REFUSAL OF INSPECTION

Sometimes a licensee refuses to allow an inspection of his/her facility. [2.126]

If a licensee refuses to allow an inspection, be sure that:

- you have clearly identified yourself as a USDA Animal Care inspector
- the inspection is occurring during legal business hours 7a.m.-7p.m., Monday through Friday
- the person refusing to allow the inspection is aware of the violation of the AWA regulations
- you ask the specific question: "Are you refusing to allow the inspection?"

If the licensee still refuses to allow an inspection, leave the premises and:

- complete an official inspection report
- designate this as a "Routine" inspection
- document the refusal in the inspection report narrative section
- be specific as to date, time, and the name of the person who refused to allow the inspection. An example citation is:
 SECT 2.126 ACCESS TO PROPERTY AND RECORDS-On (date) at (time), (name of person) refused to allow an inspection of the facility and records.
- send the licensee his/her copy of the inspection report by certified, return receipt mail (see Section 9.2)

NOTE: If two or more APHIS officials are present for the inspection and one is denied entry, document this as a refusal of inspection. Do not conduct an inspection.

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