

A Reference Guide For Exhibiting Animals At Fairs

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In 2002, legislation was enacted which affected the rules governing health requirements for animals enrolled for competition or show in exhibitions such as county agricultural fairs or the state farm show. As we enter into the fair season, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau has developed a summary, by species, of requirements that must be met in accordance with the new state law, which aims to ensure the health and safety of Pennsylvania's animal population, as well as the health of people attending the fair.

This law not only affects procedures for enrolling in an exhibition — it will also slightly alter the look of the fairground this

year. Several sanitation standards are implemented by this legislation, including an "adequate hand-cleansing facility for adults and children" which will be conveniently located on the animal exhibition grounds with notices posted encouraging handwashing after touching animals or using the restroom and before eating.

The following rules are applicable to:

- An agricultural fair, defined as one operated in a manner which makes it eligible for a grant under the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act (Act 92 of 1986).
- A petting zoo.
- An event where animals are displayed on animal exhibition grounds for view and physical contact under one of the three following conditions: if the operator advertises the event, if the operator charges an admission fee for access to the animals, or if

there is a retail food establishment on the grounds.

Act 211 of 2002 states, "A person may not bring an animal to an animal exhibition unless the person has an established veterinarian-client-patient relationship," (3 Pa.C.S.A 2502 (3)). Because of this new regulation, all species up for show will require an "Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship Form" which must be presented at all shows and fairs in Pennsylvania.

For clarification purposes, what has popularly been called a health certificate or health chart, has now been renamed the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, also known as Form AAI-13. As was previously applicable according to section 102.23 of the Pennsylvania Code:

- No poultry or livestock from a premises under quarantine for a contagious or infectious disease is eligible to be exhibited.
- No poultry or livestock showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or parasitic diseases will be admitted to a show.
- Livestock or poultry not representative of their species due to conformation conditioning or of a fractious nature is not eligible to be exhibited.

All participants should consult fair premium books containing rules for a particular fair. There may be additional animal health specifications for each individual event.

Horses

An "Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship Form" must be presented upon arrival at all shows and fairs in Pennsylvania, including out-of-state entries.

Horses must be accompanied by an approved Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which must be available at all times for additional inspections.

Solid color animals must be identified by some method of unique identification, e.g. lip tattoo, brand, distinctive marks, etc.

In order to avoid spread of equine infectious anemia, all horses must be official ELISA or AGID test negative within one year of admission to the show.

Immunizations for contagious respiratory disease should be administered not less than 15 days before a show.

In addition, 4-H Horse and Pony Rules require that animals entered in 4-H horse shows must be vaccinated against rabies at least one month, but not more than 12 months before the opening of the show.

Dairy And Beef Cattle

An "Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship Form" must be presented upon arrival at all shows and fairs in Pennsylvania, including out-of-state entries.

Animals must bear unique, permanent identification, such as an official ear tag or breed registration tattoo, and be accompanied by an approved Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which must be available at all times for additional inspections.

The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must certify that an animal has been immunized against Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), Parainfluenza3 (PI3), and Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD).

Note: If your animal has never been vaccinated against BVD, it must receive one dose of modified live virus vaccine at least 15 days, or not more than 180 days before the show, or two doses of killed vaccine two to four weeks apart with the last vaccine given not less than 15 days and not more than 180 days from the opening day of the show.

No tuberculosis test or brucellosis test is required for Pennsylvania cattle. For out-of-state cattle, a tuberculosis test is required, and a brucellosis test is required if the state is not classified as brucellosis-free.

Sheep

An "Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship Form" must be presented upon arrival at all shows and fairs in Pennsylvania, including out-of-state entries.

An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must accompany the sheep to the show and be available at all times for additional inspections.

Purebred animals must be identified by registry name and number corresponding to the ear tag or tattoo number. Grade animals must be identified by a farm-flock number, which corresponds to the ear tag or tattoo number.

Flocks must be examined within 30 days of the opening date of show. The veterinarian who has examined the entries and the flocks from which they come must certify on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that he has found no evidence of transmissible disease and to the best of his knowledge, no exposure thereto and the animals are not subject to any quarantine restrictions.

The owner and an accredited veterinarian must provide certification stating that the identified animal is not known to have been exposed to Scrapie.

Dipping is not required of sheep from officially recognized scabies free areas: all other sheep must be dipped in an officially permitted solution within 10 days of the opening date of the show.

All sheep except wethers must bear an official USDA/APHIS eartag to be exhibited at the show. Sheep from flocks on the Voluntary Scrapie Eradication program must bear the official tag, tattoo, or electronic ear implant.

Swine

An "Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship Form" must be presented upon arrival at all shows and fairs in Pennsylvania, including out-of-state entries.

An official certificate of veterinary inspection must accompany all swine and be issued within 30 days of the opening date of the show.

For Pennsylvania swine, a pseudorabies test is required, but a brucellosis test is not required.

All swine must be negative to a USDA approved pseudorabies test conducted within 30 days of arrival at the show OR be a member of a qualified Pseudorabies-Negative Herd. The Qualified Pseudorabies Negative Herd number and the date of the last quarterly or monthly herd test must be on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. The certificate of veterinary inspection must show this statement: Herd of origin has shown no evidence of pseudorabies within the past twelve months.

For out-of-state swine: All breeding swine over 6 months of age must be negative to a brucellosis test within 30 days of opening date of show OR originate from a validated brucellosis-free swine herd.

Goats

An "Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship Form" must be presented upon arrival at all shows and fairs in Pennsylvania, including out-of-state entries.

An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection should accompany the animals and be available at all times for additional inspections. Each animal should be individually identified on the certificate.

All goats must have an official eartag or legible breed registration tattoo.

All goats except wethers must bear an official USDA/APHIS ear tag to be exhibited at the show. The only exceptions are those goats that have a registration tattoo and have been coded with a premise I.D. number.

Neither tuberculosis nor Brucellosis tests are required.

Poultry/Pigeons

An "Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship Form" must be presented upon arrival at all shows and fairs in Pennsylvania, including out-of-state entries.

A Certificate of Veterinary inspection must be presented upon arrival and be available for further inspections.

All entries of live poultry, whether for exhibition or educational purposes, shall be accompanied by a declaration or certification from the owner or exhibitor that to the best of his/her knowledge, the poultry entries and source flock are free from any evidence of transmissible disease.

This certificate or declaration must contain the date of pullorum disease blood testing as well as the name and address of the owner/exhibitor, the name and location of the show, and identification information for each bird to be exhibited.

Exhibit animals must originate from a flock in which a minimum of twenty birds four weeks of age or older were tested serologically negative for avian influenza within sixty days of shipment. The shipment must be accompanied by the test report. Health certificates of Pullorum eradication must be completed and accompany the fowl entries. Pennsylvania flocks must be from home flocks vaccinated for Laryngotracheitis (LT) no more than one year and no less than thirty days before the opening date of the exhibition. Note: The LT vent brush vaccine must never be used. Use a tissue culture LT intraocular administration vaccine only.

After returning from show, all birds that were exhibited should be isolated from the rest indefinitely, or at least until it has been established that the birds are not carriers of disease producing agents.

Exemptions

While the new law is applicable to all agricultural fairs as defined above, the new law is not applicable to some agricultural events, including:

- An event sponsored by an agricultural organization and held not more than two days per year.
- An event authorized by a farmer to permit individuals to view or have contact with the animals a farmer is raising in the course of normal agricultural operation.
- An event performed or authorized in the normal course of operation of an equine boarding, riding, or training exercise by the person who owns the enterprise.

Grumbine To Head Lebanon Valley Expo



On the move, Dennis Grumbine drives in his pickup truck near his Myerstown home this spring.

Photo by Dave Lefever

LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — Dennis Grumbine, former Pennsylvania Farm Show director, was recently named CEO of the Lebanon Valley Exposition Corporation.

"Mr. Grumbine will be responsible for administering any and all business functions of the corporation," according to Richard Kreider, president. "He brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the position."

The cornerstone event at the 72-acre Lebanon Fairgrounds and Expo Center is the Lebanon Area Fair conducted annually the

last week of July. A total of 70 events take place at the expo center each year.

Grumbine, Myerstown, has served on the expo's board of directors for decades.

According to Kreider, the board of directors has recognized the need to position the Lebanon Fairgrounds and Expo Center to "grow and prosper as our business interests continue to grow."

Grumbine was terminated from his position as Pennsylvania Farm Show director by the new administration of Gov. Ed Rendell this spring.



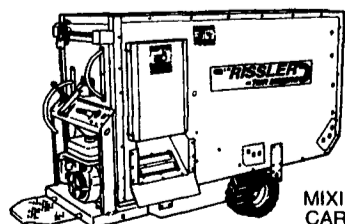
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