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2026 EQUINE EXHIBITOR'S SELF CERTIFICATION OF ANIMAL HEALTH

A completed Equine Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health must accompany all equids to any Maryland Fair, Show, or Exhibition where other livestock are present. This certificate must be presented to the event management and endorsed with the signature of the owner of the equine.

Name of Owner:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Name of Exhibition:	
Address of Exhibition:	

I, the undersigned, hereby verify the following:

1. I am the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter (circle as applicable) of the equine identified on the current, valid, VCPR form or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and Coggins document.
2. I understand that any equine showing any signs of or having recent exposure (within 21 days) to contagious or infectious disease are not permitted to enter the fair/show premises. These conditions include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. **SKIN:** Visible evidence of skin infections, ringworm, etc.
 - b. **HEAD:** Discharge from the eyes or nose which is excessive in amount or opaque
 - c. **RESPIRATORY:** Signs of infectious respiratory disease include fever, coughing, labored breathing, increased respiratory rate and nasal discharge. Animals originating from premises where there is a current infectious respiratory disease and animals with any known exposure to infectious respiratory disease shall be ineligible to show for a minimum of 21 days after exposure. Infectious respiratory diseases include Influenza, EHV, and Strangles.
 - d. **INTESTINAL:** Evidence of diarrhea which is watery and/or persistent in nature
 - e. **FEET:** Horses exhibiting any type of lameness are already excluded per the rules governing horses for shows
 - f. **OTHER:** Recent exposure to or clinical signs of any contagious or infectious disease conditions that would exclude equines from exhibition.
3. I have read and understand the above guidelines.
4. I agree not to present for exhibition any animal showing any signs of contagious or infectious disease or having any known recent exposure (within 21 days) to any contagious or infectious disease.
5. I have visually examined the animal(s) I am presenting for exhibition within the last 24 hours and agree to observe them daily throughout the length of the event. If any signs of illness are noticed, I will alert the event animal health staff and comply with their decisions regarding my animal(s).
6. I have read and understand the MDA animal rejection policy as stated in the 2026 fair and show requirements.

Owner Signature:	
Owner Printed Name:	
(PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN FOR CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18)	Date: