

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS IN INDIANA 2026

This document describes the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's (BOAH) requirements for all animal exhibitions in the state. However, exhibition organizers may impose additional requirements as a condition of exhibition. **BOAH recommends contacting the exhibition organizer for specific information about requirements for each event.**

Please call the Indiana State Board of Animal at (317) 544-2400 with questions concerning exhibition requirements in Indiana.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES

A. Limitations on Exhibition

This section describes limitations on exhibiting animals in Indiana. Other exhibition limitations may be described in the species-specific requirements that follow.

1. Failure to meet all animal health requirements will result in removal of animals from the exhibition premises.
2. The following animals are not eligible for exhibition in Indiana:
 - a. Animals that originate from a herd that is under quarantine.
 - b. An animal prohibited from exhibition under any law or order.
 - c. Any animal classified as a brucellosis "suspect".
 - d. Animals showing signs of any infectious or communicable disease or that are a health hazard to people or other animals.
 - e. Any animal that does not meet state animal health requirements.
3. Any animal that develops or shows signs of any infectious or communicable disease during exhibition must be removed from the premises, including the surrounding exhibition grounds. An owner who is disputing the exclusion of his/her animal(s) from exhibition may not exhibit the animal in question pending any appeal.
4. The State Veterinarian is authorized to make the final determination as to an animal's eligibility for exhibition. The state veterinarian may order removal of any animal from the exhibition grounds.
5. Exhibition organizers may impose health requirements in addition to those prescribed by BOAH. Added requirements may not contradict requirements imposed by BOAH.
6. Exhibition organizers may have a licensed and accredited veterinarian review animals and animal health documentation during the exhibition.

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B. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection

1. **For animals that originate within Indiana**, a certificate of veterinary inspection (commonly known as a “health paper”) is not required by BOAH for exhibition. Contact the exhibition organizer to determine if a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) is necessary to meet the organizers exhibition requirements.
2. **For animals that originate outside of Indiana**, the exhibitor must have a properly completed CVI for all animals prior to entry. This requirement applies to all domestic animals (except fish and poultry).
 - a. CVIs must be completed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian who has personally inspected the animals.
 - b. A CVI for any animal is valid for 30 days from the date it is issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian. NOTE: Animal(s) must be inspected by a licensed and accredited veterinarian no more than ten days prior to the date in which the CVI is issued.
 - c. CVIs must clearly include a description of each animal including the age, sex, and breed of the animal, and the official individual identification.
 - d. CVIs must accompany the animal while on the exhibition premises.

C. Pre-Entry Movement Permit (**REVISED**)-

Effective January 1, 2022:

1. **For swine and cattle that originate within of Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is not required.
2. **For swine and cattle that originate outside of Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is **not required** when an **electronic** certificate of veterinary inspection is issued.
3. **For swine and cattle originating outside of Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit **is required** when a **paper** certificate of veterinary inspection is issued.
 - a. The 2026 Indiana State Fair pre-entry movement permit number is “**INSF26**” and must be noted on all **paper** certificates of veterinary inspection.
4. **For farmed cervids and aquaculture, that originate outside of Indiana**, a BOAH approved pre-entry movement permit number must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection. Permit applications are available online at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/cervids-deer-elk/
 - a. The pre-entry movement permit application must be received by BOAH at least 5 business days before moving into Indiana.

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- b. The Indiana State Board of Animal Health must authorize any proposed movements **prior** to entry into the State.

D. Indiana State Fairgrounds

1. The Federal Premises Identification Number for the Indiana State Fairgrounds that should be recorded on all associated CVIs is: **00C6T69**
2. The physical address for the Indiana State Fairgrounds that should be recorded on all associated CVIs is: **1202 E 38th St, Indianapolis, IN 46205**

E. Identification

All exhibition animals must be permanently and individually identified unless otherwise noted. Official ear tags are tags approved by the USDA that bear the US shield. All official identification and any additional identification devices should be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

F. Testing

1. All tests required for exhibition must be conducted at the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) at Purdue University, a laboratory approved by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, or a state or federal-approved laboratory.
2. All animals, including Indiana animals, that are to be offered for sale to out of state buyers should have the necessary testing completed prior to the sale date. The destination state should be contacted to ensure all pre-entry movement requirements are met prior to the planned movement. State contact information can be found here: www.in.gov/boah/movements-out-of-indiana/

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SPECIES SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

A. Cattle

For more information on cattle health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/cattle-sheep-and-other-ruminants/cattle-dairy-and-beef/

1. SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES
2. Identification (ONE of the following)
 - a. 840 RFID tags
 - 15 digits, beginning with "840," with US shield, must be visually and electronically readable
 - b. Official USDA Program tags
 - Orange calfhood vaccination tags, with US shield
3. Testing
 - a. Cattle that originate within Indiana do not need a brucellosis test or a tuberculosis test for exhibition in Indiana.
 - b. Cattle that originate outside of Indiana do not need a brucellosis test or a tuberculosis test for exhibition in Indiana as long as the state of origin is classified as brucellosis free AND tuberculosis free by the USDA.
 - Cattle from states that are NOT designated as free by the USDA must meet additional requirements for entry into Indiana. Contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health for specific information.

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A. Swine

For more information on swine health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 554-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/swinepigs/

1. SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES
2. Identification (ONE of the following)
 - a. 840 tags
 - May or may not be an RFID (radio frequency device)
 - 15 digits, beginning with "840," with US shield
 - b. NUES (brite) tags
 - National Uniform Ear Tagging System
 - Steel or plastic acceptable, with US shield
 - c. Official Premises ID Number ("PIN") tag
 - Official PIN tags MUST include a premises number and unique animal ID imprinted by the manufacturer. (Standard PIN tags usually do not include an individual ID number; therefore, owners need to specify when ordering.)
 - d. Ear notch
 - Ear notch must be recorded in the book of record of a purebred registry association.
 - e. Tattoo
 - Tattoo must be registered with a swine registry association.
3. Testing
 - a. Swine that originate within Indiana do not need a brucellosis test or a pseudorabies test for exhibition in Indiana.
 - b. Swine that originate outside of Indiana do not need a brucellosis test or pseudorabies test as long as the state of origin is classified as brucellosis AND pseudorabies free by the USDA.

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G. Sheep and Goats

For more information on sheep and goat health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/cattle-sheep-and-other-ruminants/sheep-and-goats/

1. SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES
2. Identification (**ONE** of the following)
 - a. Official Scrapie identification tag, with US shield
 - b. Official Scrapie tattoo
 - Must begin with the state postal code along with a unique individual animal ID number
 - c. Registration tattoo
 - Tattoo must be noted on the registration paper and accompany the animal
 - d. Registration microchip
 - Electronic implant must be noted on the registration paper and accompany the animal

NOTE: Wethers younger than 18 months of age must bear a unique and permanent form of identification

3. Testing - No testing is required on any sheep or goat for exhibition in Indiana.

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D. Horses

For more information on horse health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/equinehorses/

NOTE: Indiana State 4-H may impose vaccination requirements for horse show participants beyond the minimum requirements of the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. Contact your local 4-H Purdue Extension educator for these additional requirements.

1. SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES

2. Identification (**ONE** of the following)

- a. Physical description of the animal including: name, age, breed, color, gender, distinctive markings, cowlicks, scars, blemishes, biometric measures, brands, tattoos, etc.
- b. Digital photographs sufficient to identify the individual animal
- c. USDA-approved electronic implant (microchip)

3. Testing

- a. **Horses that originate within Indiana** do not need an equine infectious anemia (EIA, Coggins) test for exhibition in Indiana.
- b. **Horses that originate outside of Indiana** must meet the following requirements prior to entering Indiana:
 - Each horse must test negative for EIA within 12 months of the date of exhibition. Each horse must be accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection that indicates the date and results of the EIA test.

NOTE: Suckling foals that are accompanied by their dam, when the dam has tested negative for EIA within the last twelve months, are exempt from the EIA testing requirement.

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E. Llamas/Alpacas (Camelids)

For more information on llama/alpaca health requirements call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/cattle-sheep-and-other-ruminants/camelids/camelid-entry-requirements/

1. **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES**

2. Identification (**ONE** of the following)
 - a. Physical description of the animal including: name, age, breed, color, gender, distinctive markings, cowlicks, scars, blemishes, biometric measures, etc.
 - b. Digital photographs sufficient to identify the individual animal
 - c. Official ear tag
 - d. Tattoo
 - e. USDA-approved electronic implant (microchip)

3. Testing - No testing is required on any llamas or alpacas (camelid) for exhibition in Indiana.

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F. Poultry

For more information on poultry health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/avianbirds/

Indiana defines poultry as: chickens, turkeys, ostriches, emus, rheas, cassowaries, waterfowl (domesticated fowl that normally swim, such as ducks, geese and swans), and game birds (domesticated fowl such as pheasants, pea fowl, partridge, quail, grouse, and guineas) but **NOT** doves and pigeons.

1. **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES**
2. Identification - No individual identification is required on any poultry for exhibition in Indiana.
3. Testing

All poultry presented for exhibition, except waterfowl, must meet **ONE** of the following requirements:

- a. Test negative for pullorum-typhoid within 90 days prior to the date of the exhibition.
- b. Hatched from eggs that originate from a certified NPIP pullorum-typhoid clean parent flock.
- c. Originate from a flock that is certified NPIP pullorum-typhoid clean.

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G. Farmed Cervids

For more information on farmed cervid health requirements call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/cervids-deer-elk/

1. **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES**

2. Identification - Farmed cervids must be identified with an **official ear tag** containing the US shield **AND** one of the following:
 - a. Tattoo
 - b. Electronic identification implant (microchip)
 - c. Farm/management ear tag

3. Testing
 - a. **Farmed cervids that originate within Indiana**, 12 months of age and older that are to be exhibited in Indiana must meet **ONE** of the following **tuberculosis** testing requirements:
 - Test negative for tuberculosis within 90 days prior to the date of the exhibition.
 - Originate from a herd that is accredited under a state tuberculosis accreditation program. 345 IAC 2.5-5-4.
 - From a herd that meets other herd testing standard described in 345 IAC 2.5-5-3(1).

 - b. **Farmed cervids that originate within Indiana**, that are from a species known to be susceptible to chronic wasting disease (CWD), that are to be exhibited in Indiana must originate from a Certified CWD program herd defined under Indiana requirements 345 IAC 2-7-4.

 - c. **Farmed cervids that originate outside of Indiana** must be from a CWD non-susceptible species (i.e. fallow deer) **AND** meet one of the following requirements as outlined in 345 IAC 1-3-29:
 - Originate from a tuberculosis free accredited herd.
 - Have two tuberculosis tests, 90 days apart, with the last test within 90 days of entry to Indiana.

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H. Dogs

For more information on dog health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/companion-animals-dogs-cats/

NOTE: Indiana State 4-H may impose vaccination requirements for dog show participants beyond the minimum requirements of the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. Contact your local 4-H Purdue Extension educator for these additional requirements.

1. **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES**
2. Identification - Physical description sufficient to identify the individual animal.
3. Vaccination
 - a. All dogs 3 months of age and older must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed and accredited veterinarian in accordance with the state rabies vaccination law.
 - b. A certificate of vaccination or other statement, signed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian, that indicates the vaccinations each animal has been given must accompany the animal to the exhibition.
 - c. A certificate of veterinary inspection may be used to document vaccinations.

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I. Cats

For more information on cat health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at: www.in.gov/boah/species-information/companion-animals-dogs-cats/

NOTE: Indiana State 4-H may impose vaccination requirements for cat show participants beyond the minimum requirements of the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. Contact your local 4-H Purdue Extension educator for these additional requirements.

1. SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES
2. Identification - Physical description sufficient to identify the individual animal.
3. Vaccination
 - a. All cats 3 months of age and older must be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed and accredited veterinarian in accordance with the state rabies vaccination law.
 - b. A certificate of vaccination or other statement, signed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian, that indicates the vaccinations each animal has been given must accompany the animal to the exhibition.
 - c. A certificate of veterinary inspection may be used to document vaccinations.