



Animal Health Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER: WELCOME BACK

The “Animal Health Newsletter” is brought to you through the collaborative efforts of the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries and USDA APHIS Veterinary Services Division. Our agencies felt the lack of communication hindered our fellow veterinarians in staying abreast of the state and Federal policies, and hope you are finding the publication useful. We are striving for unity in Alabama’s veterinary community and an awareness of working together toward safeguarding the animal industry. It is our intention to keep this communication simple and pertinent with the highest priority of topics. Our “Animal Health Newsletter” will release semi-annually in January and July of each respective year. We look forward to feedback by contacting Dr. Frazier at Tony.Frazier@agi.alabama.gov or Dr. Childress at Brandy.Childress@aphis.usda.gov. The website for the Department of Agriculture & Industries is www.agi.alabama.gov or you may contact the State Vet’s Office at 334-240-7255.

HEALTH CERTIFICATES: ONLINE ORDERING OR THE NEW CVI APP



The Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries continues to provide Health Certificate books for purchase through the office of the State Veterinarian. In the past, once your check was received and accreditation status confirmed, the order would be placed. That process has now been updated. With the new online ordering system, your order can be placed and shipped on the same day by using a credit card. When you contact the State Veterinarian’s office, all of your information will be entered online and processed instantly. Several orders have been placed through this online method, and it is running smoothly.

The current price for Large Animal or Small Animal Health Certificates will be \$15.00 per book.

In addition to the upgraded process for ordering Health Certificates, the electronic Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is now available through an app on mobile devices. The creation of the mCVI mobile application provides tremendous potential to access real-time information on livestock movements and improve the accuracy of that information to animal health officials. Once a veterinarian downloads and creates a profile, the State Veterinarian receives an email to verify the accreditation. They will then receive a confirmation email from Dynetta Burton in our office. Once a veterinarian submits a health certificate, Dynetta will receive it in an email and enter it into our system. This application will currently be at no charge to the accredited veterinarian. The following link is a short tutorial about the app:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/nw7uhes5p657yjj/mCVI%20Training%20Video.mp4?dl=0>



NEW WORLD SCREWORM CONFIRMED IN FLORIDA



The United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) confirmed the presence of New World screwworm in Key deer from a wildlife refuge in Big Pine Key, Florida. USDA’s National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa confirms this is a local infestation of New World screwworm, the first local infestation in the United States in more than 30 years. Animal health and wildlife officials at the state and federal levels are working together to address these findings. Response efforts include fly trapping to determine the extent of the infestation, release of sterile flies to eliminate the screwworm fly population, and disease surveillance to look for additional cases in animals. The initial goal is to keep the infestation from spreading to new areas. For more information on current activities: <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Animal-Industry/Consumer-Resources/Reportable-Animal-Diseases/New-World-Screwworm>. If you have any questions or to report any unusual myiasis cases, please contact the State Veterinarian’s office.

Please remember that the New World Screwworm is a reportable infestation.

USDA VETERINARY ACCREDITATION RENEWAL PROCESS



The renewal process is a **two-step process** as follows: 1- Complete your APHIS Approved Supplemental Training by lectures, online modules, or a purchasable USB drive. 2- Complete and submit your application. If you have not completed your APHIS Approved Supplemental Training, you are **not** ready to renew. Please visit https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap/ct_renewal for more complete instructions. You may complete your training anytime during your three-year renewal cycle, but may not apply to renew your accreditation until six months prior to your assigned Accreditation Renewal Date (ARD). If you do not know your ARD or your accreditation number, contact Alabama NVAP Coordinator, Patricia Whitmore, at (615) 781-5059 or email Patricia.M.Whitmore@aphis.usda.gov. The National Veterinary Accreditation Program sends e-mail reminders at six, three, and one month prior to your ARD. Please ensure your correct email address is on file and remains current. Ms. Whitmore can update your email address as well.

If you perform accredited duties in more than one state, it is only necessary to renew your accreditation one time.

To view a short instructional video regarding the online renewal process, please visit http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/vet_accreditation/downloads/online_accreditation_renewal/story.html.

ALABAMA PRIORITY REPORTABLE DISEASES

Foreign or exotic animal diseases are often presented as clinical disease conditions that do not respond to therapy. Report to your state or Federal veterinarian any suspicious clinical or necropsy findings, including a history of the diseased animal's recent contact with either people or animals recently returned from a foreign country or any disease of unknown etiology causing high mortality and/or morbidity.

Suspicious disease conditions that should be reported to your state or Federal veterinarian are vesicular diseases, mucosal diseases, hemorrhagic septicemia, "abortion storms" of unknown etiology, central nervous system or undiagnosed encephalitic conditions, unusual numbers of acute deaths, avian disease with acute deaths and/or central nervous system conditions, severe respiratory conditions, pox or lumpy skin conditions, and unusual myiasis or acariasis (exotic flies, mites, ticks, etc.).

The following is a list of certain foreign diseases more apt to be introduced into the United States, and those domestic conditions that occur which are reportable and where a diagnosis must be made. Veterinarians encountering any of these conditions or other reportable diseases as listed in the Accredited Veterinarian's Manual should report promptly by phone to the State Veterinarian 334-240-7255 or the Federal (USDA) Area Office 334-551-2180. Emerging diseases or other conditions may be added to this list as determined by the State Veterinarian.

LIST OF REPORTABLE DISEASES

Avian

- avian influenza
- exotic Newcastle disease
- laryngotracheitis
- mycoplasma
- pullorum disease

Bovine

- vesicular exanthema
- anaplasmosis
- bluetongue
- bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)
- brucellosis
- foot and mouth disease
- heartwater
- malignant catarrhal fever
- paratuberculosis
- tuberculosis
- screwworm
- vesicular stomatitis
- trichomoniasis

Porcine

- African swine fever
- brucellosis
- foot and mouth disease
- hog cholera
- pseudorabies
- swine vesicular disease
- vesicular stomatitis
- porcine epidemic diarrhea (PED)
- Seneca valley virus

Equine

- African horse sickness
- contagious equine metritis
- equine encephalitis (EEE, WEE, VEE, WNV)
- equine herpesvirus infections
- equine infectious anemia
- equine piroplasmiasis
- vesicular stomatitis

Goat/Sheep

- bluetongue
- contagious ecthyma
- foot and mouth disease
- heartwater
- scrapie
- screwworm
- vesicular stomatitis

Wildlife Species

- African swine fever
- avian influenza
- bluetongue
- exotic Newcastle disease
- epizootic hemorrhagic disease
- foot and mouth disease
- heartwater
- hog cholera
- malignant catarrhal fever
- vesicular stomatitis

All Species including Small Animal

- exotic myiasis
- rabies

Rabbits

- hemorrhagic disease of rabbits

Veterinary Medical Officer Directory

