Welcome to the National Centers for Animal Health

Safeguarding Animal Health
Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB), APHIS

National Animal Disease Center (NADC), ARS

National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL), APHIS

Together we meet the national needs for animal health research, diagnosis, and product evaluation.
Organizational Structure

- USDA
  - United States Department of Agriculture

- APHIS
  - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

- VS
  - Veterinary Services

- CVB
  - Center for Veterinary Biologics

Safeguarding Animal Health
Mission

The Veterinary Biologics Program implements the provisions of the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act to ensure that the veterinary biologics available for the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of animal diseases are pure, safe, potent, and effective.
Center for Veterinary Biologics
Strategic Goals

- Reduce animal testing
- Maximize use of technologies
- Provide additional Standard Requirements
- Document more policies and procedures
- Common facility for CVB staff
- Review and validate current standards
- Improve pharmacovigilance
Goals

- Common goal – fewer animals
- Collaborative effort
- Foundation in science
- Flexible/practical regulatory approach
- Use available tools
- Incentives
- Harmonized Standards & International Collaboration
Example Guidance Documents Related to *In vitro* & Reduce, Refine, Replace Initiatives

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