



AK-SAR-BEN'S
RIVER CITY RODEO
& STOCK SHOW

MEMORANDUM

TO: 2014 Justin Boots Championships & Wrangler Champions Challenge Finale Contestants
FROM: Matt Gunderson, Executive Director
DATE: September, 2014
RE: Livestock Health Papers

As you prepare for your possible trip to the Justin Boots Championships and/or Wrangler Champions Challenge Finale, please note that Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs) must list Ak-Sar-Ben as the destination point. Below are the Ak-Sar-Ben Health Requirements as prepared by the Nebraska State Veterinarian. **When you arrive you must show the current CVI and Coggins papers immediately upon entering the Event Grounds.** Failure to not show or have in your possession the current CVI and Coggins shall result in you not being able to unload. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

2014 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

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If Vesicular Stomatitis (VSV) is detected in Nebraska or any other state, additional requirements may be put in place.

The Nebraska State Veterinarian has been assigned as the official veterinarian for the Ak-Sar-Ben River City Rodeo and Stock Show. Veterinarians and inspectors (assigned staff) will be checking in exhibited animals.

Livestock disease control is vital for the livestock industry in Nebraska and the nation. Biosecurity is a key component of controlling diseases. Anytime animals are comingled, the chance of spreading disease is multiplied and so is the need for heightened biosecurity. Recent outbreaks of Equine Herpes Virus 1 (EHV-1) at equine exhibition events in the U.S., requires attention to proper biosecurity.

General Health Requirements for all Animals

Under no circumstance may animals under quarantine be exhibited.
Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases will be allowed to show.

Policy on Ringworm, Warts, and Abscesses:

- Animals that have active ringworm visible warts, or abscesses, will not be allowed entry into Ak-Sar-Ben for exhibition.
- The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun re-growth in the area and is so stated on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).
- Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-off inspection will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- Animals that have visible abscesses will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

All animals **(including poultry), except rabbits**, exhibited must be accompanied by a CVI and shall have official identification listed on the CVI. **Accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) are more easily read, but need to be listed and correlated to official identification (steel tags, tattoos, or RFID tags) on the CVI.**

ANIMALS MUST BE INSPECTED AND CVI'S MUST BE ISSUED, BOTH WITHIN 15 DAYS OF EXHIBITION.

Each CVI must:

- a. Be issued and signed by an accredited licensed veterinarian.
- b. Show name and address of owner or exhibitor (consignor).
- c. Show all required tests and results for that species.
- d. Show Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show or Ak-Sar-Ben River City Rodeo & Stock Show as consignee and destination only. CVI's re-consigned from other exhibitions are prohibited.
- e. List official identification (steel tags, **individual animal breed registry tattoos**, or RFID tags) **and** accessory ID devices (4-H tags, FFA tags, etc.) which are correlated to official identification on the CVI (and accompanying certification where necessary).

Nebraska Animals

Horses: CVI required. No EIA (Coggins) test required for Nebraska horse.

Out of State Animals

Horses: CVI required. **ALL non-Nebraska horses (including those originating from South Dakota), must be tested and found negative for EIA (Coggins test) within the previous 365 days. Date of test, testing laboratory, and results must be listed on the CVI.**