

# **ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

## **Finger Lakes Fiber Arts Festival**

**September 19 and 20, 2009**

These requirements apply to **all** animals on the festival grounds, whether for the purpose of exhibition, demonstration or sale.

Festival Veterinarian, Glenn R. Fahnestock DVM (or his designee), will be inspecting animals and required paperwork/documentation Friday PM and Sat AM. Animals not presented with the required paperwork/documentation **or** showing signs of poor health or infectious disease will be required to leave the festival grounds immediately.

It is expected that all animals will be provided with clean bedding appropriate for the weather as well as clean drinking water and proper nourishment for the duration of the festival. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide these materials. There are none available on the festival grounds.

### **General Information**

#### **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. Acceptable forms of unique identification include official eartag, registration tattoo, electronic identification or a sketch or photograph signed and dated by an accredited veterinarian who has inspected the individual animal. If electronic ID is utilized as the sole form of identification, the exhibitor is responsible for supplying a working electronic reader. 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/Alpaca 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.

#### **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 must be listed on all certificates. **Invoices of vaccination are insufficient.**

#### **Rabies Vaccination**

Acceptable proof of rabies vaccination must include a signed written statement from the attending veterinarian or a valid certificate of veterinary inspection that has the vaccination listed and is signed by the attending veterinarian. The rabies vaccine must be

administered at least 14 days prior to arrival at Finger Lakes Fiber Festival, but no greater than the labeled time specified for active protection against rabies. 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. The animal's rabies vaccination status must remain current throughout its stay at the festival.

**Minimum age for vaccination:** Animals 105 days of age or older on the date of arrival at Finger Lakes Fiber Festival must be vaccinated for rabies. 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.

**Booster Vaccination:** Animals previously vaccinated for rabies but whose vaccine status has expired, are eligible for exhibition upon receiving a booster vaccination. This booster must be given at least 3 days prior to arrival at the festival. **Proof of previous vaccination is required.**

**Note: Rabies titers in lieu of current rabies vaccination are not acceptable.**

### **NEW ----- BVD-PI Testing for Camelids**

- All cattle exhibited at NY county fairs or the State Fair must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). **Also, starting in 2009, all llamas, alpacas, guanacos and vicunas (new world camelids) must be test negative for BVD-PI. This is a once in a lifetime test that must be reported on the required certificate of veterinary inspection. The issuing veterinarian is responsible for verifying the validity of the test, the identification of the animal and recording the test date on the CVI. If a previous test is not verifiable the test must be repeated.**

#### Llama, Alpaca, Guanaco, Vicuna Testing

- Currently Acceptable BVD tests:
  - o PCR
  - o Whole blood virus isolation

#### **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)**

##### **New York State animals:**

A valid intrastate CVI (form AI 61) is required. Each animal must be individually and positively identified on the health chart. The CVI must be issued by an accredited Veterinarian on or after August 21, 2009.

##### **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 and **must remain in effect through exhibition** at the festival. **Import requirements vary from state to state. It is your, and your veterinarian's, responsibility to contact New York State for current document requirements.**

### Requirements for Individual Species

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**Please note REQUIRED USDA identification for sheep and goats.  
Please note special requirements for non-New York state animals.**

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#### **Horses:**

- 1) Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** – A CVI is not required for New York State horses. A CVI **IS** required for out-of-state horses.
- 2) Equine Infectious Anemia Test (EIA/Coggins)** -- A negative test is required for all horses 6 months of age or older. Horses less than 6 months of age accompanied by a test-negative dam do not have to be tested. Horses less than 6 months of age **not** accompanied by a test-negative dam must be test negative. The test must have been conducted during the current or previous calendar years (2009 or 2008) for New York origin horses. For out-of-state horses, the test must be conducted within 12 months of entry. The animal identification noted on all accompanying documents must match the description on the official EIA chart. **NOTE:** “No markings” is not acceptable identification.
- 3) Rabies Vaccination** -- Proof of active immunization against rabies for horses 105 days of age or older. 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.

#### **Sheep:**

- 1) A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)** with animals individually identified with USDA-approved individual scrapie identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA-approved tags or 2) a USDA-approved premises tattoo, or 3) electronic ID if the sheep is enrolled in the scrapie Flock Certification Program (owner must supply a working electronic reader). For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 518-218-7540.
- 2) Veterinary Statement** - The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing accredited veterinarian that the flock of origin was inspected after August 21st of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious or communicable diseases was found.
- 3) Rabies Vaccination** - Current rabies vaccination is required for all sheep 105 days of age or older.
- 4) Soremouth** - If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any sheep, the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the festival grounds.

**Goats:**

- 1) **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** - A CVI with animals individually identified with USDA-approved individual scrapie program identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA-approved tags or 2) a legible registration tattoo with official registration paper accompanying the animal or 3) a USDA-approved herd tattoo, or 4) electronic ID if the goat is enrolled in the scrapie Flock Certification Program and/or the electronic ID is recorded on the goat's registration paper (owner must supply a working electronic reader). For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 518-218-7540.
- 2) **Veterinary Statement** - The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing accredited veterinarian that the herd of origin was inspected after August 21 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious or communicable diseases was found.
- 3) **Rabies Vaccination** - Current rabies vaccination is required for all goats 105 days of age or older.
- 4) **Soremouth** - If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any goat, the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the festival grounds.

**Llama, Alpaca, other camelids**

- 1) **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** - A CVI with animals individually identified.
- 2) **BVD-PI** All llamas, etc. must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). (See current acceptable tests above.) The date and results of the testing must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- 3) **Tuberculosis** - TB testing is not required for camelids from within NY state. Out-of-state camelids must still be tested. Animals must test negative for tuberculosis by means of an axillary TB test within 12 months of the festival (12 months of age and older) **OR** originate from a herd which has had a negative complete herd test of all llamas/alpacas over 12 months of age within the previous 5 years.
- 4) **Rabies Vaccination** - Current rabies vaccination is required for all llamas/alpacas 105 days of age or older.

**Dogs:**

- 1) **Rabies Vaccination** – Proof of active immunization against rabies. Acceptable proof of vaccination for dogs is a valid vaccination certificate or a copy of the dog license that contains the rabies vaccination information.

**Rabbits, Chinchillas, all other animals:**

No specific documentation is required. Animals must be in good health and show no signs of infectious disease. There will be an inspection of these animals by the festival veterinarian. Any animals showing signs of infectious disease will be required to be removed immediately from the fairgrounds.