RI 4-H Guide to Animal Health

Dog

Necessary Vaccines:
- Rabies
  Animals over 6 months: The animal must be vaccinated at least 30 days prior to showing and be current according to manufacturer standards.
  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.

Suggested Vaccines:
- Distemper
- Parvovirus
- Hepatitis
- Canine Adenovirus-2
- Parainfluenza
- Bordatella
  ***Dogs should be on a flea and tick preventative

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, vaccine serial number, and vaccine expiration date
  - 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 (recommended for in-state and required for out-of-state animals)
- Ownership of the animal
- Location of regular housing
- Issued current calendar year prior to entry in the first event of the season
- May include proof of any required or recommended vaccinations (see suggested vaccinations)
All animals must be free from disease including, but not limited to:

- Distemper
- Hepatitis
- Parvovirus
- Coronavirus
- Mange
- External parasites
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Contagious upper respiratory infection

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.