

# NABR Position Statement on Retirement/Adoption



The National Association for Biomedical Research (NABR) supports the retirement of research animals to sanctuaries with the condition that the animals do not lose the protection of their welfare as mandated by the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and the regulation promulgated to implement the AWA. This condition would require institutions select sanctuaries that are licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture and that they maintain that license in good standing. Currently many sanctuaries are not licensed, but NABR believes that the existing language in §2133<sup>i</sup> gives the Secretary the authority to license sanctuaries and will petition the USDA to establish a mechanism for issuing licenses to sanctuaries that comply with the requirements specified above and agreeing, in writing, to comply with all the requirements of this chapter and the regulations promulgated by the Secretary.

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## <sup>i</sup> 2133 - Licensing of dealers and exhibitors

The Secretary shall issue licenses to dealers and exhibitors upon application therefor in such form and manner as he may prescribe and upon payment of such fee established pursuant to 2153 of this title: *Provided*, That no such license shall be issued until the dealer or exhibitor shall have demonstrated that his facilities comply with the standards promulgated by the Secretary pursuant to section 2143 of this title: *Provided, however*, That a dealer or exhibitor shall not be required to obtain a license as a dealer or exhibitor under this chapter if the size of the business is determined by the Secretary to be de minimis. The Secretary is further authorized to license, as dealers or exhibitors, persons who do not qualify as dealers or exhibitors within the meaning of this chapter upon such persons' complying with the requirements specified above and agreeing, in writing, to comply with all the requirements of this chapter and the regulations promulgated by the Secretary hereunder