

Health Requirements for 4-H Goat

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You and your veterinarian should fill out the Sheep & Goat Health Form for 4-H Livestock. A licensed veterinarian certifying that the animal is clinically free of all infectious or contagious diseases and exposure from such diseases should sign this form. You will need to have this form with you at all 4-H shows, and your approval, lease/loan, and registration papers. If you are planning to participate at Eastern States Exposition, all goats must have a *CVI* (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) issued within 30 days of the event.

All goats must have a scrapies tag.

Note: All goats and kids presented, regardless of age, must be individually listed and identified on the health certificate.

1. These certificates must be made available upon request to fair, field day and show inspectors. Documents of health certification for animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. Health Certificates must be dated January 1st (of the current year) or later.
2. All of the above animals must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pinkeye, ringworm, warts, cowpox, and open and draining wounds.
3. Goats must also be free of sore mouth and scrapie exposure. Based on the new federal scrapie eradication program, which went into effect in November 2001, goats of any age or sex brought to show or exhibit, must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag or tattoo and scrapies. Contact your Veterinarian to find out how to obtain your tag, tattoo and scrapies tag.

Animals for which there is no currently approved vaccine, including goats, extra-label administration of rabies vaccine approved for other species is recommended. (From the Uniform Animal Health Standards Recommended for Vermont Fairs, Field Days and Festivals)