



## **Animal Exhibition Requirement Rule Changes**

### **FAQ for Veterinarians**

**Q. Is there a certain CVI form I should use when writing a CVI for exhibition?**

**A.** You can use a physical CVI form provided by MDA. A copy of the CVI must be submitted to the MDA office within seven days of issuance.

**A.** There are several electronic forms available, some at no charge, that can also be used. MDA offers a free electronic version called Vet-CVI that can be downloaded from the app store or your computer. When using an electronic form, owner information and animal information can be saved and easily retrieved when writing another certificate for that owner and animal. The CVI is automatically submitted to MDA. If you have questions about electronic CVI options, call MDA at (573) 751-3377.

**A.** The physical forms that were previously provided by MDA for *intrastate movement* are no longer valid and should not be used. They do not display a unique CVI number, and they are not in duplicate for copies to be sent to MDA.

**Q. Can one CVI be used for multiple exhibition destinations?**

**A.** Yes, you should include all exhibition destinations within the upcoming 30-day period on the CVI, either in the “comments section” or in the remaining blank space that is left after all animals have been entered. If the exhibitor is going to another state, MDA recommends the exhibitor review that state’s exhibition rules, as you may have to create a separate CVI for each exhibition destination, per the requirements.

**Q. Why does a copy of the CVI have to be submitted to MDA?**

**A.** The veterinarian submits a copy of the CVI to the MDA office, which allows MDA to trace where animals have been in the event of a disease outbreak.

**Q. Can an exhibitor go to a show if the show is not listed on the CVI?**

**A.** Every exhibition an exhibitor plans to attend within the 30-day window should be listed on the CVI. An exhibitor should ask you to add any show that is not listed to the CVI before attending. You will need to submit a copy of the modified CVI to MDA within seven days of modification.



**Q. What types of animal identifications are acceptable?**

A. Official identification options include one of the following:

- An official [National Uniform Eartagging System \(NUES\) tag](#).
  - Begins with the official state number 43 for Missouri.
  - Allocated by USDA to accredited veterinarians.
- An official [Animal Identification Number \(AIN\) tag](#).
  - Consists of 15 digits, beginning with 840 for the United States.
  - Visual or Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)
  - Available from the manufacturer.
- A registration tattoo and registration papers from the appropriate breed association.
- For unregistered swine, an ear notch accompanied with farm records.  
**Beginning in 2025, an official identification tag will be required. Ear notches will not be accepted as sufficient for unregistered swine.**

**Q. What encompasses a “farm record,” in regard to the previous statement “ear notch accompanied with farm records.”**

A. For the 2024 exhibition year, a farm record should document farm of origin, date of birth, sex, litter information and record of movements. **Beginning in 2025, an official identification tag will be required. Ear notches accompanied with farm records will not be accepted as sufficient for unregistered swine.**

**Q. What documentation must I maintain regarding official identification?**

A. When personally applying official identification to an exhibition animal, you must maintain a record of each animal that receives a tag, including owner information.

A. If you are allocating official identification tags to exhibition leadership, you must record the names of the individuals who you provided the tags to. Additionally, exhibition leadership, or you as the issuing veterinarian, must maintain a record of each animal that receives a tag, including owner information.