

New England Alpaca Classic Show 2011

2011 Health Requirements

No alpaca will be admitted to the facility unless it meets the requirements below. No animal is to be placed in its stall until the animal and its paperwork have been inspected and approved for entry.

All animals must be in proper physical condition, be properly identified with a microchip, and free of visual evidence of infectious, contagious, or parasitic disease at time of arrival. Evidence of infectious, contagious, or parasitic disease or failure to produce the necessary documents for health certification, vaccination, or testing will result in the animal's rejection for entry. The inspector's decision is final. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all alpacas be currently vaccinated for rabies.

All exhibitors must meet the appropriate state regulations for movement of livestock. Even if state regulations do not require a certificate of veterinary inspection, AOBA show rules require exhibitors shall have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) *completed not more than 30 days prior to the last date of the show for each alpaca transported to the show.*

NOTE: Bring a copy of your Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) for the Show Superintendent who is required to keep a copy as part of the show's permanent records.

In-State Alpacas:

- Valid **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious diseases and exposure from such disease, *dated October 14, 2011 or later.*
- Each alpaca's name and **microchip** number shall be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and will be checked upon entering the facility. Microchip identification shall be verified at entry check/veterinary check. *Please double-check your microchips. If we cannot read your microchip your alpaca will not be allowed into the facility.*
- All alpacas entered in or present at the show must be tested for BVDV using the PCR test. One test in the lifetime of the alpaca is sufficient to ensure that it is not a Persistently Infected (PI) alpaca. The BVDV "negative" or BVDV "not detected" test result must be written on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), along with the date of the test, the lab that performed the test, and the testing method (PCR).

Out-of- State Alpacas:

- Valid **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** (health papers) signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious diseases and exposure from such disease. Documents of health certification must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only and must be *dated October 14, 2011 or later* (as required by AOBA show rules).
- Each alpaca's name and **microchip** number shall be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Papers) and will be checked upon entering the facility. Microchip identification shall be verified at entry check/veterinary check. *Please double-check your microchips. If we cannot read your microchip, your alpaca will not be allowed into the facility.*
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- TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States. See:
http://www.mass.gov/agr/fairs/docs/fair_regs_2011.pdf
The current brucellosis and TB status of your state can be obtained from the State Veterinarian’s office in your own state:
<http://www.usaha.org/Portals/6/StateAnimalHealthOfficials.pdf>
Note: New England and New York are low incidence/Free states.
If your state is not TB-Accredited or Brucellosis-Free, then call the Massachusetts Bureau of Animal Health for entry requirements (617-626-1795).
- Blue Tongue testing is not required for Camelids originating from a USDA declared "Low Incident State." **Note: New England and New York are low incidence/Free states.** See:
http://www.mass.gov/agr/fairs/docs/fair_regs_2011.pdf

For More Information on current regulations, please contact the State Veterinarian’s office in your own state (see <http://www.usaha.org/Portals/6/StateAnimalHealthOfficials.pdf>) or the Massachusetts Bureau of Animal Health at (617-626-1795) and http://www.mass.gov/agr/fairs/docs/fair_regs_2011.pdf