

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 3

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SOURCE:

**COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE AND
INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

SUBJECT MATTER:

**Allow Integration of Accredited Veterinarian Data from the
National Veterinary Accreditation Program System to State
Animal Health Office Database Systems**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Most state animal health officials (SAHOs) have electronic database systems for managing animal health information, including certificates of veterinary inspection, accession, and vaccination records, and other registration, licensing, and surveillance program records that require accredited veterinarian involvement and/or signature. SAHOs must identify and verify the accreditation status of submitting veterinarians. Furthermore, state offices must have a reliable list of accredited veterinarians to contact for important state regulatory and disease updates.

Although SAHOs are granted access to the National Veterinary Accreditation Program system, there is no convenient way to integrate that data electronically into their database systems. Therefore, many states keep a separate data set within their own systems for veterinary data management. This process is duplicative, creating unnecessary data entry and management work as well as decreased accuracy.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association requests that the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services provide access to data from the National Veterinary Accreditation Program system in real-time for state animal health officials and their electronic database systems that would support system-to-system integration. Accessible data should include full name, address, contact information (email, phone), and accreditation status information (national accreditation number, Level I or II, states accredited in, and expiration date).