

**RI 4-H Guide to Animal Health**  
**Horse**

**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.

**Necessary Testing:**

- Coggins Test (Equine Infectious Anemia)  
In-State: The animal must have tested negative within ONE year of showing.  
Out of State: The animal must have tested negative within 12 months of showing.  
\*\*\*Coggins Test Form **MUST** accompany the animal

**Suggested Vaccines:**

- Eastern Equine Encephalitis
  - West Nile Virus
  - Influenza
  - Rhinopneumonitis
  - Strangles
  - Tetanus
- \*\*\*Proof of suggested vaccines may be included on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

**Required Documentation:**

- Rabies Vaccination Certificate (in-state and out-of-state animals)  
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
  - Farm of origin
  - Issued within 30 days prior to entry in the first event of the season
  - May include proof of any recommended vaccinations (see suggested vaccinations)
- Coggins Test Form

**Miscellaneous:**

All animals must be free from disease including, but not limited to:

- Mange
- Ringworm
- Soring
- Vesicular Stomatitis
- Strangles
- Influenza
- Rhinopneumonitis
- External parasites

**Note:** Any animal that has tested positive for any prohibited substance in another state will be denied entry into Rhode Island competitions for the duration of the time that he/she has been prohibited in the state where the detection occurred.

**Note:** The state veterinarian reserves the right to test any equine in competition for the presence of prohibited substances.

All Equines must be officially identified (microchip, digital photo or physical description must match EIA (Coggins) test, rabies, vaccination certificate and certificate of veterinary inspection.

*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 "2013 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. A Special "Thank You" to Kelsey McKenna, a CELS Animal Science Pre-Vet Graduate, for researching the regulations and best practices and preparing the guides.*