

2013
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**PENNSYLVANIA FAIRS
ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
FOR EXHIBITION, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION**

This document provides the requirements for the 113 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.

The following Animal Owner or Caretaker's Verification of Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) statement for the animals being exhibited must be included with a signature line on the fair registration form: *I attest and affirm that a "veterinary-client-patient relationship" – as that phrase is defined in the Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law found at 3 Pa.C.S.A. § 2501 et seq. and any amendments thereto – exists with regard to any animals I will be exhibiting.*

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 2013 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 Pennsylvania 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.