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### **DEC to Host Workshops on Animal Care Standards**

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Office of the State Veterinarian will be hosting a second series of public workshops regarding proposed animal care standards. The workshops will be divided into five separate animal categories.

All interested persons are invited to attend by telephone at 1-800-315-6338 (use pass code 8213 when prompted) or in person at the State Environmental Health Laboratory at 5251 Dr. MLK, Jr. Ave, Anchorage, AK, 99507. All meetings will be from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. If you are unable to attend meetings, feel free to submit your comments to the Department in writing via mail or email.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

- Domestic pets (not including dogs and birds) and general care standards: Feb 16, 2012
- Horses: Feb 21, 2012
- Dogs: Feb 23, 2011
- Livestock (diversified and common livestock, cattle, swine, goats, sheep, elk, reindeer, bison, etc): Feb 27, 2012
- Birds (primary focus on pet birds): Mar 6, 2012

A working draft of the proposed animal care standards and minutes from the first round of meetings are available at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/vet/index.htm>. Follow the "Animal Care Standards Workshops" link. An agenda will be published on the website approximately one to two weeks in advance of each meeting. No proposed regulations have been formally public noticed for comment at this time. Animal care standards regulations will be proposed as part of a comprehensive revision of the state animal health regulations. A formal public comment period will be held for the entire regulation package later this year. If you have questions regarding these workshops, please contact:

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