



Guidelines for Live Animals

NAVC Animal Attendance Policy

There are three categories of animals permitted at NAVC events :

1. Service Animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, include only dogs and miniature horses that are individually trained to perform tasks for people with disabilities. (LINK: https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm) Animals whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do NOT qualify.
2. Animals on exhibit or at NAVC-sponsored events who have preregistered and provided documentation as required by the NAVC exhibit team will be allowed to attend. Pre-registration is required and should be done through the exhibiting company's booth manager. USDA exhibitor registration will be required for all animals EXCEPT dogs, cats, rabbits, and goats. The animal handler MUST wear their badge at all times when in the Expo Hall. For any questions regarding animal handlers, please contact Expo@NAVC.com.
 - NAVC reserves the right to refuse entry or remove animals and their handlers due to concerns for safety, public or animal health, or animal welfare
 - NAVC recognizes there are evidence-based publications that do not support the exhibit of certain species of animals at events and show that the exhibition may contribute to poor welfare. As such, the following species will not be permitted at any NAVC events:
 - i. All species of sloths
 - ii. Other species may be denied access based on available evidence-based publications at the time of the event
3. Animals participating in Hands-on Workshops or required for educational purposes are subject to an approved NAVC IACUC protocol and under the supervision of the NAVC IACUC.

Pets, animal companions, and emotional support animals are not permitted at any NAVC-sponsored events.

All animals attending NAVC events must follow the guidelines listed above. If you are planning to bring a live animal to any of our events, please email us at info@navc.com. A "Live Animal Submission Form" will be emailed to owners and handlers with further instructions.

All animals must be under their handler's control at all times. All animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered unless those devices interfere with a service animal's work (as defined

above). Handlers will be asked to remove their animal from the event if they can not control the animal.