Virginia Accreditation

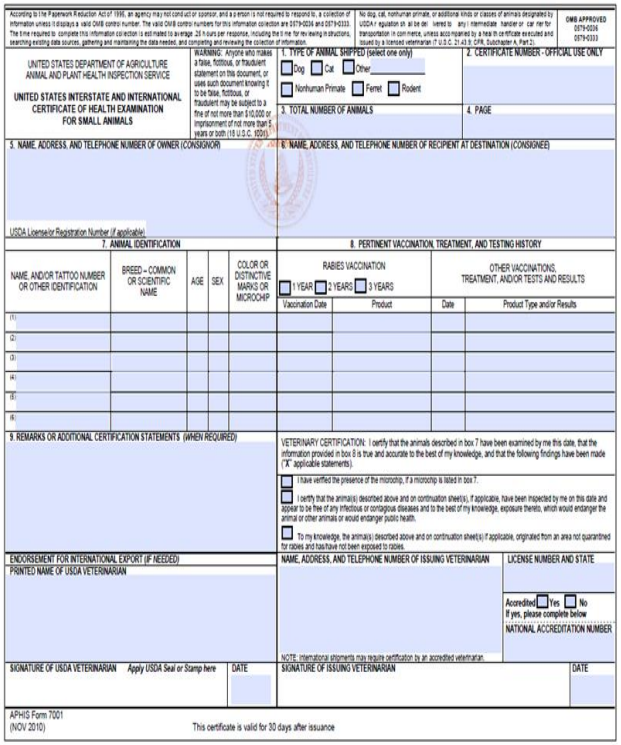
WHY BECOME ACCREDITED??

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

Health Certificates

- Document interstate and international movement of livestock and pets

Sample Interstate/Intrastate Small Animal eCVI Form



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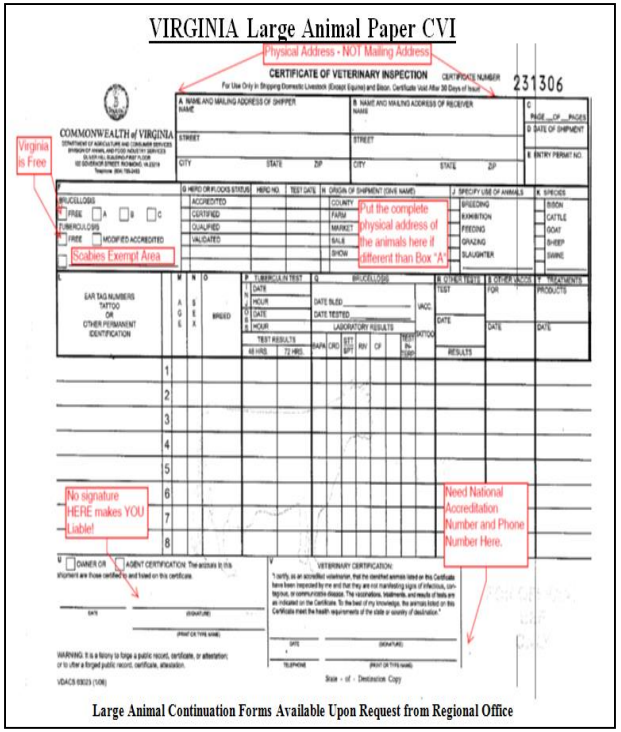

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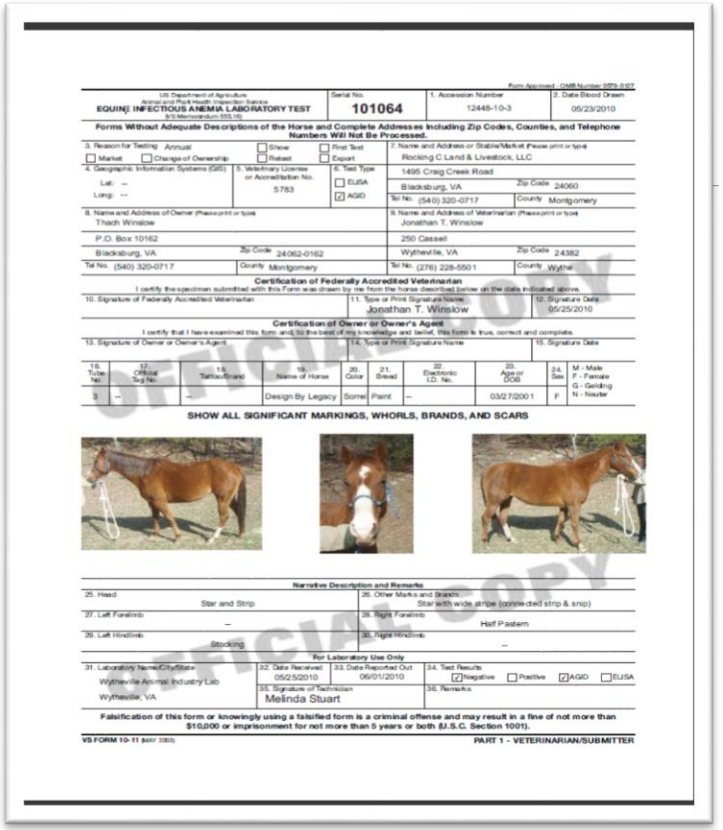
Participate in USDA Disease Eradication and Control Programs

Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, EIA



EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA LABORATORY TEST — Serial No. 101064

Forms Without Adequate Descriptions of the Horse and Complete Addresses Including Zip Codes, Counties, and Telephone Numbers Will Not Be Processed.

SHOW ALL SIGNIFICANT MARKINGS, WHORLS, BRANDS, AND SCARS

Falsification of this form or knowingly using a falsified form is a criminal offense and may result in a fine of not more than $10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both (U.S.C. Section 1001).

VS FORM 10-11 — PART 1 - VETERINARIAN/SUBMITTER

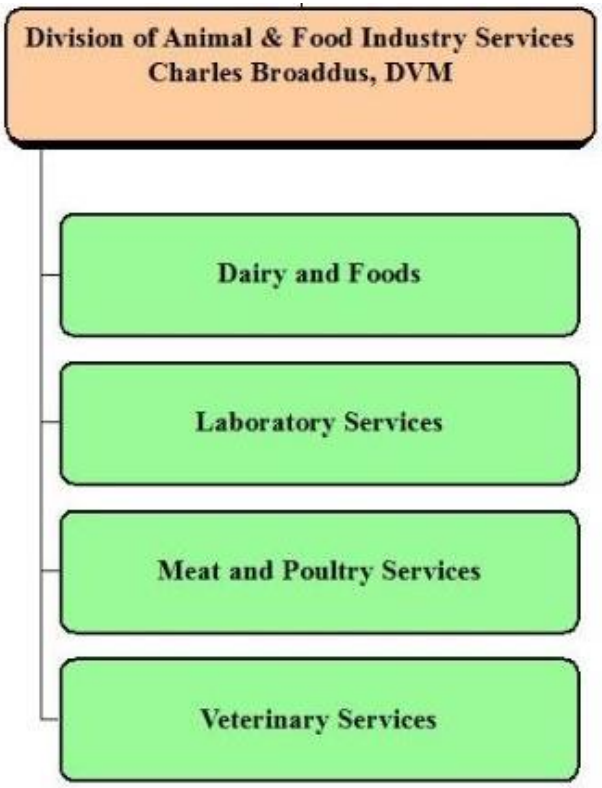
Report Foreign Animal Diseases

Animal Health Emergency Management

Public Health Information

- Veterinarians can provide information about risk of zoonotic diseases

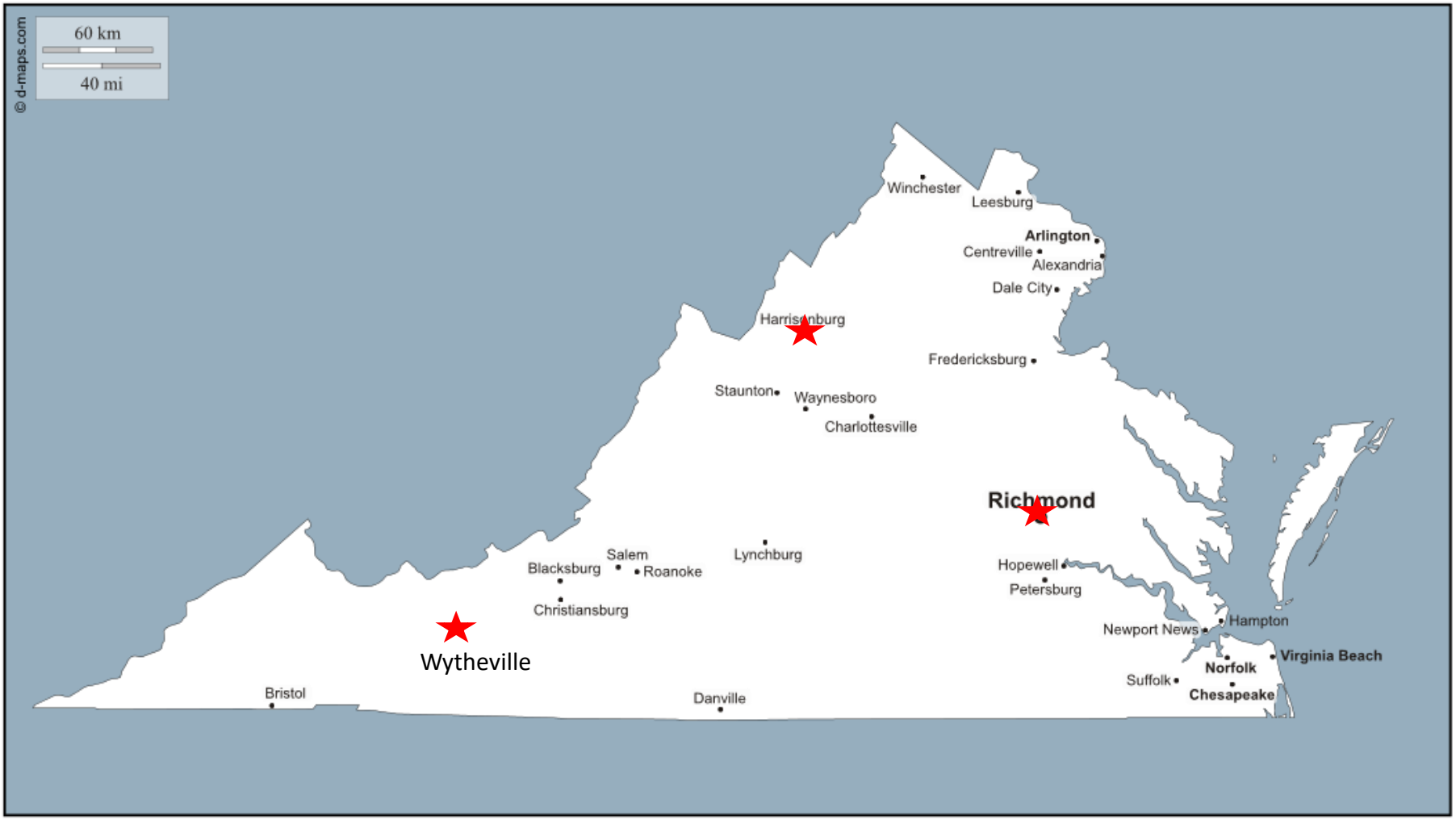
Virginia State Veterinarian's Office



Office Of Veterinary Services

- Animal disease control and prevention
  - Investigate outbreaks
  - Contain the spread of animal diseases
  - Preparedness
- Certificates of Veterinary Inspection
- Oversight to livestock marketing facilities
- Animal Disease Traceability Program

OVS Regional Offices



Contact Information

	Phone	Fax	Email	Address
General Information	804-786-2483	804-371-2380	vastatevet@vdacs.virginia.gov	
State Veterinarian	804-692-0601	804-371-2380	vastatevet@vdacs.virginia.gov	102 Governor Street Richmond, VA 23219
Richmond Office	804-786-2483	804-371-2380		102 Governor Street Richmond, VA 23219
Harrisonburg Regional Office	540-209-9120	540-432-1357		261 Mount Clinton Pike Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802
Wytheville Regional Office	276-228-5501	276-223-0348		250 Cassell Road Wytheville, Virginia 24382
Animal & Premises Identification Program	804-692-0600	804-371-2380	prem.id@vdacs.virginia.gov tags@vdacs.virginia.gov	
Animal Care	804-692-4001	804-371-2380	animalcare@vdacs.virginia.gov	102 Governor Street Richmond, VA 23219
Emergency Operation Center – After Hours Contact	804-674-2400 800-468-8892			

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Virginia Regional Animal Industry Laboratories

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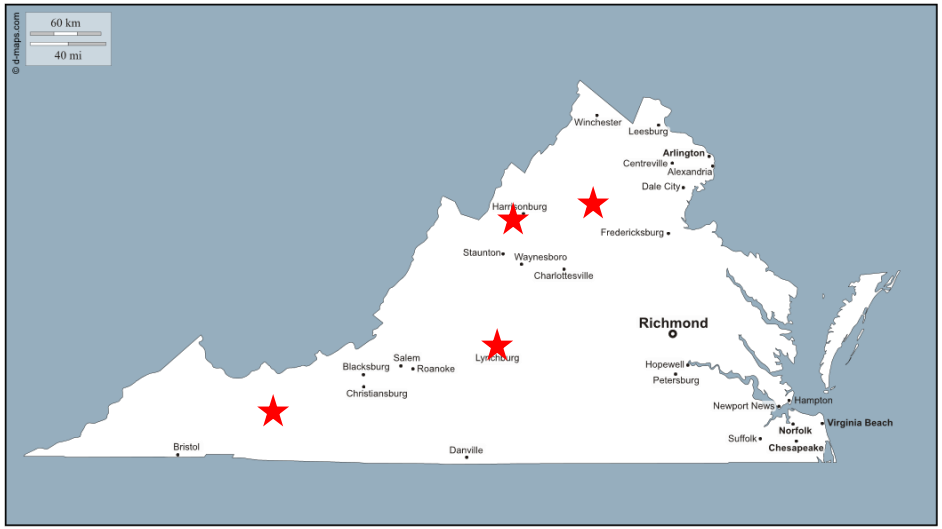
  Harrisonburg, VA 22802
  540-209-3130 Fax) 540-432-1195
- **Lynchburg Animal Industry Laboratory**
  4832 Tyreanna Road
  Lynchburg, VA 24504
  434-200-9988 Fax) 434-947-2577
- **Warrenton Animal Industry Laboratory**
  272 Academy Hill Road
  Warrenton, VA 20186
  540-316-6543 Fax) 540-347-6384
- **Wytheville Animal Industry Laboratory**
  250 Cassell Road
  Wytheville, VA 24382
  276-228-5501 Fax) 276-228-6579



Virginia Regional Animal Industry Laboratories

- Provide regulatory and diagnostic testing
  - Veterinarians
  - Food manufacturers
  - Agricultural animal producers
  - Pet owners
  - Other government program areas
- Offer a wide range of services
  - Bacteriology
  - Serology
  - Virology
  - Parasitology
  - Pathology
  - Molecular testing

Supplies Available VDACS & USDA

Supplies	Available To	Agency to Contact	Contact Info
Premise ID	Veterinarian or Producer	VDACS	prem.id@vdacs.virginia.gov
NUES Tags	Veterinarian or Producer	VDACS	Wytheville Office Harrisonburg Office See Above
840 Tags	Veterinarian	VDACS	Richard Odom 804-692-0600 richard.odom@vdacs.virginia.gov
Scrapie Tags	Veterinarian or Producer	USDA	christopher.a.helbig@usda.gov (804) 343-2560 1-866-USDA-Tag (866-873-2824)
LA or Equine Health Certificate Book	Veterinarian	VDACS	Wytheville or Harrisonburg Office
Brucellosis Vaccination and Test Forms **TB Test Forms** **Tuberculin**	Veterinarian	USDA or VDACS	https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/forms/ct_vs_forms Wytheville or Harrisonburg Office Send completed TB Test and Brucellosis Vaccination Charts to charts@vdacs.virginia.gov
Coggins Forms	Veterinarian	VDACS Laboratories Electronic Forms Available	See Above VSPS, Global Vet Link and some laboratories
Tattoo Shield Brucellosis	Veterinarian	VDACS	Wytheville Office Harrisonburg Office See Above

Other Contact Information

	Contact	Phone	Email	Website
Virginia Department of Health	Dr. Julia Murphy	804 864-8141	Epi-Comments@vdh.virginia.gov	http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-epidemiology/animal-contact-human-health/
Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine		804 367-4400	vetbd@dhp.virginia.gov	https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/VetMed/
Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources	Dr. Megan Kirchgessner	804-837-5666	megan.kirchgessner@dwr.virginia.gov	https://www.dwr.virginia.gov/

Additional Certification

Cattle TB	Dr. Dan Hadacek Northern Regional Veterinary Supervisor Dr. Tom Lavelle Southern Regional Veterinary Supervisor	540-209-9120 276-228-5501	Dan.Hadacek@vdacs.virginia.gov Tom.Lavelle@vdacs.virginia.gov
Cervid TB	USDA District Office	(804) 343-2560	
Contagious Equine Metritis	Dr. Abby Sage CEM Coordinator	804-786-2483	abby.sage@vdacs.virginia.gov

USDA APHIS OFFICES

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth

For information about:

- Cooperative State-Federal Disease Eradication Programs
- International Export (Foreign Regulations, International Health Certificates)
- Report Suspected Foreign Animal Diseases

International Export Services

Preferred method of endorsement is mail forms to NY Office via FedEx/UPS/US

USDA, APHIS, VS, Veterinary Export Trade Services
500 New Karner Road, 2nd Floor
Albany, New York 12205
518-218-7540
VSPSNY@usda.gov

General Information, Foreign Animal Disease Reporting

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National Veterinary Accreditation Program

Below are links to areas of the program. Contact Robin Greene at the APHIS, VS Richmond Office for additional information.

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NVAP Home Page
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap
NVAP Reference Guide (provides detailed Summary of Accreditation standards and guidance)
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/vet_accreditation/downloads/nvap_ref_guide.pdf
NVAP Training Modules
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap/ct_aast
Accreditation Renewal
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap/ct_renewal
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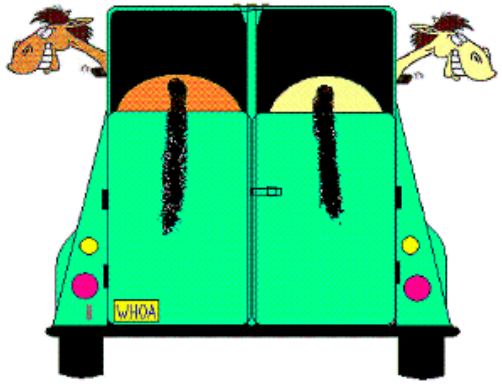
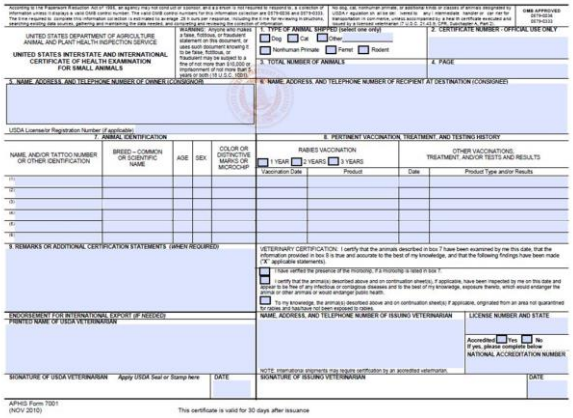
Interstate Health Certificates

- Animals travelling across state lines must receive a completed and signed document from the state of origin by an accredited veterinarian after their examination of the animal.



Small Animal CVI Forms

- VDACS does not produce small animal CVI books
- APHIS 7001 form can be downloaded from USDA
- Many states do not accept the 7001 form
- All states accept electronic health certificates



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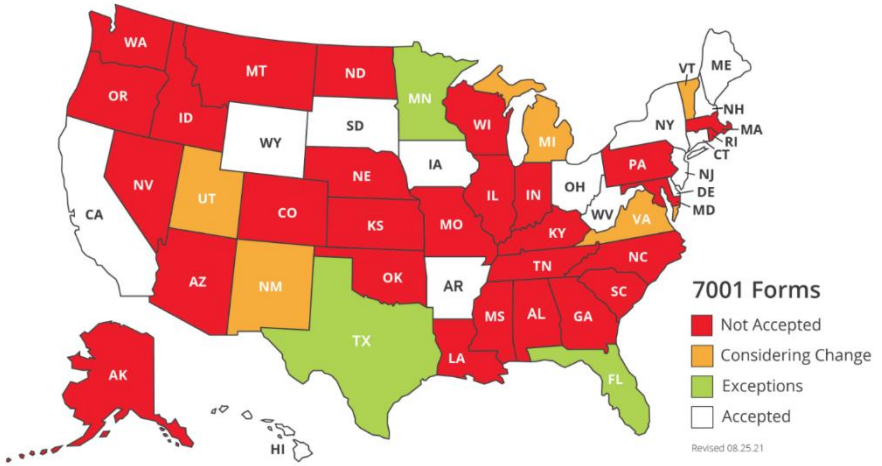

Large Animal and Equine CVI Forms

- Order from one of regional VDACS offices
- Booklets are free but there is a shipping charge
- All states accept electronic health certificates
  - Check with the state of destination to see which they accept

- Triplicate
  - White – Regional Office
  - Blue – Owner
  - Pink – Veterinarian

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Office of Veterinary Services
Oliver Hill Building – First Floor
102 Governor Street
Richmond, VA 23219
Telephone (804) 786-2483
Fax (804) 371-2380
cvi@vdacs.virginia.gov

CERTIFICATE NUMBER

DATE EXAMINED | PERMIT NUMBER (When Required)

Valid for 30 days following inspection

EQUINE CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION

Contact State of Destination for Movement Requirements and Certificate Validity
For Foreign Shipments Use Federal Form

http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/animals-horses.shtml

NAME AND PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF LOCATION HORSE(S) ARE BEING SHIPPED FROM	OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM SHIPING ADDRESS)	NAME AND PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF LOCATION HORSE(S) ARE BEING SHIPPED TO	For Office Use Only
TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	Distribution: State Veterinarian Shipper Accredited Veterinarian

NAME	MICROCHIP #, TATTOO OR COLOR AND MARKINGS	BREED	SEX	AGE	TEMP	NEGATIVE EIA TEST INFO			REMARKS/VACCINATIONS
						DATE	LAB	ACCESSION #	

"I certify that I am actively accredited and licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia and that the ___ (number) horses described above were examined by me on the date indicated and found to be free of signs of infectious or communicable disease and had no known exposure to infectious disease. "

Printed Name of Veterinarian	National Accreditation #	Veterinarian's Business Address	
Veterinarian's Signature	Date	Email	Telephone

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Electronic CVI's

GlobalVetLINK. Innovative Digital Solutions for Animal Health

Veterinary Services
Process Streamlining

- All animals
- Data entry from excel spreadsheets
- Designed to use when internet connectivity is unavailable or unreliable

Global Vet Link

- All animals
- Most widely used by small animal and equine veterinarians
- Provide other veterinary products
  - Electronic rabies vaccination certificates
  - Electronic Coggins
  - Veterinary Feed Directive

Veterinary Services
Process Streamlining

- USDA website
- Free to accredited veterinarians
- Large animals only

Requirements of Destination State

- Small Animals: USDA Pet Travel Website
- Large Animals: Interstatelivestock.com
- Additional questions?
  - Call the State Vet's Office in the destination state
  - https://www.usaha.org/federal-and-state-animal-health

USDA FAQ's and resources about coronavirus (COVID-19). LEARN MORE

Travel with your pet state to state (Interstate)

Last Modified: Jul 1, 2021

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--ALERT--

Effective July 14, 2021, the CDC temporarily suspended (stopped) dog imports from countries classified as high-risk for rabies. **Effective December 1, 2021,** the CDC updated its requirements to allow certain U.S origin dogs returning to the U.S with their owner to be imported from countries classified as high-risk for rabies if the pet meets specific requirements. **Learn more on CDC.gov.**

When travelling with your pet(s), there may be animal health requirements specific for that destination. As soon as you know your travel details, contact your local veterinarian to assist with the pet travel process. Factors to consider may include meeting time frames for obtaining a health certificate, updating vaccinations, diagnostic testing, or administration of medications/ treatments.

Travel with your pet state to state (Interstate)

To learn the requirements for moving your pet from your current location to another U.S. state, please select your destination state from the list below. If you have questions, direct them to the State Veterinarian's office in your destination state.

Choose your destination state.

Alabama

negative to a single cervical tuberculosis test within 30 days of entry.

CWD: The Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, Game and Fish Division, restricts the movement of deer into Alabama. For further information, call (334) 242-3469.

Dogs

All dogs and domesticated cats to be moved or transported into Alabama for any purpose shall be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection showing that the animals have been officially vaccinated against rabies and identified by vaccination certificates and tags bearing serial numbers not more than one (1) year prior to shipment. Puppies and domesticated kittens under 3 months of age may be admitted without vaccination.

This section does not apply to any dog or cat which is imported into the state for exhibition purposes and which does not remain in the state for more than 21 days. No dog or domesticated cat infested with screwworms shall be shipped or otherwise imported into Alabama for any purpose.

NOTICE

The Alabama Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian has decided to stop accepting Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI), APHIS-VS form 7001 for small animals entering Alabama.

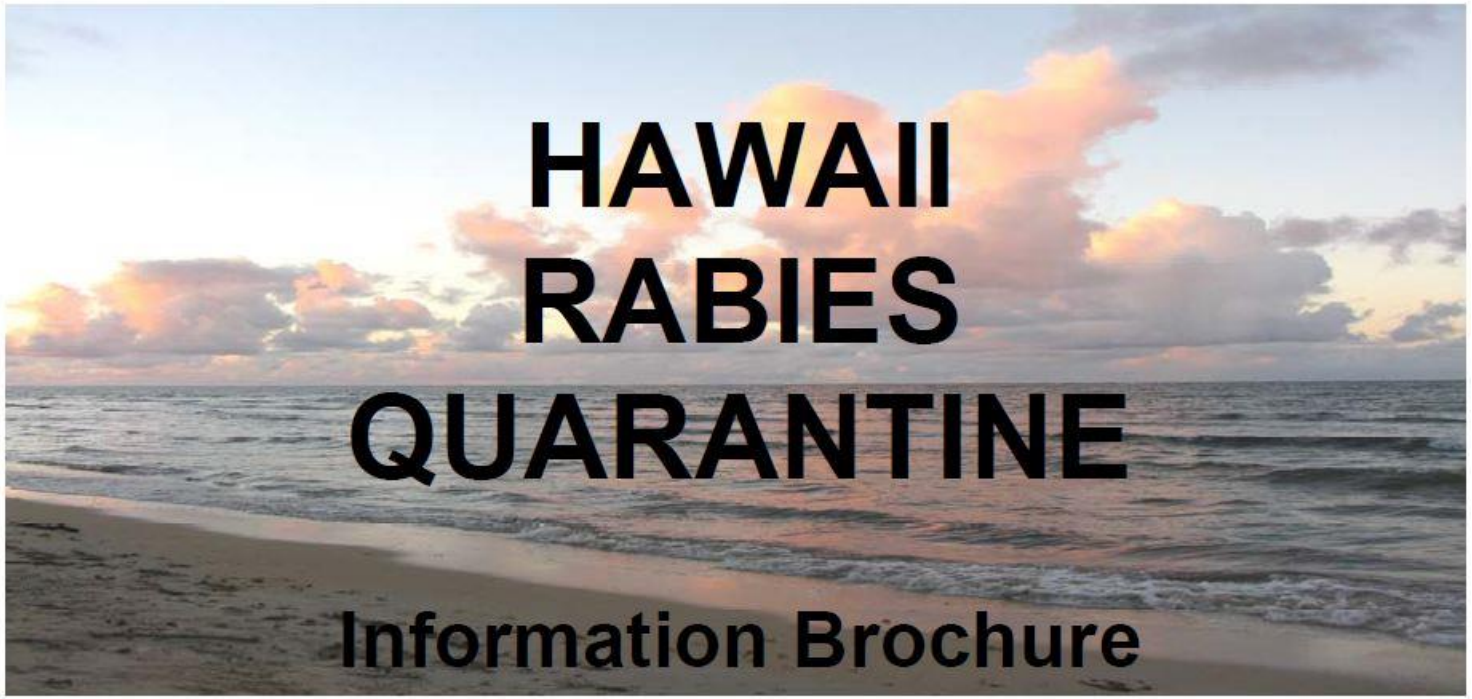
Effective January 1, 2019, APHIS form 7001 "United States Interstate and International Certificate of Health Examination for Small Animals" is no longer approved for interstate movement of small animals into Alabama by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (AGI). Please be aware that numerous other states are no longer accepting the online-only form, due to its free access to the public for downloading off the internet without any accountability as to who uses the form.

An Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) is an official document issued by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animal destined for interstate movement is healthy at the time of the veterinary inspection.

Alabama licensed and accredited veterinarians may purchase ICVI booklets by contacting our office at 334-240-7255. Alabama currently accepts electronic ICVI's provided by Global Vet Link and AgView. Links to these providers are:

www.globalvetlink.com

www.agview.com



This brochure contains important information about pre- and post-arrival requirements, quarantine station procedures, policies, rules, operations and fees.

It is strongly advised that you read and retain this information brochure for future reference.

1 Checklist 1 for Direct Airport Release (DAR) & 5 Day Or Less Program

HNL – Honolulu, Island of Oahu

All steps need to be completed to qualify for this program. If you are unable to meet the following requirements, your pet will undergo quarantine for up to 120 days.

- **For pets in Hawaii**, please use: "Checklist Only for Dogs and Cats Located in Hawaii That Are Departing and Returning for DAR or the 5 Day Or Less Program" instead.
- **For Owners wishing to fly their pet direct to** Ellison Onizuka **Kona** International Airport at Keahole, **Kahului** Airport or **Lihue** Airport Refer to the "Checklist for Requesting Direct Airport Release at Kona, Kahului and Lihue Airports" instead.

Step 1 PLANNING

- ☐ Every dog or cat must meet the requirements listed on this Checklist and all required documents must be received by the Animal Quarantine Station (AQS) 10 days or more before the intended date of arrival for Direct Airport Release (DAR) in Honolulu.
- ☐ Refer to section "Step 5 Waiting Period" and "Step 8 Other" for information on DAR.

Step 2 MICROCHIP

NOTE! Make sure the microchip is working!

- ☐ Your dog or cat must have an electronic microchip implanted before the FAVN rabies antibody blood test is performed).
- ☐ Have your veterinarian scan the microchip to verify that it is still working and see that the microchip number is correct. Microchip number: _____
- ☐ Any pet that cannot be identified by scanning the microchip will not qualify for either Direct Airport Release or the 5 Day Or Less quarantine and will be assigned to 120 days quarantine.

Step 3 RABIES VACCINATIONS

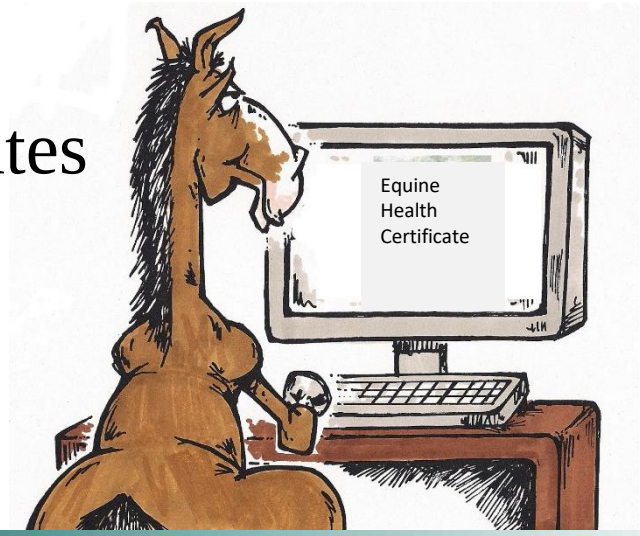
- ☐ Your dog or cat must have been vaccinated at least twice for rabies in its lifetime.
- ☐ The rabies vaccines must have been administered **more than 30 days** apart.
- ☐ The current (most recent) rabies vaccine must have been administered:
  - ☐ More than 30 days before the pet's date of arrival in Hawaii ; and
  - ☐ Not more than the vaccine's licensed booster interval listed on the manufacturer's label

NOTE! Two rabies vaccinations are required. The pet's most recent rabies vaccination must not be expired when your pet arrives in Hawaii. **If arrival in Hawaii occurs before 30 days has elapsed from the most recent rabies vaccination, the animal is subject to quarantine until the 30 days are completed.**

- ☐ Your veterinarian will give you rabies vaccination certificates for every rabies vaccination. The date and type of vaccine must be indicated on these vaccination certificates.

CVI Tips

- Only one species per form
- You must perform the exam personally
- The form is dated on the day of examination
- CVI's are good
  - SA for only10 days in many states
  - LA for 30 days



CVI Tips

- Ditto marks are unacceptable
  - Cross out any unused portions of the form
- Put your name and address on the form
- Sign the form
  - All signatures must be original.
- National Accreditation Number (NAN)

Information on CVI

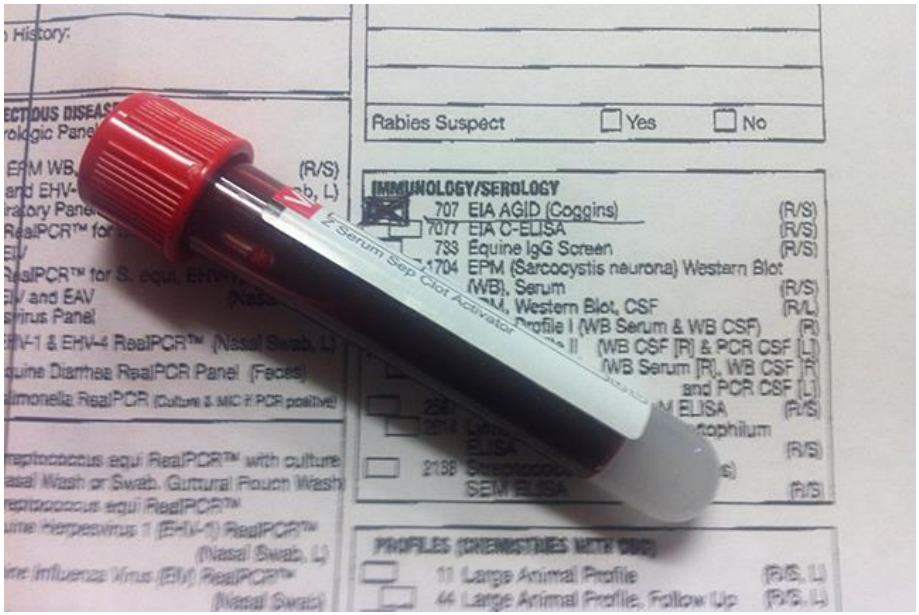
- The certificate must include
  - Full name of the owner
  - Animal name and official identification
  - Addresses- **location of the animal** at origin and destination
  - Additional box for the owner address if different from animal
  - Do not use PO Box numbers
  - Use complete physical (911) addresses

Test Results and Vaccination

- Put all required test results on the form
  - No “pending”
  - If another accredited vet performed the test or vaccination
    - Make a copy of the form or certificate for your files
    - Write the other veterinarian’s name and NAN
    - Date and the place where test/vaccination performed
  - If don’t have reliable info, repeat test or vaccination
  - If the animal is not free of infectious disease and needs to move, i.e. for treatment, call the state of destination to get permission

Coggins Test Info

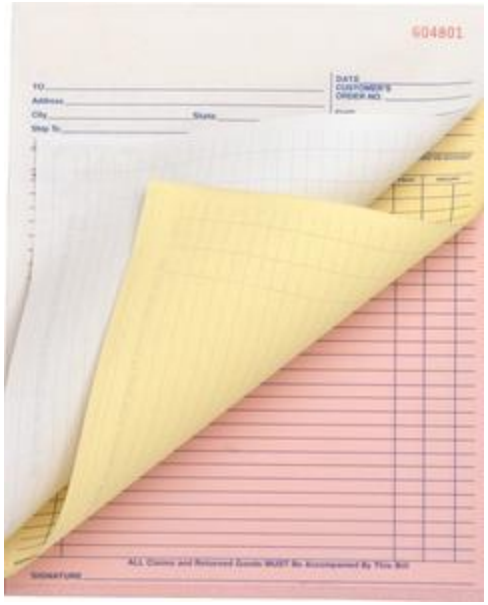
- Be sure to add the Coggins info onto the CVI
  - Especially if using GlobalVetLink
    - Lab Name
    - Accession Number
    - Date Blood drawn
    - Test Result



Permit Numbers

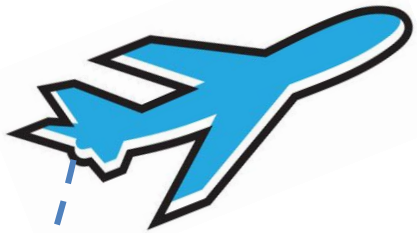
- State of destination may require permit number
- Must be obtained to complete the CVI
- You will need owner and animal information for origin and destination
- Must be obtained and recorded on the CVI prior to issuing

Who Gets What



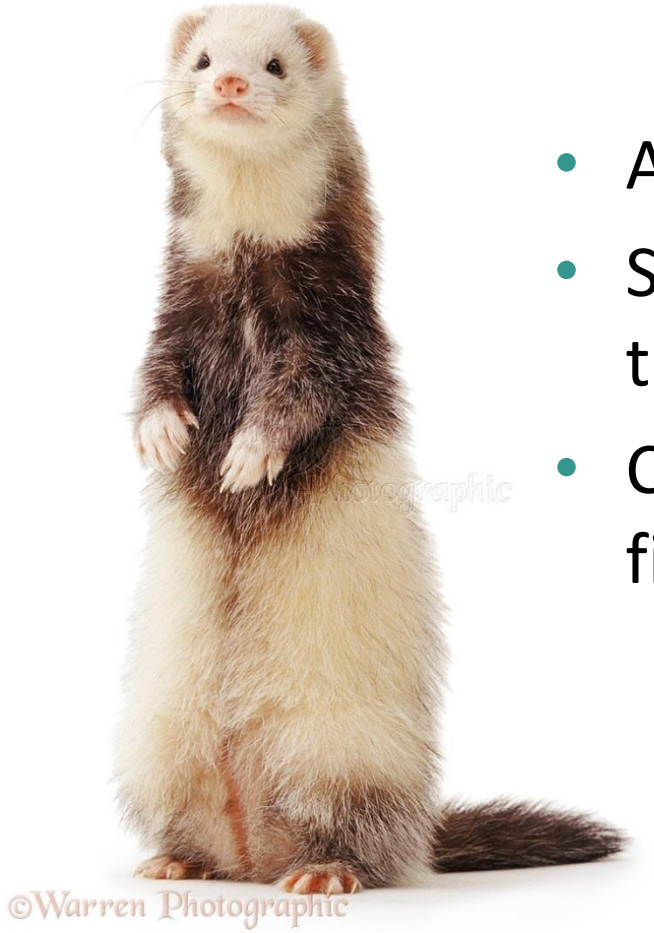
- Owner receives a copy of the CVI
  - It must accompany the shipment
- The issuing veterinarian must retain a copy
  - 3 years small animal,
  - 2 years poultry and swine
  - 5 years for livestock
- Regional VDACS office must receive copy within **7** days of issue
  - US Postal mail or forwarded electronically
- Electronic CVI will automatically be
  - Sent to our office
  - Sent to state of destination.
  - Kept in your account in the company's database

Airline Travel



- Check with your airline to determine what requirements they have
  - Airlines may have separate and additional requirements

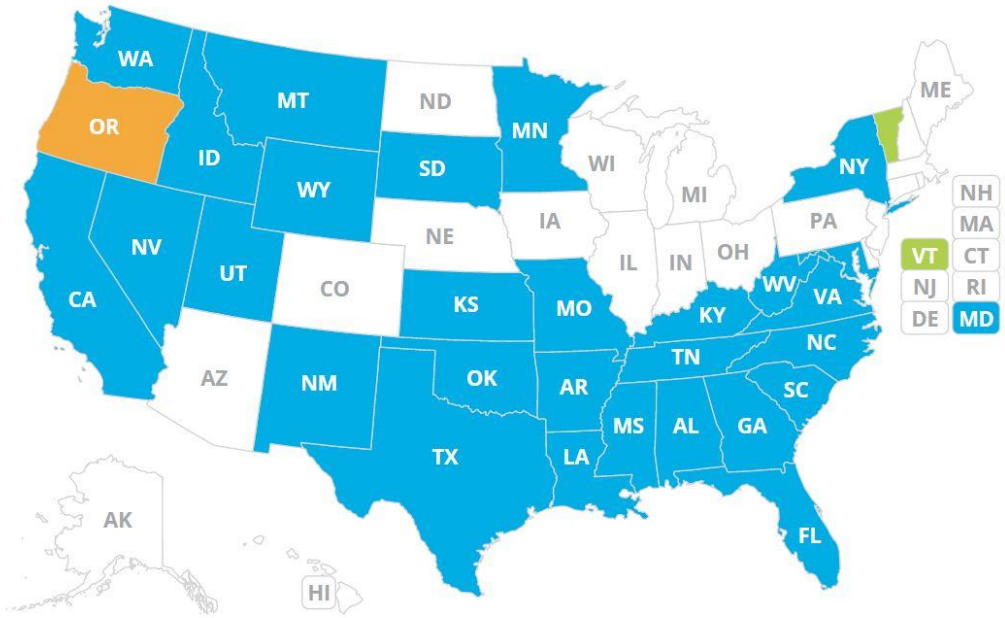
Ferrets



- Are illegal in CA and HI
- Some cities and counties throughout US have restrictions
- Check with the locality before filling out health certificate

Extended Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection

- Health certificate that lasts up to six months
- Owners have own account
- Automatically submitted to original and destination states

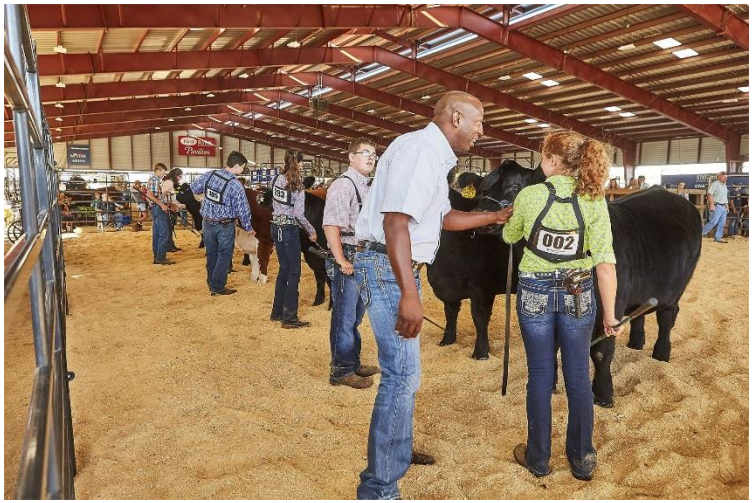


Extended Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection

- Vet examines the horse
- Coggins with 6 months left
- Teach owner to perform brief exam
  - including temperature, lymph nodes, nasal discharge
- Owner must log in prior to movement to obtain permit

Cattle, Sheep and Goats

- Official ID is required for exhibition
- Individual events may have own ID and health requirements
- Virginia is Brucellosis, Tuberculosis and Scrapie free
- Check the animal admissions requirements for destination state to confirm what forms of identification will be accepted



International Health Certificates

Exporting Companion Animals

- Travel with a Pet
- Definition of a Pet
- Take your Pet from the U.S. to a Foreign Country
- Bring your Pet into the U.S. from a Foreign Country
- Travel with a Pet from State to State
- Find an Accredited Veterinarian
- APHIS Veterinary Services Endorsement Offices

Take your pet from the United States to a foreign country (Export)

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When travelling with your pet(s), there may be animal health requirements specific for that destination. As soon as you know your travel details, contact your local veterinarian to assist with the pet travel process. Factors to consider may include meeting time frames for obtaining a health certificate, updating vaccinations, diagnostic testing, or administration of medications/ treatments.

Take your pet *from* the United States *to* a foreign country (Export)

Your destination country may have specific health requirements that must be met before your pet can enter the country. Since export requirements are determined by each country and can change frequently, every time you plan pet travel you will need to verify the export requirements. Select your destination country from drop-down menu below to view their current pet travel health requirements:

Choose your destination country.
(If your country is not listed, click here.)

Italy View Requirements

Pet Dogs, Cats and Ferrets

Do you have an EU Pet Passport?

- **YES —** I have and EU Pet Passport — You do not need to meet the following requirements because of your EU Pet Passport. View more information about EU Pet Passports,
- **NO** — I do NOT have an EU Pet Passport — Follow the requirements listed in steps 1-5 below.

STEP 1: Identification with microchip

STEP 2: Rabies vaccination

STEP 3: 21-day waiting period (after primary vaccination)

STEP 4: Have an Accredited Veterinarian issue (complete and sign) the EU Health Certificate

STEP 5: Have APHIS endorse (sign and seal) the EU Health Certificate

After you have read requirements 1-5 listed above, click here to get Italy Health Certificates.

STEP 1: Identification with microchip

- **Dogs, cats, and ferrets** must be individually identified by microchip.
- Your pet should be implanted with an ISO compliant (11784 and 11785) microchip. ISO compliant microchips are 15 digits long.
- If your pet does **not have** an ISO compliant microchip, you will need to:
    - Travel with a microchip reader that can read your pet's microchip OR contact the EU Veterinary Officials at the intended port of arrival to verify that they have a reader capable of reading your pet's microchip.
      OR
    - If a non-ISO compatible microchip was previously implanted and can still be read, then the USDA Accredited Veterinarian can implant an ISO-compatible microchip in addition to the non-ISO one your pet currently has. The number and implant dates of both microchips must be documented on the EU Health Certificate.

STEP 2: Rabies vaccination

- Must occur AFTER microchip implantation. The rabies vaccination may be administered the same day as the microchip implantation but any rabies vaccination before a microchip is implanted is invalid.
  - If your pet had a non-ISO compatible chip implanted at the same time as or before your pet's most recent vaccination, your pet will not have to be re-vaccinated even if it had to be re-microchipped with an ISO compliant chip to travel to the EU.
  - Remember, the number and implantation dates of both microchips must be documented on the EU Health Certificate and at least one of these microchips must have been implanted before your pet's most recent rabies vaccine.
- Vaccinations valid for 1, 2 or 3 years are acceptable as long as the vaccination is current and has been administered according to the manufacturer's recommendations.
  - Vaccination must not expire before entering the European Union.
- Pets less than 12 weeks old that have not been vaccinated for rabies as well as pets 12-16 weeks old who will have been rabies vaccinated for less than 21 days at the time they arrive in the EU are allowed entry into some EU Member States.
  - Learn more about sending pets under 16 weeks of age to the EU.

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Pet Travel from the U.S. to Italy

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This country allows USDA Accredited Veterinarians to use USDA's online Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS) to complete health certificates.

Save Time and Money!

USDA Accredited Veterinarian Signature	Electronic Signature Accepted
USDA APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer Signature	Digital Endorsement NOT Accepted The health certificate bears the original ink signature and embossed seal

STOP Before going to VEHCS: Scroll below this banner to view animal-specific requirements.

To process some health certificates, VEHCS may need the USDA Accredited Veterinarian to upload the completed fillable PDF version found below. Either save a copy of the PDF below, or return to this page for the health certificate, if prompted by VEHCS.

USDA Accredited Veterinarians, log in here if you wish to use VEHCS.

USDA Accredited Veterinarians, help with using VEHCS is available on the VEHCS Help Page. To walk yourself through issuing a health certificate in VEHCS, click here.

NOTE:The printed paper endorsed health certificate must accompany each shipment. You can arrange to have your endorsed health certificate returned via pick-up or by mail (a pre-paid, pre-addressed return label must be provided during certificate submission).

IMPORTANT

Carefully read ALL of the requirements related to your pet on this page.

- This page provides the most recent entry requirements and can change without notice.
- It is the responsibility of the veterinarian to make sure the pet has met all the health requirements of the destination country before issuing a health certificate.
- Failure to meet the requirements may result in problems gaining certificate endorsement or difficulties upon arrival in the destination country.
- Health certificates must be legible, accurate, and complete.

Helpful References for Pet Travel

Find your USDA Endorsement Office

--Select State--

- USDA APHIS
- Electronically sign and submit export health certificates
- Upload supporting documentation for review and USDA endorsement.
- Hardcopy certificate will be sent by mail or returned electronically depending on the destination country

Import & Export of Livestock

- USDA Website

Importation of Pets

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Bring your pet into the United States from a foreign country (Import)

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--ALERT--

Effective July 14, 2021, the CDC temporarily suspended (stopped) dog imports from countries classified as high-risk for rabies. **Effective December 1, 2021,** the CDC updated its requirements to allow certain U.S origin dogs returning to the U.S with their owner to be imported from countries classified as high-risk for rabies if the pet meets specific requirements. Learn more on CDC.gov.

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Bring your pet *into* the United States *from* a foreign country (Import)

Animals entering the U.S. may be subject to regulation by USDA APHIS as all well as other federal agencies. Depending on your destination state, your pet may need to also meet additional health requirements.

Choose an animal.

--Select Animal--

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Pet Travel - Bringing Dogs into the US

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Pet Dog Import Guide

USDA APHIS Veterinary Services (VS) has animal health requirements related to bringing (importing) a pet dog to the United States (U.S.) from a foreign country. If you are bringing dogs in for research purposes, resale, or for veterinary treatment, USDA APHIS Animal Care has separate requirements.

Collies, shepherds, and other dogs used in the handling of livestock and that are imported from any part of the world except Canada, Mexico, and regions of Central America and the West Indies may be inspected and quarantined at the port of entry to determine their freedom from tapeworm infection.

VS has additional requirements for dogs traveling (imported) to the U.S. from countries affected by specific diseases:

(click on blue bars to expand)

- Requirements for dogs traveling to the U.S. from countries or regions where screwworm is known to exist:
- Requirements for dogs traveling to the U.S. from countries affected with Foot and Mouth Disease:
- Check with U.S. Centers for Disease Control

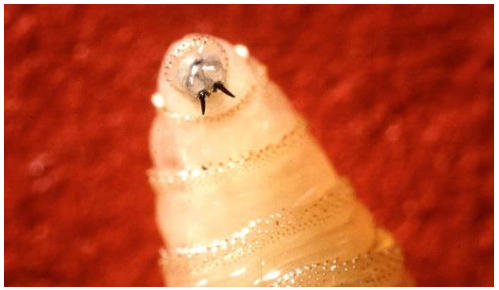
IMPORTANT

Carefully read ALL of the requirements related to your pet on this page.

✦ It is the responsibility of the pet owner to make sure their pet has met the entry requirements of the U.S. Failure to meet these import requirements will result in problems upon arrival in the U.S.

✦ Multiple agencies may have regulatory authority over your pet when it enters the U.S. It is important to notify and coordinate with all responsible government agencies. Contact information and additional details are located on each specific pet page.

Small Animal Reportable Diseases



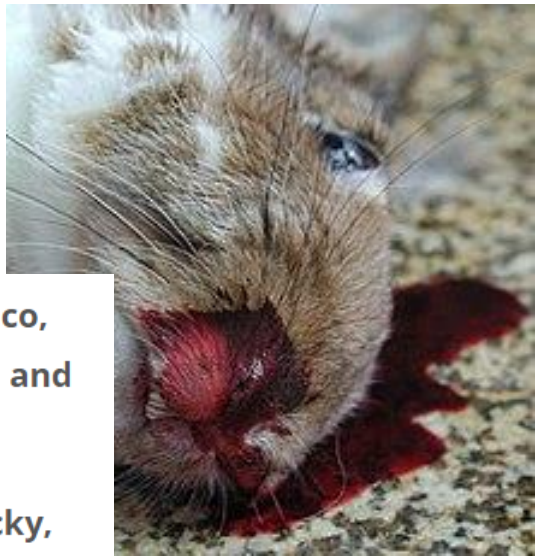
- New World Screwworm –
  - Reportable to USDA &VDACS
- Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease
  - Reportable to USDA
- Rabies
  - Reportable to VDACS

Recent Outbreaks

- New World Screwworm *Cochliomaya hominivorax*
  - Florida Key Deer 2016-2017
  - Brought to mainland by swimming
  - Infested wounds obtained in rutting season
  - Maggots feed on live flesh and burrow deep into wounds
  - Eradicated with release of sterile flies

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease

- Highly fatal viral hepatitis
- Neurologic Signs, Fever, Death 12-36 Hours
- Previously isolated disease in traveling domestic rabbits
- 2021



As of December 2021, RHDV2 has been confirmed in wild rabbits in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Colorado, California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, and Oregon.

RHDV2 has also now been confirmed in domestic rabbits in New York, Kentucky, Mississippi, Minnesota, South Dakota, Georgia and Florida (no cases in wild rabbits currently confirmed in these states).

Animal Welfare

Animal Welfare Laws

- 18VAC150-20-140. Unprofessional Conduct
  - Failing to report suspected animal cruelty to the appropriate authorities.
  - Failing to release a copy of patient records when requested by the owner; a law-enforcement entity; or a federal, state, or local health regulatory agency.
- VA animal welfare laws
  - see URL in handbook
- Animal Control Officers
  - All jurisdictions (counties and cities) are required to have an ACO
  - Primary Responsibility for investigating and enforcing Animal Care Laws
  - Animal welfare concerns should be directed to local ACO

OVS – Animal Care

- Conduct inspections of all Virginia public and private companion animal shelters
- Oversees Virginia animal control officer training
- Manage the state's Dangerous Dog Registry

- We encourage veterinarians to become educated in Virginia's animal welfare laws and engage with their local animal shelter to provide subject matter expertise

Rabies

Rabies Regulations

- Contact local Health Department
  - Rabies vaccination
  - Testing
  - Vaccination clinics
  - Exposure
  - Post exposure vaccination
  - Directory link in manual

- Virginia Department of Health
  - 2 veterinary epidemiologists on staff
  - 85% of caseload is rabies

Rabies Vaccination Requirements

- **Legal requirement for vaccination**
  - All dogs and cats must receive vaccine prior to 4 mths
  - Must be administered by licensed vet or vet tech
- **Regimen** No matter age at initial vaccination
  - Second vaccination should be given within a year
  - 3 Year vaccinations begin with 2nd vaccination
    - even if 2nd vaccination is overdue or early
- **Exemption to Vaccination**
  - Exemption certificates may used in lieu of vaccination certificate to get license
  - For exemption, veterinarian should contact local health dept

Rabies Vaccination Requirements

- **Licensing linked to vaccination**
  - All dogs and sometimes cats need to be licensed by 4 months of age
  - Rabies certificates must be forwarded to local treasurer within 45 days
  - Animal vaccinated by owner is considered unvaccinated
- **Rabies clinics**
  - Regulated by local health department
- **Livestock**
  - Not required but strongly encouraged

Application Status

- Should hear from USDA in 2-3 weeks
- Greene, Robin T - APHIS robin.t.greene@aphis.usda.gov
- Make sure you keep email and mailing address current with USDA
- Renewal every 3 years
  - Category I – 3 modules
  - Category II – 6 modules

Category II

- Animal Disease Reporting
- Animal Welfare
- Equine Diseases
- Federal Animal ID and Traceability
- Cattle Program Diseases
- Birds and Poultry

Large Animal Disease Reporting

- Reportable Disease List
  - VDACS Website
  - USDA Website
- Must report to USDA and State Vet within 24H

Reportable Diseases

- Vesicular Stomatitis
  - Viral disease of livestock
  - Spread by midges
  - Frequent outbreaks in southwest US
  - Vesicular lesions
    - Mouth, dental pad, tongue, lips, nostrils, hooves, and teats
    - Very painful
    - Anorexia
    - Lameness
  - Diagnostic rule out for foot and mouth disease

Reportable Diseases

- High Pathogenic Avian Influenza
  - Multiple recent outbreaks in the US
  - Mortality nears 100% in poultry
  - Carried by waterfowl
  - Can mutate from low path to high path
  - Control through depopulation and surveillance

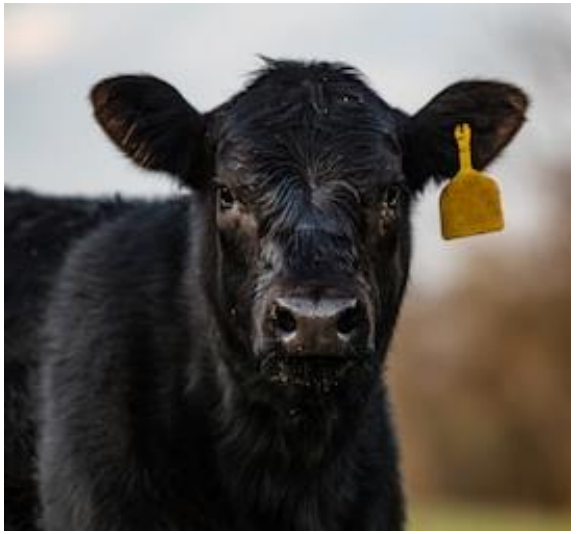
Be Suspicious and Call

- High morbidity, high mortality
- Signs that do not fit the classical picture
- Vesicular lesions
- Severe abortion storms
- Pox or lumpy skin
- Suspicious necropsy findings
- History of foreign travel or importation
- Larvae in wounds

If You Suspect EHM

- Call us
  - 804-786-2483 day
  - 804-674-2400 after hours
  - 804-248-9905 cell
- Use the Warrenton Lab for faster turn around time
  - We can assist in having lab called in if deemed necessary
- Submit nasal swabs (not cotton) and whole blood (purple top) for PCR
- Impose a voluntary quarantine
  - We can help
- Isolate sick or febrile horses
- Take temperatures twice a day
- Biosecurity
- If positive we will quarantine

Federal Animal Identification



- Application of Official ID
  - Brucellosis testing and vaccination
  - TB testing
- Official ID for CVI's
  - Not all forms of ID are accepted in all states
  - Interstatelivestock.com
- RFID Tags may be available from VDACS
  - Contact regional office or Dr. Richard Odom

Official Identification Cattle

- *AIN tags - RFID or visual*
  - '840' prefix
- '900' prefix (only for tags manufactured before March 11, 2014 and applied before *March 11, 2015*
- *NUES 9 tags*
  - *silver 'brite'* tags
  - OCV/Bangs tags (orange)

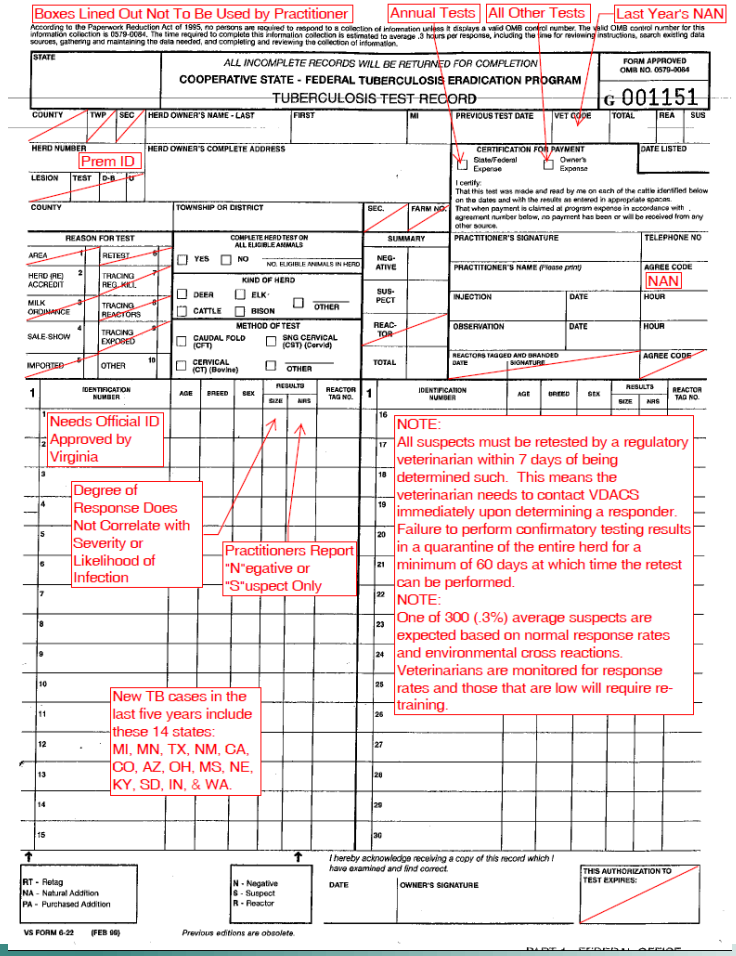


Official Identification
Sheep and Goats

- Scrapie Regulation
  - 15-digit 840-series electronic
  - Scrapie Flock Tag:
    - Scrapie flock number and the individual animal
  - Scrapie Serial Tag:
    - Begins with the state postal code, county, flock id, animal
  - To order scrapie tags call
    - **1-800-USDA-TAG**

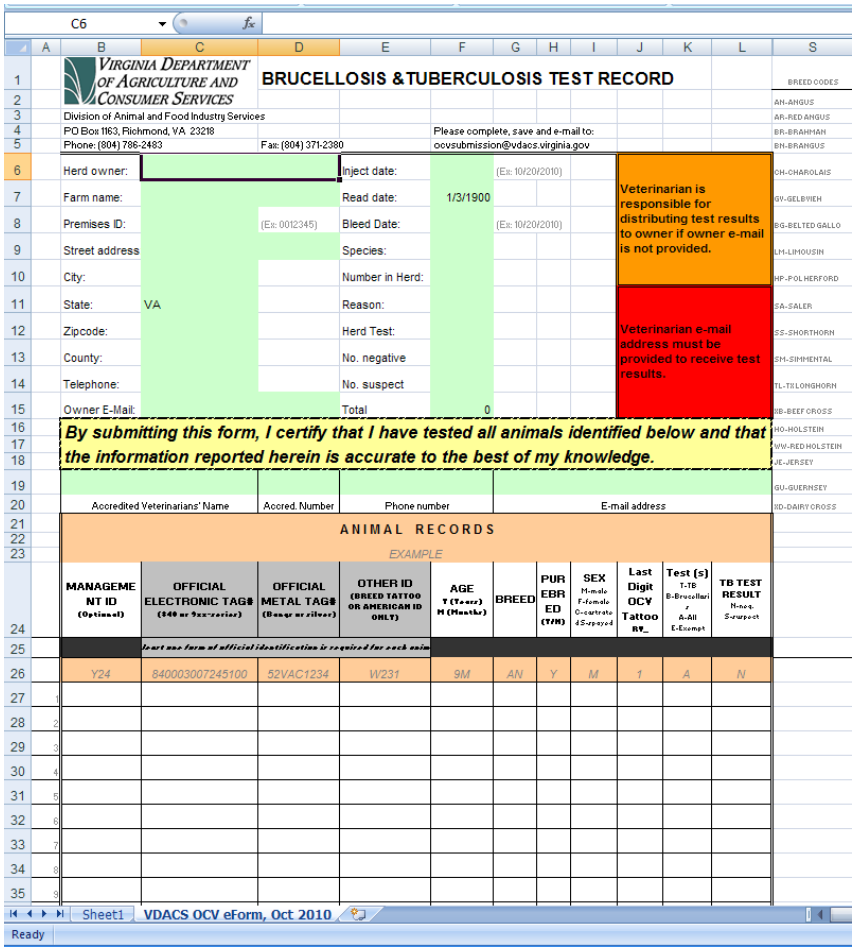
Bovine Tuberculosis Testing

- Tuberculin obtained through VDACS or USDA
- For first test a VDACS Vet must be present
  - Call regional office for appt
- No other medications or tail bleeding just prior to the test



Bovine Tuberculosis Testing

- Expect 0.3% false positives
- For species other than cattle contact VDACS or USDA
- Suspects must be retested by State or USDA within 10 days from injection or wait 60 days
- Herd held under quarantine until results of retest



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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

BRUCELLOSIS & TUBERCULOSIS TEST RECORD

Division of Animal and Food Industry Services
PO Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23218
Phone: (804) 786-2483
Fax: (804) 371-2380

Please complete, save and e-mail to:
ocvsubmission@vdacs.virginia.gov

Herd owner:
Farm name:
Premises ID: (Ex: 0012345)
Street address
City:
State: VA
Zipcode:
County:
Telephone:
Owner E-Mail:

Inject date: (Ex: 10/20/2010)
Read date: 1/3/1900
Bleed Date: (Ex: 10/20/2010)
Species:
Number in Herd:
Reason:
Herd Test:
No. negative
No. suspect
Total 0

Veterinarian is responsible for distributing test results to owner if owner e-mail is not provided.

Veterinarian e-mail address must be provided to receive test results.

By submitting this form, I certify that I have tested all animals identified below and that the information reported herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Accredited Veterinarians' Name | Accred. Number | Phone number | E-mail address

ANIMAL RECORDS

EXAMPLE

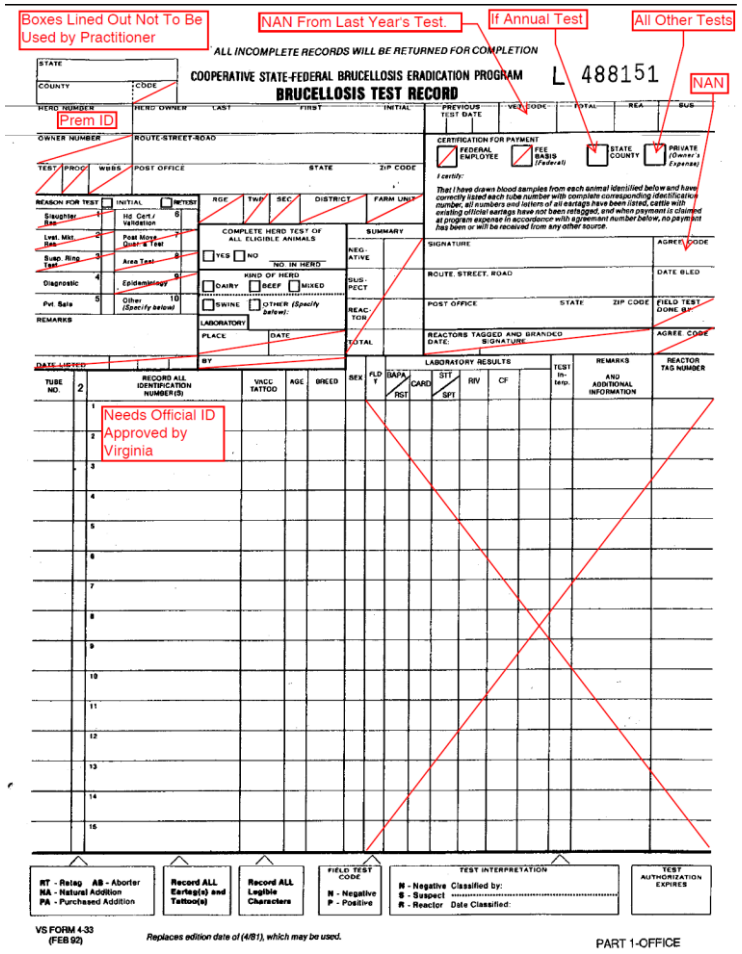
MANAGEMENT ID (Optional)	OFFICIAL ELECTRONIC TAG# (840 or 9xx-xxxxxx)	OFFICIAL METAL TAG# (Orange or silver)	OTHER ID (BREED TATTOO OR AMERICAN ID ONLY)	AGE Y (Years) M (Months)	BREED	PUREBRED (Y/N)	SEX M-male F-female C-castrate S-spayed	Last Digit OCV Tattoo RY_	Test (s) T-TB B-Brucellar A-All E-Exempt	TB TEST RESULT N-neg. S-suspect
Insert one form of official identification is required for each animal										
Y24	840003007245100	52VAC1234	W231	9M	AN	Y	M	1	A	N

Sheet1 | VDACS OCV eForm, Oct 2010

Ready

Bovine Brucellosis

- USDA Program Disease
  - Since 1954
- Tests
  - Milk Surveillance
  - Blood tests



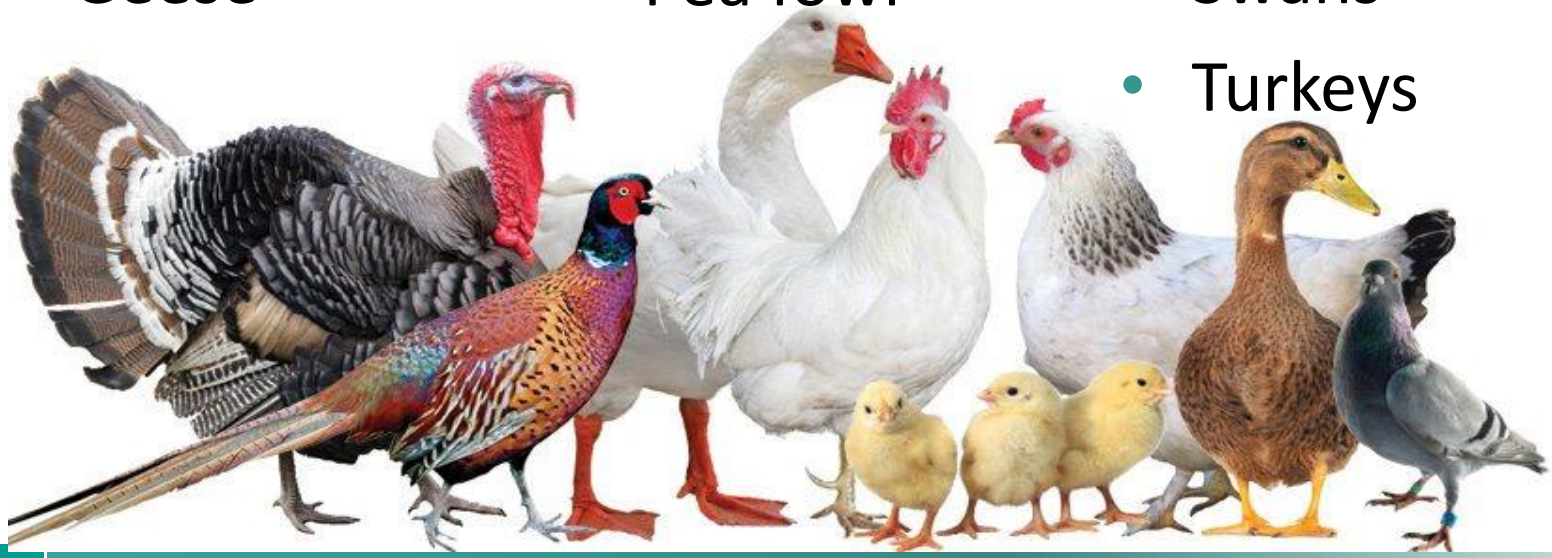
Bovine Brucellosis Vaccine

- RB51
  - Live Product
  - Only administered by accredited vet or State or federal animal health official
  - Protects from abortion
  - May be shed in milk

- Heifers only
  - Dairy and Beef
  - 4-12 months of age
- Must tattoo in right ear
  - R
  - Official shield
  - Last digit of year
- Official tag
- Check with VDACS for adult cattle
- Infrequent today

Birds Regulated as Poultry

- Chickens
- Doves
- Ducks
- Geese
- Grouse
- Guinea fowl
- Partridges
- Pea fowl
- Pheasants
- Pigeons
- Quail
- Swans
- Turkeys



Birds and Poultry

- Depending on the type of bird it may be regulated as pet, wildlife or poultry
- Check with destination state prior to movement
- International Export contact USDA
- National Poultry Improvement Plan
  - Contact VDACS Harrisonburg for more info
- Diagnostics
  - Harrisonburg Regional Animal Health Lab