

ZOONOTIC AND OTHER ANIMAL DISEASES OF CONCERN IN MARYLAND

Table 1. New or Ongoing Morbidity or Mortality Animal or Zoonotic Disease Events in Maryland

Estimated first onset	Estimated end date	Counties affected	Species affected	Diagnosis	Estimated # of cases to date	Lead agency	Comment

For questions regarding specific disease events, please contact the lead agency noted. This contact information is for use by Maryland veterinarians and health professionals:

- MDA - Maryland Department of Agriculture: ahops@mda.state.md.us, 410-841-5810
- DHMH - Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Center for Zoonotic and Vector-borne Diseases: czvbd@dhhm.state.md.us, 410-767-5649
- DNR - Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Fish & Wildlife Health Program, FWHP@dnr.state.md.us, 410-226-5193

Comments

Fair and Show season is in full swing, with many county fairs held during August and the Maryland State Fair running August 26 – September 5. Veterinarians are reminded to follow the 2011 Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) Fair and Show Policy, which provides information on the vaccinations and tests required for show animals prior to entering an exhibition, as well as policy changes for Fair and Show Intrastate Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVIs). With an increased potential of disease transmission occurring when large numbers of animals gather for exhibition, veterinarians are key to identifying animals that may have contagious and/or infectious disease, preventing them from exposing other animals through isolation, and reporting the event to the exhibition sponsor and MDA Animal Health Program as soon as possible.

All exhibit animals are required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for the show season, completed by an Accredited Veterinarian within 60 days of the first exhibition, and a Self-Certification of Animal Health completed by the owner within 24 hours of entry to the exhibition. The 2011 MDA Fair and Show Policy provides species-specific health requirements and exemptions.

The major policy change for this year is that there is no requirement for review, approval and stamping of the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection prior to the animals going to the fair, show or exhibition. Veterinarians, however, still need to provide all of the information requested on the CVI form, write “N/A” where requested information is not applicable, cross out empty areas so that animal information cannot be forged under *your* name, and send the original to MDA. CVIs will continue to be reviewed for authenticity and completeness upon receipt at MDA.

In addition, the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians has published the Compendium of Measures to Prevent Disease Associated with Animals in Public Settings, 2011. The Compendium provides standardized recommendations for use by veterinarians, public health officials, animal venue operators, animal exhibitors, and others concerned with disease control and with minimizing risks associated with animals in public settings. Hand washing signs are also included in the Compendium.

The 2011 MDA Fair and Show Policy is available at http://www.mda.state.md.us/animal_health/fair_show/index.php. The Compendium is available at www.nasphv.org.

To report cases of disease in:	Contact:
Domestic animals	MDA Animal Health Program Office 410-841-5810 www.mda.state.md.us/animal_health/diseases/reportable.php
Wild animals	MD DNR / USDA Wildlife Service Call Center 1-877-463-6497 http://www.whmn.org/wher/
Humans	DHMH Center for Zoonotic and Vector-borne Diseases 410-767-5649 http://ideha.dhmm.maryland.gov/reportable-diseases.aspx

MARYLAND ANIMAL RABIES CASES, 2011

Table 2. New (confirmed within the last two weeks) and Cumulative Rabies Cases, Week Ending July 30, 2011

Jurisdiction	Bat Total (New)	Cat Total (New)	Cow Total (New)	Dog Total (New)	Fox Total (New)	Groundhog Total (New)	Raccoon Total (New)	Skunk Total (New)	Other Total (New)	Total (New)
Allegany							2			2
Anne Arundel	2						2			4
Baltimore					2		9			11
Baltimore City	9(2)	1					7			17(2)
Calvert					3(1)		3			6(1)
Caroline										0
Carroll			1		1		5			7
Cecil							2			2
Charles		3	1	1	1	1	6	1		14
Dorchester							5			5
Frederick	1	1		1	1		12	1		17
Garrett							2			2
Harford	1(1)				2		8			11(1)
Howard	1(1)	2			1		7			11(1)
Kent	1									1
Montgomery	6(1)				2	2(1)	13			23(2)
Prince George's	4(2)				2		4			10(2)
Queen Anne's							4			4
Somerset		1					6			7
St. Mary's		2			1		2			5
Talbot					1		4	1		6
Washington					1		2	2		5
Wicomico							1			1
Worcester						1	6	1		8
Total (New)	25(7)	10	2	2	18(1)	4(1)	112	6	0	17(9)

For complete animal rabies and other human zoonotic and vector-borne disease case counts, please visit:

<http://ideha.dhmh.maryland.gov/CZVBD/>

To review additional disease reports:

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Weekly Biosurveillance Report:

<http://preparedness.dhmh.maryland.gov/Pages/Programs/Biosurveillance>

National Wildlife Health Center New and Ongoing Wildlife Mortality Events Nationwide:

http://www.nwhc.usgs.gov/mortality_events?ongoing.jsp

U.S. Livestock and Poultry Disease Events and Trends:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Weekly Influenza Report:

<http://www.marylandfluwatch.org/>

Maryland One Health Bulletin:

http://www.mda.state.md.us/animal_health/diseases/bulletin.php