

**2010 FAIR SEASON  
ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

**I. ALL ANIMALS – GENERAL COMMENTS**

All animals must be free from any signs of 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 infections, and contagious hoof infections.

Animal health documents approved at one fair will be accepted for review at all other fairs during the same calendar year. Regardless of previous fair admission history, when documents are presented for review, health status of each animal, and recent disease exposure will be evaluated before admission to the fairgrounds is allowed.

**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.

**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.

**RABIES VACCINATION** – Current rabies vaccination is required for all species for which there is a USDA licensed vaccine available (cattle, horses, sheep, dog, cat, ferret) and that are 105 days or older on the date of admission to the fair. An animal is currently vaccinated beginning 14 days following primary (initial) vaccination continuing for the period stated in the manufacturer's instructions. Rabies vaccine label instructions allow vaccination as early as 84 days of age. This allows a one week window between 84 and 91 days of age (105 minus 14 days) where vaccine can be administered to meet the 105 day requirement. If an animal reaches the minimum age for rabies vaccination during the fair season, the vaccinations requirement must be met even if the animal was previously admitted to a fair when too young to vaccinate. Acceptable proof of rabies vaccination must include a signed written statement from the attending veterinarian or a valid certificate of veterinarian inspection that has the vaccination listed and is signed by the attending veterinarian. Acceptable proof of vaccination must include the name of the product used, the date of administration and the duration of immunity if longer than one year. If the statement of rabies vaccination is included on an EIA test record, it must be signed separately in addition to the required EIA test record signature.

**HORSES (Equidae) LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS** – Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is not required for New York origin horses. CVI is required for imported horses. Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test is required for all horses 6 months of age or older. The horse must be accompanied by a valid negative EIA test record. The test must have been conducted during the current or previous calendar years for New York origin horses. For imported horses, the test must be conducted within 12 months of entry. The EIA test certificate must include a complete description of the horse. Current rabies vaccination is required for all horses 105 days of age or older (see above).

**WE REQUEST YOU SEND A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR COGGINS AND RABIES CERTIFICATES ALONG WITH YOUR ENTRIES TO SPEED UP PROCESSING.**