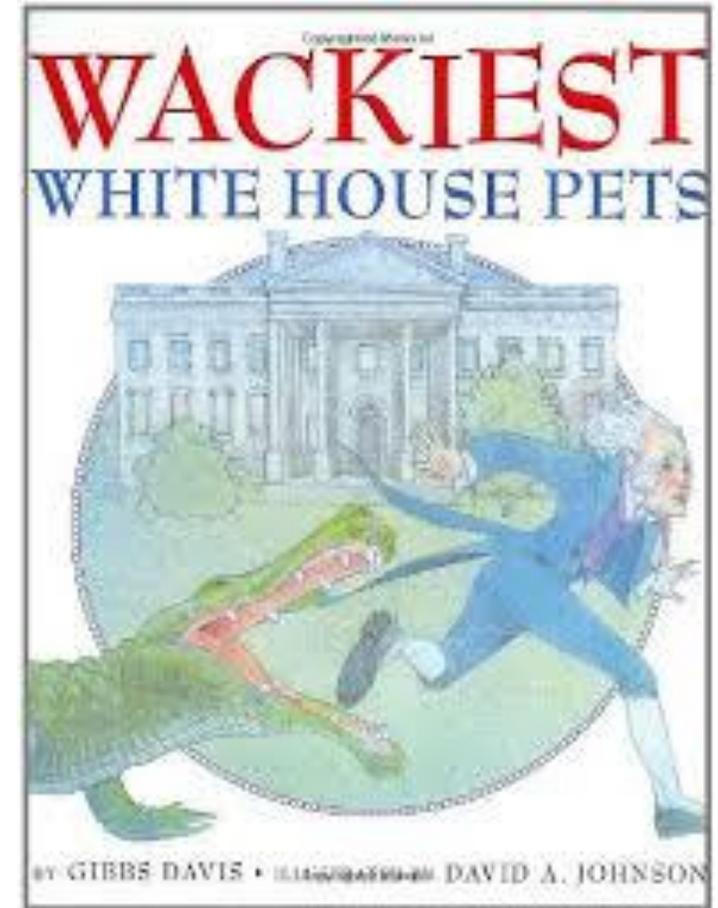
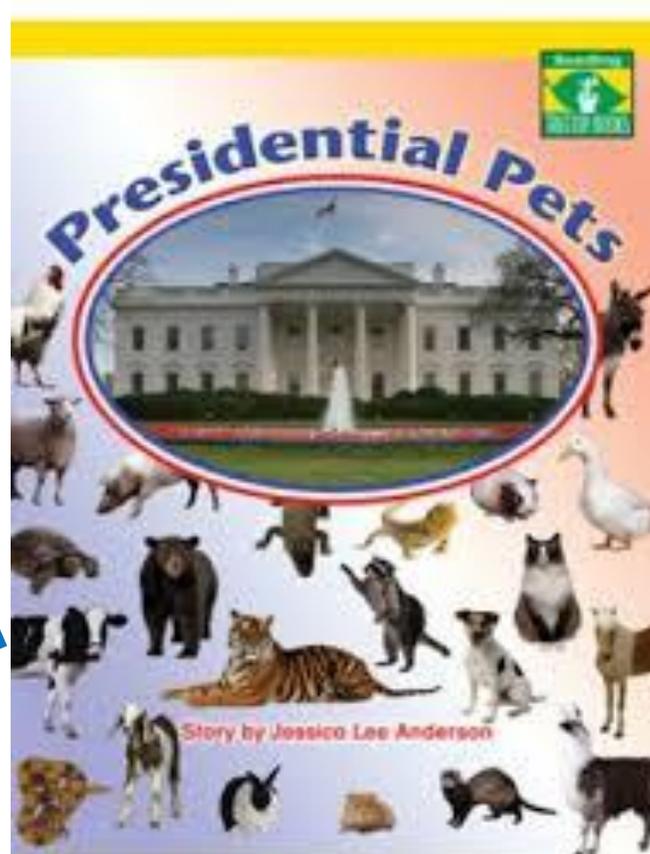
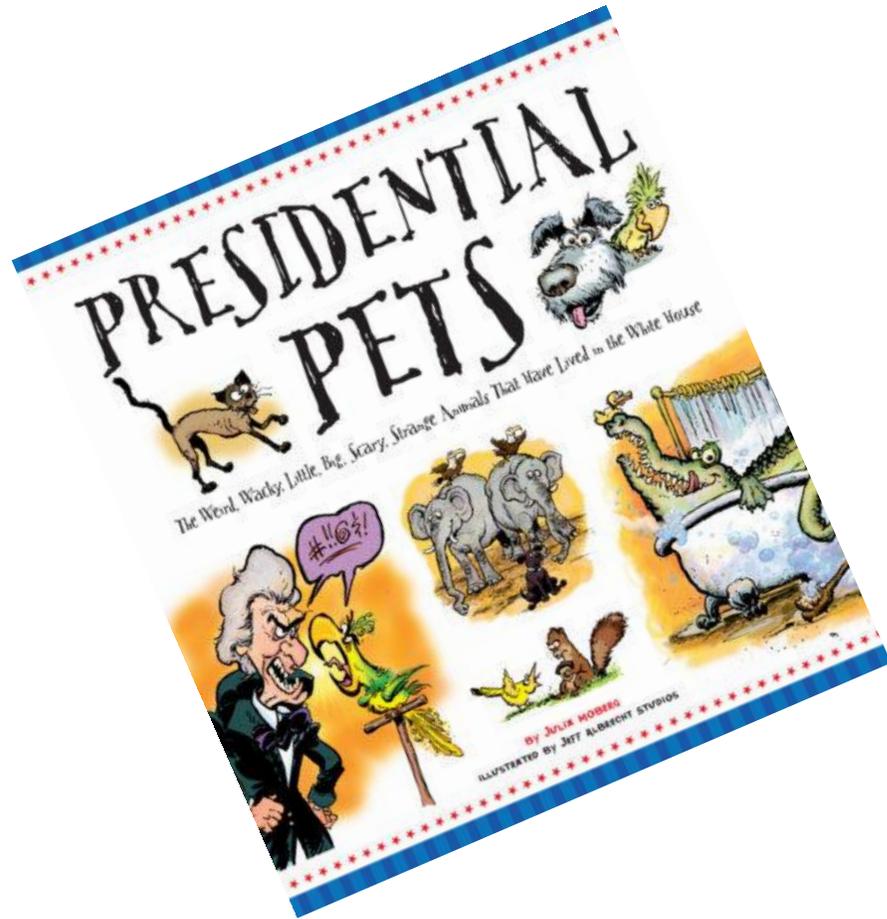
- Source: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/joe-bidens-dogs-shepherd-in-new-era-of-presidential-pets-at-the-white-house-11611160275>



# More Information on Presidential Pets

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `search.usa.gov/search?affiliate=usagov&query=presidential+pets`. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The search results page features the USA.gov logo and navigation options: "All Government", "Images", and "Videos". The search query "presidential pets" is entered in the search bar. The first search result is titled "Presidential Pets | Ronald Reagan" and includes the URL [www.reaganlibrary.gov/reagans/reagan-administration/presidential-pets](http://www.reaganlibrary.gov/reagans/reagan-administration/presidential-pets). The snippet for this result reads: "Rex lived at the **White House** until Ronald Reagan left the Presidency, then moved with President and Mrs. Reagan to their new home in Los Angeles. Like ...". A second result is partially visible, titled "Presidential Pets | The White House". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the current time as 3:40 PM on 1/20/2021 and includes icons for various applications and system utilities.

# Books on presidential pets



# Animal Care

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1	<input type="checkbox"/> Upholding the Animal Welfare Act /	2019		A 1.68:2258	<a href="https://purl.fdlp.gov/GPO/gpo131216">https://purl.fdlp.gov/GPO/gpo131216</a>
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Care's purpose.	2018		A 1.68:2234	<a href="https://purl.fdlp.gov/GPO/gpo120654">https://purl.fdlp.gov/GPO/gpo120654</a>

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# Animal Welfare Act

<https://www.nal.usda.gov/awic/animal-welfare-act>

The Animal Welfare Act was signed into law in 1966. It is the only Federal law in the United States that regulates the treatment of animals in research, exhibition, transport, and by dealers



The Animal Welfare Act and USDA-APHIS

<https://youtu.be/cJmNzDt3G1A>

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The Animal Welfare Act and USDA-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.... How the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) helps protect animals.

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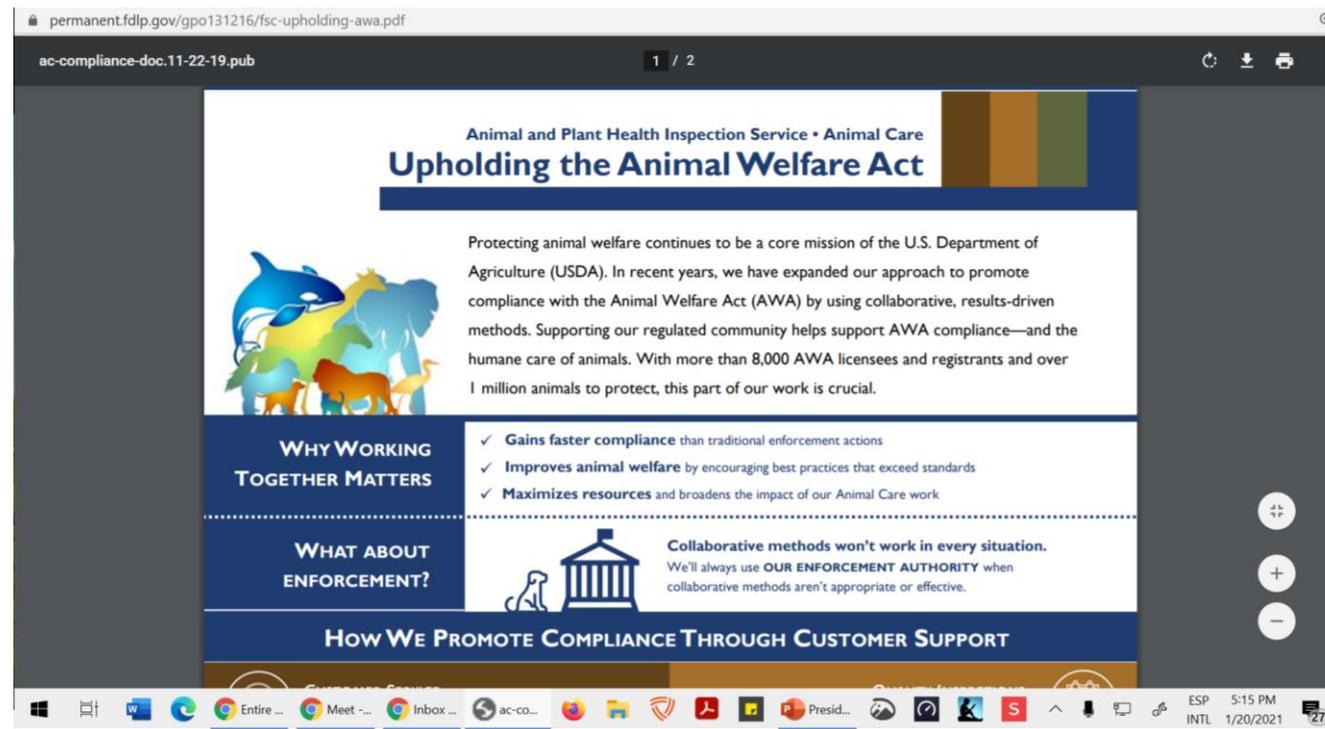
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<https://purl.fdlp.gov/GPO/gpo131216>

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<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service website. The address bar shows the URL <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare>. The page header includes the USDA logo and the text "Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE". Navigation links include "About APHIS", "Ask USDA", "Careers", "Contact Us", and "Help". A green navigation bar contains "Home", "Our Focus", "Resources", "Newsroom", "Pet Travel", and "Blog", along with a search bar. Below the navigation bar, a "Animal Welfare" section is visible, containing a list of links: "Animal Welfare", "Contact Us", "About Animal Care", "News and Announcements", "I Want To...", "Animal Welfare Act", and "Horse Protection Act". To the right of this list is a large banner for the "NEW AWA PUBLIC SEARCH TOOL" featuring paw prints and a magnifying glass. The banner text reads "STEP ON OVER TO THE NEW AWA PUBLIC SEARCH TOOL" and includes the USDA logo. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons, the system tray with the date "1/20/2021" and time "5:29 PM", and a notification icon with the number "27".

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### Oral Health

Oral health is often overlooked in our pets. While some signs of dental disease can be easily noted, such as a fractured tooth, bad breath, or difficulty eating, signs of oral pain can often be hidden.

#### Dental Care Starts at Home

Bacteria and food particles result in plaque, or a film, forming on the teeth. If left on the tooth surface, plaque hardens to tartar. Regular teeth brushing can remove plaque.

- Routinely brush your pet's teeth using a toothpaste that is specifically designed for pets, as human toothpaste can be toxic.
- Gradually introduce your pet to teeth brushing until you are brushing each day.

#### When to Involve Your Veterinarian

Once tartar has built up on the teeth, a dental cleaning by a veterinary professional with your pet under general anesthesia is required to remove the tartar. Many pets require a yearly dental cleaning to remove tartar buildup and extract any diseased teeth. In addition to routine care at home, discuss options for dental treatment with your veterinarian.



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# State and Local Information on pet adoption

- [Animal Care and Adoption - Broward County](#)
- [www.broward.org/Animal/pages/default.aspx](http://www.broward.org/Animal/pages/default.aspx)
- ADOPTIONS: View our adoptable pets online .. If you see a pet you would like to adopt, please complete a Dog or Cat Adoption Application and submit it ...
- [Adopt a Pet | Animal Care and Control](#)
- [animalcare.lacounty.gov/adopt-a-pet/](http://animalcare.lacounty.gov/adopt-a-pet/)
- If an **animal** has been in our **care** ten days or less, the adoption fee is \$50. If the **animal** has been in our **care** more than ten days, the adoption fee ...



# Mascotas (Pets) and Information in Spanish

- [Preparación | USAGov](#)
- [www.usa.gov/espanol/preparacion](http://www.usa.gov/espanol/preparacion)
- Plan de emergencia para **mascotas**: aprenda cómo preparar a su mascota, armar un kit con elementos básicos de supervivencia y más. Plan de emergencia ...
- [Servicio de Inspección Sanitaria de Animales y Plantas ...](#)
- [www.usa.gov/espanol/agencias-federales/servicio-de-inspeccion-sanitaria-de-animales-y-plantas](http://www.usa.gov/espanol/agencias-federales/servicio-de-inspeccion-sanitaria-de-animales-y-plantas)
- El **Servicio de Inspección Sanitaria de Animales y Plantas** (en inglés) tiene como misión proteger y promover el bienestar agrícola de la nación ..

# Let's Go Live with the Animals

<https://www.nal.usda.gov/awic/animal-welfare-act>

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/>

<https://www.usa.gov/>



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Rex, Windy, Olympia and Tasi (the pets from my house) say Thank you for listening to their human

