

# 2024 Westmoreland Fair Animal Exhibition Health Rules and Regulations:

## Veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) and Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (pg. 12)

- Veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCRP) forms are required for all breeding and market animals housed at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds, including swine, cattle, sheep, goats, horses, llamas/alpacas, rabbits, and poultry. These forms must be filled out completely and signed by a licensed veterinarian. **The following rules apply for all IN-STATE animals:**
  - For horses, cattle, sheep, goats, and llamas/alpacas a visual, in-person inspection by the signing veterinarian is required within **90 days** of check-in to the Westmoreland fair for completion of the VCPR form.
  - All swine must have a completed VCPR form as well as a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) that is completed within **30 days** of check-in to the Westmoreland fair.
  - Poultry and rabbits are exempt from visual, in-person inspection but the VCPR forms must still be signed by a licensed veterinarian.
  - CVIs are **NOT REQUIRED** for all in-state horse, cattle, sheep, goats, llamas/alpacas, poultry, and rabbits. CVIs may be used to accompany these animals if desired but they must be dated and completed within 30 days of check-in to the fair.
  - One VCPR form should be filled out per exhibitor listing all their individual show animals.
  - Any and all **out-of-state animals** are subject for further regulations and requirements – these requirements can be found through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture’s 2024 “Animal Health Requirements and Recommendations for Animal Exhibition, Including Commercial Exhibition” document.
- Copies of the Veterinary-client-patient relationship form can be found on the Westmoreland Fair website..

## Individual Departments:

### Health Rules For Horses:

1. A valid Veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) form, signed by all parties, and issued within **90 days** of fair check-in are required. Completion of the VCPR form requires a visual, in-person examination by the signing veterinarian. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) are not required for entry but may be used in place of a VCPR form. CVIs must be completed and dated within **30 days** of entry. **Copies of the VCPR form or CVI MUST be collected at the time of check-in and entry into the Westmoreland Fair.**
2. A current rabies vaccination administered by a licensed veterinarian is required for animals 3 months of age and older. The vaccine information including date administered and manufacturer of the vaccine must be included on the VCPR form or CVI.
3. All equine animals must have tested negative for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) by an official test within 12 months prior to the check-in date of the exhibition. Laboratory test results should accompany each animal to its final destination (a copy of the original lab report is acceptable). The VCPR form or CVI shall specify the date of sample collection and EIA test results. Foals less than six months of age accompanied by a test-negative dam are exempt from EIA testing recommendations. 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.
4. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds at the discretion of the attending veterinarian or superintendent. **Animals are not to be unloaded until animals and health requirements are checked.**
5. Recommendations: It is recommended, but not required, that all horses entering the fair are vaccinated for Tetanus, Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis, Influenza, and Rhinopneumonitis.

### Health Rules For Dairy Cattle:

1. A valid Veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) form, signed by all parties, and issued within **90 days** of fair check-in are required. Completion of the VCPR form requires a visual, in-person examination by the signing veterinarian. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) are not required for entry but may be used in place of a VCPR form. CVIs must be completed and dated within **30 days** of entry. **Copies of the VCPR form or CVI MUST be collected at the time of check-in and entry into the Westmoreland Fair.**
2. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
  - a. A USDA issued National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tag
  - b. A 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag starting with "840" – ISO-compliant RFID ear tag is **PREFERED.**

3. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds at the discretion of the attending veterinarian or superintendent. **Animals are not to be unloaded until animal and health requirements are checked.**
1. Recommendations: It is recommended, but not required, that all cattle entering the fair are vaccinated for RABIES, IBR, PI3, BRSV, and BVD prior to entry. When vaccinating any market or milking animals, make sure any labeled slaughter withdrawal times are satisfied and followed.

#### Health Rules For Beef Cattle:

1. A valid Veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) form, signed by all parties, and issued within **90 days** of fair check-in are required. Completion of the VCPR form requires a visual, in-person examination by the signing veterinarian. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) are not required for entry but may be used in place of a VCPR form. CVIs must be completed and dated within **30 days** of entry. **Copies of the VCPR form or CVI MUST be collected at the time of check-in and entry into the Westmoreland Fair.**
2. MARKET HEIFERS – all market heifers must have a NEGATIVE pregnancy test performed by an accredited veterinarian within 90 days of check-in to the fair. The negative test must be marked on the VCRP form indicating that the heifer is NOT pregnant.
3. PROSPECT STEERS – prospect steers must be completely castrated and fully healed at the time of exhibition. Any signs of swelling, tissue decay, trauma, or drainage from a surgical site will not be allowed. Any concerns for a cryptorchid testicle (retained testicle) will be examined by the fair veterinarian and the animal will be disqualified if it is determined to have retained testicular tissue.”
4. Individual official animal identification is required. Official ID includes:
  - a. A USDA issued National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) tag
  - b. A 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) ear tag starting with “840” – ISO-compliant RFID ear tag is **PREFERRED.**
5. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds at the discretion of the attending veterinarian or superintendent. **Animals are not to be unloaded until animals and health requirements are checked.**
6. Recommendations: It is recommended, but not required, that all cattle entering the fair are vaccinated for RABIES, IBR, PI3, BRSV, and BVD prior to entry. When vaccinating any market animals assure that any labeled slaughter withdrawal times are satisfied and followed.

#### Health Rules For Sheep:

1. A valid Veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) form, signed by all parties, and issued within **90 days** of fair check-in are required. Completion of the VCPR form requires a visual, in-

person examination by the signing veterinarian. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) are not required for entry but may be used in place of a VCPR form. CVIs must be completed and dated within **30 days** of entry. **Copies of the VCPR form or CVI MUST be collected at the time of check-in and entry into the Westmoreland Fair.**

2. Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is required. Official scrapie ID includes:
  - a. A USDA ear tag with a US shield; which includes scrapie program tags (animals bearing identification with blue colored scrapie program tags labeled “meat” with a US shield are not permitted to be exhibited in Pennsylvania. Call the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at 717-772-2852 if such a tag is encountered).
  - b. A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database a.k.a. scrapie tattoo (flock ID in right ear – state postal code and letters/numbers – and individual animal ID in left ear).
  - c. A breed registration tattoo if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible.
3. Animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds at the discretion of the attending veterinarian or superintendent. **Animals are not to be unloaded until animals and health requirements are checked.**
4. Recommendations: It is recommended, but not required, that all goats entering the fair are vaccinated for RABIES, Clostridium difficile and Tetanus (CD&T) prior to entry. When vaccinating any market animals make sure any labeled slaughter withdrawal times are satisfied and followed.

#### Health Rules For Swine:

1. All swine must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the **30 days** prior to the date of check-in to the Westmoreland Fairgrounds. Veterinary-patient-client relationship (VCPR) forms are required **IN-ADDITION** to the required CVI. **Copies of the VCPR form AND CVI must be collected at the time of check-in and entry into the Westmoreland Fair.**
2. All swine must be permanently identified by an official 840 series RFID ear tag and the ear tag numbers must be recorded on the CVI.
3. All swine must be visually inspected and found to be free of signs of contagious disease immediately prior to unloading at the exhibition by an accredited veterinarian or swine health monitor appointed by the fair board or livestock show committee. All swine must be free of infectious and contagious disease and a statement of this is required on the CVI (the statement is pre-printed on most CVI forms). All animals appearing unhealthy upon arrival may not enter the exhibition grounds. **Animals are not to be unloaded until animals and health requirements are checked.**

4. All breeding swine exhibitions must occur prior to the arrival of any market swine. All the following conditions apply:
  - a. Castrated swine shall not be classified as breeding swine.
  - b. Breeding swine shall be removed from the animal exhibition premises prior to any market swine arrival.
  - c. Breeding swine for exhibitions shall arrive, exhibit, and depart in a period no greater than 72hrs.
5. All market swine are terminal once they arrive at the fairgrounds. All market swine will move directly to a USDA licensed slaughter facility the day following the livestock sale and may not be diverted to premises other than a recognized slaughter establishment.

#### Health Rules For Goats:

1. A valid Veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) form, signed by all parties, and issued within **90 days** of fair check-in are required. Completion of the VCPR form requires a visual, in-person examination by the signing veterinarian. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) are not required for entry but may be used in place of a VCPR form. CVIs must be completed and dated within **30 days** of entry. **Copies of the VCPR form or CVI MUST be collected at the time of check-in and entry into the Westmoreland Fair.**
2. Individual official USDA scrapie animal identification is required. Official scrapie ID includes:
  - a. A USDA ear tag with a US shield; which includes scrapie program tags (animals bearing identification with blue colored scrapie program tags labeled “meat” with a US shield are not permitted to be exhibited in Pennsylvania. Call the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at 717-772-2852 if such a tag is encountered).
  - b. A legible tattoo with herd and individual identification recognized in an approved USDA Scrapie database a.k.a. scrapie tattoo (flock ID in right ear – state postal code and letters/numbers – and individual animal ID in left ear).
  - c. A breed registration tattoo if the animal is accompanied by a registration certificate and the tattoo is legible.
3. Recommendations: It is recommended, but not required, that all goats entering the fair are vaccinated for Clostridium difficile and Tetanus (CD&T) and Rabies prior to entry. When vaccinating any market animals make sure any labeled slaughter withdrawal times are satisfied and followed.

## Health Rules for Llamas/Alpacas

1. A valid Veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) form, signed by all parties, and issued within **90 days** of fair check-in are required. Completion of the VCPR form requires a visual, in-person examination by the signing veterinarian. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) are not required for entry but may be used in place of a VCPR form. CVIs must be completed and dated within **30 days** of entry. **Copies of the VCPR form or CVI MUST be collected at the time of check-in and entry into the Westmoreland Fair.**
2. Individual official identification (ID) is required and may include any of the following:
  - a. A USDA issued National Uniform Ear Tagging System (NUES) tag
  - b. A 15-digit animal identification number ear tag starting with “840”
  - c. An ISO-compliant 15-digit microchip
3. For animals without any of the ID options listed in number 2 above, the animal’s name and a description should be included on the VCPR form or CVI. Description should include the animal’s color, sex, breed, and any distinguishing markings. A photo may accompany the CVI or VCPR form but is not required.
4. Recommendations: It is recommended, but not required, that all llamas and alpacas entering the fair are vaccinated for RABIES and Clostridium difficile and Tetanus (CD&T) prior to entry.

## Health Rules for Poultry and Birds

### Requirements:

1. Changes for exhibition of poultry and poultry products in 2024 if the Department has determined that there are currently no active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones in place in Pennsylvania, and at the Department’s discretion:
  - (a) The 2024 *Animal Health Requirements and Recommendations for Animal Exhibition, Including Commercial Exhibition*, will reference the April 16, 2022 General Quarantine Order; Cancellation of Exhibition of Poultry and Their Hatching Eggs Due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza *or its successor Order*; which may allow for limited exhibition of poultry and poultry products at venues that receive funding pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act referenced above, if the Department has determined that there are currently no active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones in place in Pennsylvania.
  - (b) If the Department has determined that there are currently no active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones in place in Pennsylvania, the exhibition of market poultry which will be moved directly to slaughter, unfertilized eggs, and ornamental feathers may be allowed, at the Department’s discretion. The Department will provide notification to fair managers if any active HPAI control areas or surveillance zones are in place in Pennsylvania at the beginning of the 2024 fair season and will provide updates throughout the season as necessary. The placement of a

HPAI control area or surveillance zone in Pennsylvania will result in the immediate reinstatement of the prohibition of exhibition for all poultry and all poultry products.

2. No poultry exhibitions regardless of their funding, association, or venue may occur within a 10 km control area of a premises infected with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (see Subchapter A. General Information Section, Paragraphs 2, 3, and 4). Poultry exhibitions may occur at venues or locations that are not within a current control area and do not receive funding pursuant to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Fair Act 3 P.S. § 1501 et seq. so long as the following requirements are met. Current Control area proximity may be checked at the Department's *Control Zone Address Checker* on the PADLS website by clicking on the following link: [Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(arcgis.com\)](https://padeptag.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a9066a3d68a443a08043766cb84bf4ae) or by typing directly in the search bar:  
<https://padeptag.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a9066a3d68a443a08043766cb84bf4ae>.
3. **General Requirements for Poultry and Poultry Products:** Pennsylvania Poultry and Poultry Products shall meet all applicable regulations and requirements, including those set forth in Subchapter D. (relating to Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Regulation and Quarantine Order Requirements), Section A (relating to animals for exhibition) and Section H. (relating to Poultry, Birds, Water and Game Fowl and their Hatching Eggs), and all testing and other requirements related to pullorum/typhoid.
5. **Requirements for Exhibition of Unfertilized Poultry Eggs:**
  - (a) Eggs shall be washed and sanitized in a 100-200 ppm chlorine solution or other disinfectant that is approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is effective in destroying influenza virus, and dried before being placed in a carton.
  - (b) Eggs shall be packaged in a new cardboard or Styrofoam carton or in a plastic carton which was cleaned, disinfected, and dried, for entry into an event.
  - (c) An Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) shall accompany the eggs. If a CVI is used, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also accompany the eggs.
  - (d) The eggs shall originate from a flock which had a negative AI test (see testing requirements for poultry in Subsection 7 of this Section 13 below) within **14** days prior to the opening date of the exhibition.
  - (e) The eggs shall be accompanied by the most recent test report (copy acceptable).
  - (f) If any eggs hatch at the exhibition, the hatchlings shall be removed immediately and returned to the farm of origin.
6. **Requirements for Exhibition of Market Poultry:**
  - (a) All Pennsylvania poultry entering an exhibition must bear an official Department issued leg band. Ratites must be identified with a neck band or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor must supply a reader).

- (b) Poultry may be exhibited only if they will be moved immediately after judging directly from the fair/show grounds to a facility for slaughter. All poultry exhibited in Pennsylvania at Department sponsored or funded exhibitions shall move as all-in and all-out directly to a Department or USDA licensed slaughter facility following the animal exhibition and may not be diverted to premises other than a recognized slaughter establishment.
- (c) Arrival, exhibition, and departure of the poultry shall occur within a 72 hour window. The 72 hours begin when the first poultry arrive on the show grounds, whether unloaded or not, and ends when the last poultry physically leave the premises in a vehicle.
- (d) Waterfowl for exhibit shall be kept separate and apart from other poultry in a biosecure manner.
- (e) An Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) shall accompany the poultry. If a CVI is used, endorsement of biosecurity on the Owner Endorsed Avian Health Certificate and Biosecurity Statement shall also accompany the poultry.
- (f) All poultry on the show grounds shall be monitored for signs of illness, and any signs of illness shall be reported to the Department immediately (717-772-2852).
- (g) All poultry on the show grounds shall be displayed behind barriers such as ropes to prevent public access to the poultry, with signage to prevent the public from crossing the barrier.
- (h) Conveyances shall be cleaned and disinfected before loading to transport poultry to the show, and after returning to the premises of origin.

#### **7. Avian Influenza Testing and Verification:**

- (a) All samples shall be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or a Category II Accredited Veterinarian and shall be tested in a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory.
- (b) All poultry for exhibition shall originate from a flock in which a random, representative sample of a minimum of 30 birds, 3 weeks of age or older, were tested for avian influenza within the **14** days prior to opening date of the exhibition.
- (c) For waterfowl, cloacal swab samples shall be collected for testing. Swabs from geese and ducks may not be combined in the same tube for testing.
- (d) For chickens, turkeys, game birds, and ratites, blood samples (AGID testing) or tracheal or oropharyngeal swab samples (PCR testing) are acceptable samples. Samples from more than one species may not be combined in the same tube for testing.
- (e) The poultry shall be accompanied by the most recent test report (copy acceptable). Test results shall be negative.
- (f) If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, test all birds of age.
- (g) Untested birds shall not be comingled with or added to the tested flock after negative samples have been collected and before the show.



(h) Sample collectors and testers must maintain records of animal identification, testing records, and any other records required by the Domestic Animal Law and any order issued by the Department for a minimum of two years and must make records available to the Department upon request.

(i) National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) protocols for sample collection, including the number of swabs/tubes of viral transport media, and testing shall be followed. All samples must be tested at a NAHLN laboratory.

#### Health Rules for Rabbits

1. A valid Veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) form, signed by all parties, and issued within **90 days** of fair check-in are required. Completion of the CVI does NOT require an in-person examination by a veterinarian but does require the veterinarian signature. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) are not required for entry but may be used in place of a VCPR form. CVIs must be completed and dated within **30 days** of entry. **Copies of the VCPR form or CVI MUST be collected at the time of check-in and entry into the Westmoreland Fair.**
2. Recommendations: Vaccination of Pennsylvania origin rabbits against RHDV-2 is encouraged but not required.

#### Health Rules for Dogs

1. A current rabies vaccination is required for all exhibition dogs three months of age or older. All vaccine label directions must be followed, and the final dose of vaccine must be administered at least 15 days prior to entry into the exhibition. All rabies vaccinations dogs must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate which must contain information fields consistent with the current version of the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians Rabies Compendium (including, but not limited to, animal identification, breed, sex, age, and color; the vaccination tag number; the vaccine name; lot number; duration of immunity, and manufacturer; and the date of vaccination), and must be accurate and legibly completed. The certificate must contain legible name and contact information of the veterinarian who administered the vaccine. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate is acceptable.
2. A current PA Dog License is required and verified by certificate or tag.
3. A valid Veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) form, signed by all parties, and issued within **90 days** of fair check-in are required. Completion of the CVI does NOT require an in-person examination by a veterinarian but does require a veterinarian signature. **Copies of the VCPR form MUST be collected at the time of check-in and entry into the Westmoreland Fair.**

