



## NOTICE of AVMA CVTEA Temporary Emergency Conditions Policy March 10, 2025

Due to the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), the AVMA CVTEA has approved a **temporary emergency conditions policy** on the following three required, hands-on avian skills:

- *Recognize, understand, and perform restraint techniques of birds\**
- *Demonstrate the ability to perform a physical exam and accurately record results\**
- *Perform nail trim\**

The emergency conditions policy is effective immediately, until June 19, 2025, upon which the disease conditions will be re-assessed by the CVTEA.

The temporary emergency conditions policy allows programs to sign off on the three above essential avian skills through use of models. The skill assessments must still be completed by program personnel in real time, or per current evaluation modalities.

This action is being taken in response to the widespread avian influenza occurring and the potential impact on student and faculty safety.

Although HPAI has been found to spread to other species (cattle, cats), [USDA/APHIS](#) is providing mitigation procedures working with these species that programs should be aware of and following. Should the disease outlook or recommendations change limiting access to cattle and cats, the CVTEA will re-assess its temporary emergency conditions policy.

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