

**OFFICIAL OWNER ENDORSED POULTRY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR ALL
EXHIBITION POULTRY, WATERFOWL, UPLAND GAME BIRDS, RATITES, AND PIGEONS (As of
June 1, 2017)**

A completed owner-endorsed poultry health certificate must accompany all poultry, waterfowl, upland game birds, ratites, and pigeons to an exhibition. The certificate must be presented to exhibition management prior to cooping of the birds. This certificate *must* be endorsed with the bird owner's signature.

The following information is required:

1. Exhibition Information:

- a. Name of exhibition: _____
- b. Address of exhibition: _____
Street, Route, or Box Number
- _____ City State Zip

2. Owner Information:

- a. Owner name: _____
- b. Owner address: _____
Street, Route, or Box Number
- _____ City State Zip
- c. Owner telephone number: (____) _____ - _____
- d. Owner email address: _____

3. Verification of Testing for PENNSYLVANIA Birds:

A. The birds must originate from a flock in which a minimum of 30 birds, 3 weeks of age or older, were tested negative for avian influenza within the 30 days prior to opening date of the exhibition and the birds must be accompanied by the negative test report (copy acceptable). Samples must be collected from a random, representative sample of the entire flock. If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, test all birds. For domestic ducks and geese, cloacal swab samples must be collected for testing, and the swabs may be tested using virus isolation or PCR (one bird type per tube) techniques.

B. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Testing and Verification (*pigeons and waterfowl excluded*). All samples must be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or an Accredited Veterinarian:

All poultry, upland game birds, and ratites (*pigeons and waterfowl excluded*) must originate from a flock in good standing in the NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Program or from a flock in good standing in the PA Pullorum Equivalent Program and the birds must be accompanied by the most recent negative test report (copy acceptable). The NPIP number must be noted on the report for NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks. If bird-side testing was done, the 9-2 or state equivalent form must accompany the birds (copy acceptable);

OR

Individual birds (*pigeons and waterfowl excluded*) for exhibition must have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within the 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. The birds must be accompanied by the negative test report (copy acceptable). The following age restrictions apply to comply with NPIP standards:

- Chickens shall be tested at 4 months of age or older.
- Turkeys shall be tested at 12 weeks of age or older.
- Game birds shall be tested at 4 months of age or older, or upon sexual maturity, whichever comes first.
- Ratites shall be tested at 12 months of age or older.
- All birds not meeting these age restrictions are exempt from pullorum testing requirements.

4. Verification of Testing for OUT-OF-STATE Birds:

A. Avian Influenza Clean Testing and Verification: All samples must be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or an Accredited Veterinarian. Poultry, waterfowl, upland game birds, and ratites (*pigeons excluded*) shall only be allowed into the Commonwealth and the exhibition after meeting one of the following requirements:

The birds originate from a flock in good standing in the NPIP Avian Influenza Clean program and the shipment is accompanied by a USDA form 9-3 or equivalent Department-approved form;

OR

The birds originate from a flock that participates in an equivalent avian influenza monitoring program and the shipment is accompanied by a document from the state, nation, or province of origin indicating participation;

OR

The birds originate from a flock in which a minimum of 30 birds, 3 weeks of age or older, were tested negative for avian influenza within the 30 days prior to opening date of the exhibition and the birds must be accompanied by the negative test report (copy acceptable). Samples must be collected from a random, representative sample of the entire flock. If there are fewer than 30 birds in the flock, test all birds. For domestic ducks and geese, cloacal swab samples must be collected for testing, and the swabs may be tested using virus isolation or PCR (one bird type per tube) techniques.

B. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Testing and Verification (*pigeons and waterfowl excluded*). All samples must be collected by a Certified Poultry Technician or an Accredited Veterinarian:

All poultry, upland game birds, and ratites (*pigeons and waterfowl excluded*) must come from NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks and the birds must be accompanied by a USDA form 9-3 or equivalent Department-approved form;

OR

Individual birds (*pigeons and waterfowl excluded*) for exhibition must have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within the 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. The birds must be accompanied by the negative test report (copy acceptable). If bird-side testing was done, the 9-2 form must accompany the birds (copy acceptable). The following age restrictions apply to comply with NPIP standards:

Chickens shall be tested at 4 months of age or older.

- Turkeys shall be tested at 12 weeks of age or older.
- Game birds shall be tested at 4 months of age or older, or upon sexual maturity, whichever comes first.
- Ratites shall be tested at 12 months of age or older.
- All birds not meeting these age restrictions must come from a flock in which all of the birds in the flock have been test negative within the 90 days prior to the exhibition.

5. **Bird identification:** All poultry, waterfowl, upland game birds, and pigeons entering an exhibition must bear an individual OFFICIAL PDA LEG BAND. Ratites must be identified with a neck band or an electronic implant device (the exhibitor must supply a reader).

6. **Verification of flock health status:**

All poultry, waterfowl, upland game birds, ratites, and pigeons for exhibit or display are part of a flock which is free from evidence of contagious diseases.

7. **Verification of pigeons:**

Description of pigeons (number, age, color, gender): _____

8. **Owner Endorsement:**

I certify that the above information represents a true and accurate statement regarding my bird(s) and their home flock(s). I further attest and affirm that a "veterinarian consultation relationship" – as that phrase is defined in the Animal Exhibition Sanitation Law found at 3 Pa.C.S.A. § 2501 *et seq.* and any amendments thereto – exists with regard to any poultry, waterfowl, upland game birds, ratites and pigeons I will be exhibiting.

Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

To report illness or mortality in your flock, call the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture at 717-772-2852.

Additional health certificates are available from the nearest Department of Agriculture regional office or at www.agriculture.state.pa.us.