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## FAIR EDITION MINI-NEWSLETTER— NYS ACCREDITED VET

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The 2011 fair season is fast approaching. As always we depend on the accredited veterinarians to inspect fair animals for health and to make sure all animal health requirements are met. When carried out properly this minimizes disease spread at the fair and facilitates our inspection activities. This process also helps protect our producers by minimizing the risk of serious diseases when returning to the farm. Your conscientious efforts in carrying out your responsibilities are appreciated. ~By Dr. Jim Gray, NY Fairs Coordinator, DAI

**The Animal Health Requirements booklet** is available on our website at: <http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AI/FairRequirement.pdf>.

The information contained in this booklet is based on Part 351 of NYS Agriculture and Markets regulations. It is important that you have a working knowledge of the contents in order to carry out your accreditation responsibilities properly. You are encouraged to print copies of this document and make it available to other accredited veterinarians in your practice as well as office support staff and clients.



The test date for **BVD-PI testing** must be included on the AI-61 CVI. Since this is a once in a lifetime test you need to carefully verify the testing that may have occurred years prior to the CVI issuance. Last year an accredited veterinarian only wrote “accompanying documentation” on a CVI presented at a county fair. When the documentation was reviewed 2 animals on the CVI did not have any results. This would have been avoided if the accredited veterinarian properly did their job.

A fill in form has been created that you can give your clients as proof of testing. It is available by calling our office (518-457-3502) to receive the address to the hidden link.

If you cannot verify previous BVD testing the test must be repeated. A certificate is not required to be presented to our inspectors at the fair. A properly completed CVI is sufficient.

**NY County Fair schedule** is located at: <http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AD/Agricultural-Fair-List.pdf>

The basic requirements for 2011 have not changed. There have been some **minor clarifications in the Animal Health Requirement** booklet:

- \* Only one species is allowed per certificate.
- \* Signed photographs for identification purposes are an option only for llamas and alpacas.
- \* It is acceptable for fairs and/or organizations (4H for example) to utilize their own unique tag for animal identification. This tag must be approved prior to the fair. This option isn't available for sheep & goats.
- \* The identification requirements for horses have been clarified in the “Animal Identification” section. Please review.

The **AI-61** revised in January 2008 is the **CVI form** you should be using for exhibition animals. The revised forms have a unique number in the upper right hand corner which helps minimize fraudulent use. If you are using older versions please discard and order new forms from our office at 518-457-1709.

\* Close attention to detail is important when conducting accredited work. It is frustrating to everyone involved when improperly completed CVIs and EIA test records are presented. To avoid problems the best advice is to **do it right the first time**.

\* It is acceptable to note rabies vaccination for horses on an EIA test record. It must be a separate statement with a separate signature.

\* A veterinary clinic receipt with no signature or description of the horse is not acceptable as a rabies vaccination certificate.

\* If an animal is rejected from a fair for health reasons the CVI is invalidated. It is OK to reissue a CVI for a subsequent fair if the animal is healthy and meets all requirements.

\* All sheep and goat identification must meet the USDA Scrapie ID requirements. If you or your clients have any questions please contact Anna Draisey at USDA: 518-218-7540