RI 4-H Guide to Animal Health

Cattle

Necessary Vaccines:
- Rabies
  Animals over 6 months: The animal must be vaccinated at least 30 days prior to showing and no more than ONE year prior to showing.
  Animals 3-6 months: The animal must have been vaccinated prior to showing; animal is considered vaccinated at time of inoculation.
- **Rabies Vaccination Certificate is necessary and must accompany the animal.**

Necessary Testing:
**Out of State:**
- Tuberculosis
  o All animals must test negative within 60 days prior to entry into the first show in RI for the calendar year OR
  o Are from a herd certified TB free no more than 365 days prior to showing. A certificate for the herd must accompany the animal.
  **Proof of a negative Tuberculosis Test is necessary and may be on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
- Brucellosis
  o All animals over 4 months of age must test negative within 30 days prior to entry into the first show in RI for the calendar year OR
  o Are from a Brucellosis-negative Herd tested no more than 365 days prior to entry into the first show in RI for the calendar year. (Certificate for herd must accompany animal) OR
  o If a breeding animal, is officially vaccinated for Brucellosis and are less than 18 months of age. (Proof of vaccination must be on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection)
  o Cattle less than 120 days old, steers, Spayed heifers and official Brucellosis calfhood vaccinated cattle are exempt from Brucellosis testing.
- Bluetongue:
  o If the animal originates from a region or state that is endemic for Bluetongue and Anaplasmosis, the animal must test negative within 30 days prior to entry into Rhode Island. (Contact State Veterinarian)

Suggested Vaccines:
**Calves:**
- Shipping Fever
  o IBR, PI3, and syncitial virus
- BVD
- Leptosporosis
**Heifers:**
- Shipping Fever
  o IBR, PI3, and syncitial virus
- BVD
- Leptospirosis
***All vaccines for heifers should be done prior to breeding unless otherwise noted.

**Cows/Bulls:**
- Shipping Fever
IBR, PI3, and syntial virus
- BVD
- Leptospirosis

**Required Documentation:**
- **Rabies Vaccination Certificate**
  The certificate should follow the above stated timeline for entry into the show and should include:
  - Name of the licensed veterinarian, his/her practice name, practice address, practice phone number, and the state veterinary license number
  - Animal owner’s name and address
  - Animal species, age, sex and coloration
  - Name of the rabies vaccine, vaccine manufacturer, brand name of the product used and vaccine serial number
  - Date of inoculation and date of the next booster administration
  - Signature of licensed veterinarian who administered/supervised the administration of the rabies vaccine.

- **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** (CVI required for in-state and out-of-state Dairy animals – CVI recommended for in-state Beef and required for out-of-state animals.)
  - Ownership of the animal
  - Farm of origin
  - CVIs for out-of-state animals must be from the state of origin and must be dated no earlier than 30 days prior to entry to the first show of the season in any New England state and will be considered valid for Show and Exhibition purposes for the remainder of the calendar year.
  - Include TB and blood test results
  - May include proof of any required or recommended vaccinations (see suggested vaccinations)

**Miscellaneous:**
All animals must be free from disease including, but not limited to:
- Hairy Heel Wart
- Mange
- Pink eye
- Ringworm
- Warts
- External Parasites

**Note:** All cattle must be officially identified in compliance with all federal or state identification requirements in order to assure each animal is vaccinated and that all records are accurate.

*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 “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.*