

RESUME

EDUCATION

- **Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine**, Grafton, MA; DVM 1990
- **Bryn Mawr College**, Bryn Mawr, PA; Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program, 1984-1986
- **Wellesley College**, Wellesley, MA; BA English, 1977

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Staff Veterinarian

July 2002 – December 2018

Live Animal Exports – European Union, Australia, New Zealand

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

Veterinary Services (VS)

Riverdale, MD

- Managed the U.S. government program for export of live animals (livestock, poultry, companion and zoo animals, and bovine and equine semen/embryos) to the European Union, Australia, and New Zealand.
- Ensured compliance with export requirements by interpreting and communicating complex foreign regulations and policies to U.S. government officials and external stakeholders. Audited U.S. bovine semen collection centers and embryo collection teams to ensure compliance with international and domestic standards. Recommended corrective actions for non-compliance.
- Managed large-scale trade-related projects including audits by foreign governments of the U.S. livestock, poultry, aquaculture, and semen/embryo sectors to maintain and open export markets for these commodities.
- Provided scientific and strategic advice to USDA management to develop international trade policy and resolve trade-related issues. Worked with domestic animal industry and producer groups to facilitate market access for U.S. live animals and germplasm.
- Served as primary U.S. government liaison with the U.S. bovine/equine semen and embryo industry organizations. Maintained effective working relationship between the U.S. government and these industries by balancing regulatory function and trade facilitation.
- Conducted needs analysis to support training of APHIS inspectors and developed, managed and implemented training courses for APHIS veterinarians. Monitored post-training performance of APHIS inspectors and took follow-up action, as appropriate.
- Experienced in giving oral presentations to internal and external stakeholders, foreign government officials, and international and domestic trade groups on animal health issues and U.S. government regulatory policy.
- Produced written correspondence, policy guidance documents, inspection reports and checklists, and complex reports and analyses.

Senior Staff Veterinarian, Avian Imports

January 1999 – July 2002

USDA, APHIS, VS, National Center for Import and Export

Riverdale, MD

- Managed the Federal program for import of live birds and poultry into the United States. Developed import policy, initiated risk assessments, and conducted rulemaking to prevent the introduction of avian diseases into the United States. Acted as primary point of contact for foreign veterinary officials, State and Federal agencies, port veterinarians, U.S. Customs officials, and the public regarding import of avian species.

Participated in emergency response task forces for outbreaks of exotic Newcastle disease and avian influenza. Coordinated with other Federal agencies (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) pertaining to avian imports. Reviewed import permit applications to determine the risk of introduction of foreign animal diseases into the United States. Facilitated resolution of noncompliance issues at U.S. ports of entry.

Staff Veterinarian, Brucellosis Eradication

January 1998 – January 1999

USDA, APHIS, VS

Riverdale, MD

- Reviewed and amended the Cooperative State-Federal Brucellosis Eradication Program Uniform Methods and Rules, the minimum standards for certifying herds, classifying States and areas, and detecting, controlling, and eradicating brucellosis. Participated in the APHIS program to manage and eradicate brucellosis in bison in Yellowstone National Park.

Staff Veterinarian, National Veterinary Accreditation Program

January 1996 – January 1997

USDA, APHIS, VS

Riverdale, MD

- Managed USDA Veterinary Accreditation Program. Reviewed non-compliance cases and recommended further action, as appropriate. Amended veterinary accreditation manual provided to accredited veterinarians.

Staff Veterinarian, Emergency Programs

January 1992 – January 1996

USDA, APHIS, VS

Hyattsville, MD

- Involved in APHIS's foreign animal disease emergency response program. Conducted an epidemiological trace back of cattle imported from the United Kingdom in support of a risk assessment of the introduction of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) into the United States. Trained as a Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician.

Small Animal Clinical Practitioner

May 1990 – January 1992

Rhode Island, Colorado

- Worked as small animal clinician in various veterinary practices in Rhode Island and Colorado.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Veterinary license - State of Maryland

REFERENCE

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