

**2008 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.

II. **RABIES VACCINATION** – Proof of rabies vaccination **will be required at all** fairs for those species that a USDA licensed vaccine is available (cattle, cats, dogs, horses, ferrets and sheep). Proof of vaccination must include the signature of the veterinarian. The vaccine must be administered he Erie County Fair entrance requirements include veterinary documentation of rabies vaccination. At the time of printing, approved rabies vaccine 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. This requirement applies to BOTH New York State and Non New York State Animals.

**III. CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION**

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.

**IV. HORSES (Equidae) LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS:**

a. 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 year (2007 and 2008 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. NOTE: “No Markings” is not acceptable identification.

b. Rabies Vaccination – Proof of active immunization against rabies required.

**ALL HORSES OVER 6 MONTHS OF AGE MUST HAVE BEEN IMMUNIZED AGAINST RABIES AT LEAST 14 DAYS PRIOR TO ENTRY TO THE GROUNDS. PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION MUST INCLUDE THE DATE OF ADMINISTRATION AND THE TYPE OF VACCINE USED.**

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