RI 4-H Guide to Animal Health

Poultry

Necessary Testing:
- RI origin birds exhibited at RI 4-H shows do not need testing for Pullorum-typhoid or Avian Influenza, but **must** be free from obvious signs of infectious disease.

- **Out of State:** All out-of-state poultry must be accompanied by written proof (NPIP ID Cards, Valid Testing Reports or Health Certificates) that the flock of origin, or individual bird, was blood tested negative for Pullorum-typhoid within 365 days.

- All Poultry will be individually inspected before attending the exhibit area and must be properly identified or banded in compliance with federal and state programs.

Other Very Important Information:
- No poultry from states or areas under quarantine for disease will be allowed entry.
- All animals at fairs, shows, or exhibitions must be in proper physical condition and are subject to examination by federal or state animal health officials, at the exhibition for visual evidence of infections or contagious diseases or any condition that would render it unfit for exhibition. **Any animal exhibiting signs, including but not limited to the following, may be refused entry:** diarrhea, vomiting, nasal discharge, ocular discharge, cough, lameness, skin lesions, loss of hair or feathers, external parasites, neurological signs, fever, lethargy, depression, difficult breathing, abscesses or growths, emaciation, or known exposure to animals with infectious or contagious diseases.

The RI 4-H Guide to Animal Health (by species) was developed to assist 4-H families and 4-H leaders in preparing for exhibit at RI 4-H Fairs. These guides serve as supplement to the Rhode Island 4-H Animal Exhibit Guidelines which state the rules that govern RI 4-H Fairs. These guides have also been developed to comply with the DEM “2015 Animal Health Regulations: For Exhibition and Showing Only”. These guides have been reviewed by the RI DEM Animal Health Section and been found to be in compliance.