

Guidelines for care of Animals

It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to care for animals in a manner that is responsible and ethical. Following are some guidelines for the treatment of animals exhibited at the show.

A. Restraining animals

- 1) Animals should be tied or penned in a manner that will not hurt the animal or restrict breathing in any way.
- 2) Animals should be tied so that all four feet are firmly on the ground and they can stand or lie down.
- 3) Animals should be tied so they cannot injure other animals near them.
- 4) Animals unaccustomed to each other should not be penned together.

B. Handling – any type of rough handling which could harm the animals is prohibited. The use of whips, canes and show sticks should be restricted to showing only and then used only to guide the animals, not punish them.

C. Bedding – all animals should have bedding that is dry and clean. Pens should be cleaned regularly to keep the animals clean and comfortable.

D. Feeding and Watering – Animals should be well fed and have access to clean water regularly. Animals not allowed reasonable access to feed and water will be disqualified from the show.

E. Transportation – Animals should be transported in a way that is both safe and considerate of the animal's well-being.

F. Health – It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide proper health care for their animals through routine inspection and consultation with health care professionals. The improper or illegal use of drugs or antibiotics is prohibited.

2017 PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PENNSYLVANIA FAIRS ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

For Exhibition, Including Commercial Exhibition

This document provides the requirements for the 116 Pennsylvania County and Community Fairs receiving funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The management of individual fairs may adopt requirements which are more stringent than those of the Department, and all exhibitors are encouraged to check with the management of each fair in advance to ensure compliance with all requirements.

These requirements are not required for local, county, and district 4-H and FFA exhibitions which are not held in conjunction with a Pennsylvania County and Community Fair receiving funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but it is recommended that these requirements be adopted by show management.

These requirements are designed to protect animal health while minimizing the financial impact on youth exhibitors associated with the individual certificates of veterinary inspection (CVI) requirement. Please note that

exhibitors are not required to send the CVI to the department for approval prior to the fair-the CVI may be checked at the fair.

For specified events at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, including the Pennsylvania Farm Show, the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show, the Pennsylvania State Junior Dairy Show, the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, the Pennsylvania Fall Holstein Show and the Pennsylvania State 4-H Horse Show, exhibitors will need to consult the 2017 requirements in place for those particular events.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture recommends that animals returning home from fairs be isolated from other members of the herd or flock for 2-4 weeks to help prevent the spread of disease.

In addition to these animal health requirements, the PA Department of Agriculture recommends that exhibitors of all animals, including those for commercial exhibit, discuss the health of their animals, including vaccine recommendations, with a veterinarian on a regular basis.

Dogs for Exhibition:

Requirements:

1. A current rabies vaccination is required for all exhibition dogs three months of age and older. All vaccine label directions must be followed.
2. All rabies-vaccinated dogs must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate. The certificate must contain legible name, contact information, and signature of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.
3. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.

Pennsylvania Equine Animals:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2017 is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.
3. An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. All equine animals must be test negative for EIA by an official test within the 12 months prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Laboratory test results must accompany each animal to its final destination (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable). Foals less than six months of age accompanied by a dam which meets the above requirements 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. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals three months of age

and older. However, if a mare was currently vaccinated against rabies when she foaled, the foal is not required to be vaccinated until 6 months of age, with a 2nd vaccination administered 2-4 weeks later. All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated equine animals must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. The certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the original rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.

Pennsylvania Goats:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2017 is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.
3. An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
4. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
 - An official USDA scrapie eartag. Contact the USDA to obtain scrapie eartags at 1-866-873-2824, weekdays from 9 AM to 5 PM. Your order may take several weeks for processing, so order tags early; or
 - An ISO-compliant 15-digit eartag (including RFID); or
 - A USDA-approved custom scrapie eartag; or
 - A USDA-approved scrapie tattoo. Goats with an official scrapie tattoo must also have a unique individual animal ID (tattoo) to meet the scrapie ID requirement; or
 - Goats having a breed registration tattoo and accompanied by a registration certificate are exempt from the scrapie ID requirement if the tattoo is legible and a registration certificate (copy acceptable) or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection which lists the tattoo and registry accompanies the animal at all times during transport from the premises of birth.

Pennsylvania Rabbits:

Requirements:

1. An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) form must accompany all PA rabbits, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases.

Pennsylvania Sheep:

Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2017 is required.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this is required on the CVI.

3. An Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) form must accompany each animal, and must be presented upon arrival at the exhibition.

4. Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is required. Official scrapie ID includes:

- An official USDA scrapie eartag. Contact the USDA to obtain scrapie eartags at 1-866-873-2824, weekdays from 9 AM to 5 PM. Your order may take several weeks for processing, so order tags early; or
- A USDA-approved custom scrapie eartag; or
- A USDA-approved scrapie tattoo with individual animal ID (tattoo); or
- An ISO-compliant 15-digit eartag (including RFID).

5. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older (market sheep are exempt from this vaccination requirement). All vaccine label directions must be followed, and all rabies vaccinated sheep must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate or the vaccination information must be included on the CVI. If a rabies vaccination certificate is provided, the certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and the veterinarian's signature. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable. All animal class entry fees will be \$2.00 except ADGA (\$3.50).

Pennsylvania Cattle:

Recommendations for Fair Animal Health Requirements:

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued after May 1, 2017.
2. All animals must be free of infectious and contagious diseases and a statement of this should be written on the CVI.
3. Individual official animal identification. Official ID will have a US shield (US) and includes:
 - A USDA-issued National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tag; or
 - A 15-digit Animal Identification Number eartag starting with "840" (including RFID) or
 - Other official identification approved by USDA. (Brands and breed registrations with tattoos are not acceptable).
4. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is recommended for animals 3 months of age and older (*market cattle are exempt*).

DEPARTMENT #1: Horses

HORSES: No horse showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or parasitic diseases will be admitted to the show.

Helmets must be worn by all riders 18 years and younger!

HORSE EVENTS FUN SHOW CLASS

Stabling not provided

Pre-Registration Entry fees \$1.00 (\$2 Day of Event) per entry class payable at time of entry.