

Added Notes for the New Rabies Vaccinations Regulations 2018 For Public Events.... Namely the Fall Fair

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WEB site link for Rabies information <http://healthunit.org/health-information/rabies/>

- Animals under 3 months old do not need to be vaccinated
- Service Dogs do not need to show the Proof of Vaccination Certificate, and must be allowed on the Fair grounds. However, if the Service dog does bite someone, then the same procedure for reporting the incident to the Health Unit is required.
- The fair board is required to have readily available the required forms in the event a bite incident occurs

..... the “Animal Exposure Report Form” is used for the reporting back to the Health Unit

..... form name is “CHP IDP RAB 001Animal Exposure Reporting_Sept2017 E”

WEB site link for the form download

http://healthunit.org/wp-content/uploads/Animal_Exposure_Reporting_Form.pdf

..... to call in biting reports, call 1-800-660-5853 through the week

or after hours & weekends call 1-613-345-5685

- Also have on file all relevant information regarding the reporting procedure.
These fact sheets are available from the same website as the reporting form.
.... "What you need to do when your pet has bitten or scratched a person" sheet
.... "Procedure fact sheet"
..... "Ontario's Rabies Immunization Requirements for Animals Frequently Asked Questions"
- Rules only apply to animals where there is a rabies vaccine available, ie there is a different vaccine per type of animal
- Animals that require rabies vaccines are horses, cattle, sheep, dogs, cats, ferrets
- Animals exempt due to no vaccine available are goats, swine, alpacas, Lamas & rabbits
- Poultry do not contract rabies
- Any of the "required" animals, must have with them the paper certificate of rabies vaccination given to them from the veterinarian. The collar tags are not sufficient for proof, as only the certificate lists the markings/characteristics of the animal. A soft copy of the certificate on a phone is acceptable
- In general, only animals that are promoted and/or intended to be approached /handled by the public are required to be vaccinated. These animal owners must have their paper vaccination certificate with them, or entry is not allowed to the grounds. The Fair board is expected to enforce this & verify the certificates are there the day of the Fair.
- Some examples of this is:
 - 1) Vendor that has been hired to bring in ponies for pay-for pony rides
 - 2) Educational displays such as a milk cow where milking displays are being held for the public
 - 3) Petting Zoos
 - 4) Pet Shows where the public can bring their pets to enter, they would be around the grounds & crowds. It would be expected that the public may pet these animals. Also that there could be a risk of an animal biting someone while walking amongst the public spectators.
 - 5) Farmers Market vendors who also bring animals for display. It is expected, that the public will pet the animals. This again applies to only animals that have vaccines available. ie: Alpacas would be exempt, but sheep would have to be vaccinated
 - 6) Spectator pets such as dogs that have been allowed onto the Fair grounds
 - 7) Police horses on the grounds for public relations or educational purposes where it would be expected that the public will be petting them.
 - 8) Sheep Shearing demonstrations. As long as the public is not physically interacting with the sheep they do not have to be vaccinated. So if you have the area fenced or

if people are standing back from the demo area and are asked to not handle the sheep that would comply with the intent of the regulation.

9) Sheep Dog Herding demonstrations. The dogs will need to be vaccinated & the paper certificates available by the owner. Providing the area is fenced and the public is back from the demo area and are asked not to handle the sheep, then this would comply with the intent of the regulation. In this instance, the sheep would not need to be vaccinated.

- Animals that are not promoted for or intended to be pet, fed or handled by the public are exempt from the vaccination requirement. Meaning those animals brought to a fair for the purpose of exhibiting in Classes, including 4-H Achievement Shows. There is no hard requirement to fence off the access to the exhibitors' animals from the public. They are at their risk for going around the animals, as it has always been.
- Is recommended that signs be posted to the effect that these exhibitor animals are not rabies vaccinated, that they can bite and kick... that the spectator is at their own risk.