

## 2002 Fair Season NYS Ag and Market Rules

### Animal Health Requirements

#### Fair Inspection Procedures

County fair officials are responsible for reviewing all certificates of veterinary inspection (CVI) for compliance with state regulations and for verifying individual identification of exhibited animals presented on a valid CVI. (Currently, a CVI is required for cattle, sheep, goats, swine, deer, llamas, monkeys, elephants, camels and miscellaneous ruminants.) The county fair official is responsible for rejecting any animal that does not meet the documentation requirements or is not properly identified. A rejection document must be issued for all rejections. The county fair official must sign or stamp all satisfactory CVIs and indicate the date inspected.

Division of Animal Industry (DAI) veterinarians and veterinary technicians are responsible for conducting an animal health inspection of all animals at the fair with the exception of horses (see below). The initial inspection will be conducted at or shortly after the arrival of the animals. *Specific animal arrival and inspection schedules must be established and adhered to.*

Daily walk-through inspections will be conducted by DAI personnel. Fair officials are responsible for bringing any animal health concerns to the attention of the DAI veterinarian or technician.

Horse show personnel are responsible for reviewing EIA and rabies vaccination documentation for all horses entering the grounds for compliance with current regulations. The horse show report supplied by DAI must be completed and returned to DAI personnel. Any equine health concerns must be reported to DAI personnel.

#### **NOTE: State Fair Procedures**

CVI and animal health inspections will be conducted by DAI personnel. All horses will be inspected at the horse check station. State Fair personnel are required to assist the veterinarian and veterinary technician as requested to facilitate the inspections.

#### Animal Health Rejections

All animal rejections for health reasons must be made by the DAI veterinarian. *Suspicion* of communicable disease is adequate grounds for rejection. *Confirmed diagnosis is not required*, since timely removal of suspicious animals is necessary to protect the remaining animals. All decisions are final. Fair personnel will be notified of all rejections and are responsible for removal of the animals from the grounds immediately. The State Veterinarian retains the authority to order the removal of all animals originating from the same premises when a potentially serious communicable disease is suspected in any animals in the group. Vesicular diseases are of particular concern. Animals listed on the same CVI or originating from the same address are assumed to be from the same premises.

#### Preparation for the Fair

**Contagious Diseases:** All animals must be free from contagious disease. *Examples* of contagious diseases for which animals have been denied entry or rejected from fairs include the following:

ringworm, warts, mange, sore mouth, respiratory infection and contagious hoof infections.

**Animal Identification:** Animals must be uniquely identified. Acceptable identification allows positive matching of the animal to all accompanying documents including papers with laboratory test results and vaccination statements. *If a sketch or photograph is to be used for official identification of an animal, the sketch or photograph must contain the signature of the attending veterinarian and date.* Horse sketches and descriptions should reference color pattern, hair whorls, chestnuts, scars and other markings. Llama drawings, as for horses, must positively identify the individual animal. A name or a statement of color without additional distinguishing features or man-made identification is not acceptable identification.

**Follow Drug and Vaccine Withholding Times:** In order to prevent the contamination of food products, labeled withholding times should be strictly adhered to in food producing animals that have been treated with any chemical (drug) or have had vaccine administered.

**Isolation:** In addition to the possibility that the stress of moving can result in a healthy animal becoming ill, assembling groups of animals increases the chance of exposure to contagious disease. *All animals returning from a fair or show should be isolated from the herd or flock (no direct or indirect contact) for at least two weeks after returning to the premise of origin.*

**Proof of Vaccination:** A signed, written statement from the attending veterinarian is required as proof of vaccination. A valid animal health certificate which has the vaccination(s) listed and is signed by the issuing veterinarian is acceptable proof of vaccination. The date of vaccination and the name of the products used must be listed on all certificates.

#### Reasons for Fair Entrance Denial in Past Years:

- Testing requirements not fulfilled
- No CVI presented or animals not listed on CVI
- Test time constraints not met
- Forged documents
- Mange, ringworm, warts, respiratory disease or other contagious disease
- Required vaccination(s) not administered
- Vaccination time constraints not met
- Inadequate proof of vaccination
- Lack of or incomplete identification
- Identification between documents varies for the same animal
- Invalid Interstate Charts

Disease status can change. Stay informed about developing animal health issues. Fair entrance requirements may need to be modified.

Don't wait until the last moment to prepare your animal(s) for the fair. If you have any questions or comments about entrance requirements, you can contact your regional state veterinarian/veterinary technician or the NYS Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry, Albany, NY at 518-457-3502.

### **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection**

**New York State Animals:** A valid New York State *intrastate* CVI (form AI61) is required for: *Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Llamas, Deer, Monkeys, Miscellaneous Ruminants, Camels and Elephants*. Each animal must be individually and positively identified on the health chart. The CVI must be issued by an *Accredited Veterinarian* on or after May 1 of the current year.

**Non-New York State Animals:** All animals entering New York State must satisfy import health and test requirements for that species. **The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance with regard to entrance into New York State.** During the fair season (July 1 through Labor Day) valid interstate CVIs can be used multiple times for entrance into fairs. The initial entrance into a fair must be within 30 days of issuance. In order for this certificate to be used at a later fair, it must be initialed and dated by a fair official. If it was issued greater than 30 days prior to movement and is not initialed, the animal will be denied admission. *In addition to state entrance requirements, animal(s) must satisfy individual fair admission requirements. After entry into New York State, an interstate health chart can serve as a fair health certificate if fair requirements (in addition to the interstate requirements) have been fulfilled.*

**NOTE:** All vaccine requirements must be met during the duration of the fair. CVIs with vaccinations out of date at the time of the fair are invalid and the animals will be rejected.

### **Rabies Vaccination**

In consideration of public health concerns, it is strongly recommended that *all mammals* to be exhibited at *any fair in NYS* be vaccinated against rabies. The NYS Interdepartmental Rabies Committee recognizes the probable efficacy and safety of killed rabies vaccine for off-label mammalian species; however, *in cases of rabies exposure*, the NYS Department of Health cannot recognize, *as protected*, rabies-vaccinated animals for which there is no licensed rabies vaccine. *Exhibitors should consult their veterinarian for further information.*

Proof of rabies vaccination *will be required at all fairs* for those species that a USDA licensed vaccine is available (as of 1/1/02 – cattle, cats, dogs, horses, ferrets and sheep). Proof of vaccination must include the signature of the veterinarian (see prior section). The vaccine must be administered at least *14 days prior to arrival on the fairgrounds but no greater than the labeled time specified for active protection against rabies*. The animal's rabies vaccination status must remain current throughout its stay on the fairgrounds. Rabies vaccination of all other mammalian species is strongly recommended. Some fairs may require rabies vaccination of mammalian species not indicated on the label. Please inquire locally.

**Minimum Age for Vaccination:** Animals *105 days of age or older* on the date of arrival at the fair must be vaccinated for rabies (for those species requiring vaccination).

**Booster Vaccination:** Animal previously vaccinated for rabies but whose vaccine status has expired are eligible for exhibition upon receiving a booster vaccination. *Proof of previous vaccination is required.* (See prior section.)

**NOTE: Rabies titers in lieu of current rabies vaccination is not acceptable.**

A fourteen-day rabies vaccination requirement is the *minimum time frame* that will help to ensure protection of animals against rabies while on the fairgrounds. *It is preferable to establish rabies immunity well in advance of the fair season. Keep in mind that a non-immunized animal (or an animal whose protective vaccination status has expired), exposed to rabies virus prior to receiving its vaccination, is not likely to be protected. Exhibitors should consult with their veterinarian about vaccinating their animal(s) against rabies as soon as possible.* As animals receive their booster vaccination, we will be developing a population that is protected against rabies to the broadest degree possible.

### **Soremouth in Sheep and Goats**

Sheep and goats with lesions characteristic of Soremouth are not allowed to be exhibited. Any sheep originating from the same flock are considered exposed and must be removed from the grounds. The fair is responsible for cleaning and disinfecting the pens immediately after removal. The CVI used for entrance of the sheep is immediately invalid for subsequent fairs. A statement to that effect will be written on the CVI. In order to exhibit at later fairs, a new CVI will be required including the complete flock inspection.

### **Live Animals as Prizes**

Under Section 358-a of Article 26 of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law, *live animals are not allowed to be given away as prizes in any game, drawing, contest, sweepstakes or other promotion.*

The exceptions are purebred livestock and fish. Animals can also be given away as part of a bona fide education program. Enforcement is carried out by peace officers or agents of an incorporated SPCA.

### **Cleaning and Disinfection**

All premises on the fairgrounds housing animals must be cleaned and disinfected prior to the opening of the fair and between groups of animals when housing is rotated. (Section 50.2 of Agriculture and markets regulations)

### **Fair Entrance Requirements by Species**

If a species is not mentioned in the following sections, please check with NYS Department of Agriculture/Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3502 for specific fair entrance requirements.

#### **Birds**

**Pullorum-Typhoid:** For poultry (*doves, pigeons & waterfowl are exempt*), certification that a negative pullorum typhoid test has been conducted within 90 days of the fair **OR** certification that the birds originate directly from a US pullorum-typhoid clean flock or equivalent flock.

US pullorum-typhoid clean or equivalent testing must be within 2 years of exhibition.

*It is recommended that you consult with a veterinarian or avian specialist about vaccinating poultry against infectious laryngotracheitis (ILT).*

### **Cattle (to include steers & slaughter class cattle)**

#### ***Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (with animals individually identified)***

**Rabies Vaccination:** Proof of active immunization against rabies (see Proof of Vaccination and Rabies Vaccination in prior sections)

**Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex:** Cattle three months of age and older must show proof of having been vaccinated against the common bovine respiratory disease viruses such that they are adequately immunized against these diseases prior to arrival on the fairgrounds. Vaccination **must** include immunization against bovine viral diarrhea (BVD), bovine respiratory syncytial virus (BRSV), infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR) and Parainfluenza (PI).

**Observe Milk & Meat Drug/Vaccine Labeled Withholding times** (See Preparation for the Fair in prior section.)

### **Deer (Cervidae)**

#### ***Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (with animals individually identified)***

**All deer must originate from a herd classified as accredited or qualified under USDA Tuberculosis regulations.** Accredited herds have had 3 consecutive negative annual herd TB tests of all deer 1 year of age or older with the last test within 2 years of exhibition. Qualified herds have had a negative complete herd TB test of all deer 1 year of age or older within 1 year of exhibition.

**Rabies Vaccination Strongly Recommended.** Consult your veterinarian. (See Rabies Vaccination in prior section.)

### **Goats**

#### ***Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (with animals individually identified)***

**All goats must be identified by a legible registration tattoo or a USDA approved official identification tag.** Official tags can be obtained from an accredited veterinarian or by contacting USDA at (518) 453-0187. Tags also may be available from your local Cooperative Extension office.

**Veterinary Statement:** The health chart must contain a written statement from the issuing accredited veterinarian certifying that there has been no evidence of contagious disease (animal or public health concern) in the herd of origin.

**Rabies Vaccination Strongly Recommended.** Consult your veterinarian. (See Rabies Vaccination in prior section.)

### **Horses (Equidae)**

**Equine Infectious Anemia Test (EIA/Coggins):** A valid EIA chart documenting that the animal has been tested (any USDA approved test) within the current or previous calendar years (2001 and 2002 for this fair season) and found to be negative for EIA infection, is required of all equines 6 months of age and older. The animal identification noted on all accompanying documents must match the description on the official EIA chart. (See Animal Identification in prior section). **NOTE: "No Markings" is not acceptable identification.**

**Rabies Vaccination:** Proof of active immunization against rabies required. (See Proof of Vaccination and Rabies Vaccination in prior section.)

### **Llamas/Alpacas/Guanacos**

As with other species llamas must be uniquely identified. (See Preparation for the Fair in prior section.) Identifying a llama

simply by name or number is not acceptable. Some examples of acceptable llama identification include tattoos, a photograph or sketch (a llama TB chart can be used to sketch the animal) which is signed by the attending veterinarian or electronic identification (the owner is responsible for having a reader available to interpret the electronic ID chip).

#### ***Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (with animals individually identified)***

**All llamas, alpacas and guanacos must be either:** 1) negative for Tuberculosis by means of an axillary intradermal TB test (12 months of age or older) **or** 2) originate from a herd which has had a negative complete herd TB test of all test eligible animals (12 months of age or older) within the past 5 years.

**Rabies Vaccination Strongly Recommended.** Consult your veterinarian. (See Rabies Vaccination in prior section.)

### **Monkeys**

#### ***Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (with animals individually identified)***

**Tuberculosis Test:** Proof of a negative intradermal tuberculin test (official test) completed within one year of the fair.

**Rabies Vaccination Strongly Recommended.** Consult your veterinarian. (See Rabies Vaccination in prior section.)

### **Sheep**

#### ***Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (with animals individually identified)***

**All sheep must be identified by a legible registration tattoo or a USDA approved official identification tag.** Official tags can be obtained from an accredited veterinarian or by contacting USDA at (518) 453-0187. Tags also may be available from your local Cooperative Extension office.

**Rabies Vaccination:** Proof of active immunization against rabies (See Rabies Vaccination in prior section).

**Veterinary Statement:** The health chart must contain a written statement from the issuing accredited veterinarian certifying that there has been no evidence of contagious disease (animal or public health concern) in the herd of origin.

### **Swine**

#### ***Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (with animals individually identified)***

**Rabies Vaccination Strongly Recommended.** Consult your veterinarian. (See Rabies Vaccination in prior section.)

### **Elephants**

#### ***Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (with animals individually identified)***

All elephants presented for admission to a fair must be exhibited pursuant to a current USDA license.

**Rabies Vaccination Strongly Recommended.** Consult your veterinarian. (See Rabies Vaccination in prior section.)

### **Miscellaneous Ruminants (other than those previously listed)**

#### ***Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (with animals individually identified)***

**Rabies Vaccination Strongly Recommended.** Consult your veterinarian. (See Rabies Vaccination in prior section.)

### **Camels**

#### ***Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (with animals individually identified)***

***Rabies Vaccination Strongly Recommended.*** Consult your veterinarian. (See Rabies Vaccination in prior section.)