

2023 ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANIMAL EXHIBITION, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION

This document provides the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's (PDA) animal health requirements and recommendations for all animal exhibitions in the Commonwealth including Pennsylvania County and Community Fairs. All exhibitors are encouraged to check with the management of each fair in advance to ensure compliance with all fair requirements. Each Fair and exhibition will need to abide by the requirements sections for in state and out of state animals and are strongly encouraged to adopt the recommendations based on their own perceived liability and risk for the exhibition and its audience.

Fair management is requested to maintain records and are asked to provide contact information of owners of all animals which are exhibited to PDA upon request. Please note, there are sales slips/records requirements, and documentation needed to move with sheep and goats after a sale.

Important information regarding poultry exhibition cancellations: Due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza detections in the Commonwealth, a signed General Quarantine order went into effect on April 16th, 2022. The order, titled 52 Pa. B 2223 General Quarantine Order; Cancellation of Exhibition of Poultry and Their Hatching Eggs Due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, prohibits the display, exhibit or presence of poultry, poultry products, including eggs, poultry parts or any goods or items containing or made up of poultry products such as feathers, or poultry parts at ANY exhibitions or other such venues within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which receive funding pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act 3 P.S. § 1501 et seq. **This order remains in effect until officially rescinded by the Department.** It is the goal of the Department to mitigate this disease threat as quickly as possible to resume normal poultry movements including allowance of exhibition at venues that receive funding pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act referenced above. However, at this time we cannot allow resumption of exhibition of any of the above. The Department will be sure to provide notification to the fairs, veterinarians, and stakeholders should this Quarantine Order be rescinded, and poultry exhibitions as listed above can resume.

No poultry exhibitions regardless of their funding, association, or venue may occur within a 10 km control zone of a premises infected with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza pursuant to Pa. B. 2597 General

Quarantine Order, Virus Control for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Poultry, Poultry Litter, Conveyances, Feed, Refuse, Containers, and Material Standards, Published Saturday April 30th 2022. Current Control zone proximity may be checked at the Department's Control Zone Address Checker on the PADLS website by clicking on the following link: [Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(arcgis.com\)](https://padeptag.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a9066a3d68a443a08043766cb84bf4ae) or by typing directly in the search bar:

<https://padeptag.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a9066a3d68a443a08043766cb84bf4ae>.

The following Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinary Consultation Relationship statement for the livestock and poultry being exhibited must be included with a signature line for the owner or caretaker on the fair registration form: "I attest and affirm that a "veterinarian

consultation relationship" – as that phrase is defined in the Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law found at 3 Pa.C.S.A. § 2501 et seq. and any amendments thereto – "exists with regard to any animals I will be exhibiting." Animals entering with a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) are exempt from this statement requirement.

Pennsylvania Cattle Requirements:

1. Sexually intact cattle shall be identified by an official ear tag or other unique identification device approved by PDA. Official identification includes: A USDA issued National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tag: or A 15 digit Animal Identification Number(AIN(ear tag Starting with "840"); or Other identification approved by the PDA (brands and breed registrations with tattoos are not acceptable). ID requirements specific to the Farm Show Complex: All cattle entering the complex must be identified with a 15 digit 840 ISO-compliant RFID ear tag. The only exception to this will be for cattle who were identified using a 900 series 15-digit ISO-compliant tag placed before January 1, 2015. No other exceptions will be granted. If you intend to exhibit at the complex, please distinguish between 840 tags with RFID capabilities versus 840 tags that do not have those capabilities prior to placing identification in your animal.

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Required for MDCF:

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2023.**

In addition to the identification for sexually intact cattle, all non-sexually intact cattle including steers and spayed heifers should be identified with forms of ID consistent with # 1 in requirements above.

2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.

3. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian for animals 3 months of age and older (observe appropriate slaughter withdrawal time). Market cattle consigned for immediate slaughter following exhibition can be exempt.

Pennsylvania Dogs – only service dogs and K-9 Unit dogs will be permitted on the fairgrounds. No domestic dogs will be permitted.

Requirements:

1. All rabies-vaccinated dogs should be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate. The certificate must contain the name of the product used, the date of vaccination and the legible name, contact information, and signature of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

Pennsylvania Equine Animals

1. **Requirements:** The Department of Agriculture has no specific requirements for Pennsylvania equines at fairs. However, fair management has the authority to impose requirements designed to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

2. See Rabies Requirements in the General section for animals exhibiting at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex.

Required for MDCF:

1. **A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2023.**

2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.

3. It is recommended that all equine animals be test negative for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) by an official test within the 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Laboratory

test results should accompany each animal to its final destination (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable). The CVI shall specify the date of sample collection and EIA test results. Foals less than six months of age accompanied by a test-negative dam are exempt from EIA testing requirements. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal to its final destination.

current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian for animals 3 months of age and older. The name of the product used, date of administration and veterinarian administering the rabies vaccination should appear on the CVI or on a rabies vaccination certificate and this information should correlate to a written description of the horse, and any and all forms of identification associated with the horse- such as lip, tattoos, brands, or microchips.

Section 10: Out of State Equine Animals Requirements:

1. **A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the 30 days prior to the date of importation. Please Note:** Extended Equine

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection and Interstate Equine Event Permits will not be accepted. Brand Certificates will not be accepted as Certificates of Veterinary Inspection.

2. Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) statement: This applies to horses entering Pennsylvania from states that experienced a Vesicular Stomatitis outbreak in the last 12 months. In these cases an accredited veterinarian shall determine whether the animals are free from VS, and animals shall be accompanied by a CVI with the following statement signed by the accredited veterinarian: "All animals identified on this CVI have been examined and found to be free from VS. During the past 90 days, these animals were not located within 10 miles of a site where VS has been diagnosed."

3. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.

4. All equine animals must be test negative for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) by an official test within the 12 months prior to the date of importation. Laboratory test results must accompany each animal to its final destination (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable). The CVI shall specify the date of sample collection and EIA test results. Foals under six months of age accompanied by a dam with

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negative EIA official test results are exempt from EIA testing requirements. If the foal is not accompanied by the dam, a copy of the dam's test results must accompany the foal to its final destination.

5. If an equine animal has resided in Texas or New Mexico for a cumulative total of 30 days or more within the six months preceding the date of entry into the Commonwealth, that animal must be test-negative for *Babesia caballi* and *Theileria equi* on a competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (c-ELISA) test, or a Department-approved equivalent test, with the test occurring within the 30 days preceding entry into Pennsylvania. The date of test and the test results shall be written on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

6. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian for animals 3 months of age and older. The name of the product used, date of administration and Veterinarian administering the rabies vaccination should appear on the CVI or on a rabies vaccination certificate and this information should correlate to a written description of the horse, and any and all forms of identification associated with the horse- such as lip, tattoos, brands, or microchips.

Pennsylvania Goats

Requirements:

1. Individual official animal identification is required for all goats. Official ID includes: A USDA ear tag with a US shield ; which includes scrapie program tags (animals bearing identification with blue colored scrapie program tags labelled "meat" with a US shield are not permitted to be exhibited in Pennsylvania- please call the department at 717-783-6851 if such a tag is encountered); or A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database a.k.a. scrapie tattoo (flock ID in the right ear—state postal code and letters/numbers—and individual animal ID in the left ear); or A breed registration tattoo if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible. Identification used for sheep and goats must be permanently affixed to the individual animal.

Required for MDCF:

1. **A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2023.**

2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.

Pennsylvania Rabbits

Requirements:

The Department of Agriculture has no specific requirements for Pennsylvania rabbits at fairs. However, fair management has the authority to impose requirements designed to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

While on exhibit or at any time following exhibition, you are obligated to report all mass mortality events and all rabbits who are ill and bleeding from eyes, nose, mouth, or have bloody stools to the department emergency line 717-772-2852 option 1. We need your help to quickly identify and stop dangerous transmissible diseases such as Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Type 2 (RHDV-2) from spreading.

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). Is required and exhibitions ask that each exhibited rabbit be listed on an intrastate CVI written within 14 days of entrance. The Certificate of Veterinary inspection shall be written by an accredited veterinarian and contain the following statements:

"All Rabbits in the shipment have been examined for and found free of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases including RHDV-2 and there have not been multiple mortality events or rabbits exhibiting hemorrhages within the last 90 days. The rabbits in this shipment have not been housed or exhibited with any rabbits associated with known mass mortality or hemorrhage events."

"In the last 90 days, the rabbits in this shipment, have not been exhibited in, housed in, or traveled to, any state or territory in which RHDV-2 has been diagnosed within the last 12 months. In addition, during the last 90 days, they have had no contact with any captive or wild rabbit which originated from or travelled to one of those affected states or territories."

Please note: Vaccination of Pennsylvania origin rabbits against RHDV-2 is encouraged through a licensed veterinarian. However, vaccination should not exempt the participant from having to adhere to and attest to the above statements on the CVI.

Pennsylvania Sheep

Requirements:

1. Individual official animal identification is required for all sheep. Official ID includes:

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- A USDA ear tag with a US shield ; which includes scrapie program tags (animals bearing identification with blue colored scrapie program tags labelled “meat” with a US shield are not permitted be exhibited in Pennsylvania- please call the department at 717-783-6851 if such a tag is encountered).or
- A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database a.k.a. scrapie tattoo (flock ID in the right ear—state postal code and letters/numbers— and individual animal ID in the left ear); or
- A breed registration tattoo if the animals are accompanied by a registration certificate (copy acceptable) and the tattoo is legible.
- Identification used for sheep and goats must be permanently affixed to the individual animal. For post-exhibition sales the following requirements apply: a. Market sheep must be documented on sales slips which contain the following information:
 1. **A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2023.**

2. All animals must be free of evidence of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.

3. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian for animals 3 months of age and older (observe appropriate slaughter withdrawal time).