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2027 ANIMAL AGRITOURISM REGISTRATION FORM

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) Animal Health Program strives to safeguard Maryland's animal industries at any event or exhibition where there may be animal to animal contact, or human to animal contact. There is an increased potential of disease transmission when unknown persons are allowed onto your farm or your animals are traveling to a location other than your premises. MDA has set forth requirements for animal owners to follow and help reduce the potential risk of introduction and spread of infectious and/or contagious diseases by following the species-specific health requirements in our fair, show, and exhibition requirements. Animal owners and event managers are expected to comply with all applicable Maryland laws. These requirements are subject to change. For the most up to date requirements please refer to our website.

Agritourism refers to an agriculturally related activity conducted on a farm or related venue, that is offered to members of the public, or inviting guests for the purpose of education, recreation, or active involvement in the farm operations.

All entities that offer agritourism animal-related activities or services, including but not limited to petting zoos, cow cuddling, pig snuggling, duck races, animal photo shoots, and animal yoga, must register with MDA Animal Health. There is currently no registration fee; however, a fee may be established in the future.

The registration process should generally take 2-4 weeks to complete. However, under certain circumstances, your application may require further review. Some reasons an application requires further review may include but are not limited to the following:
• Prior revocations or suspensions of a license or registration.
• Prior pleas of nolo contendere (no contest) or prior violations of any Federal, State, or local laws pertaining to animal cruelty, transportation, ownership, neglect, or welfare of animals.

Please follow all applicable USDA regulations and visit the USDA website to see if you require a USDA Animal Welfare License or Registration.

Establishments must be in compliance at all times with your local county and city zoning ordinances and regulations if applicable. Please contact your local authority to check for regulations that may apply.

You must have a livestock premises ID number. If you do not have one, this registration form will serve as an application for an ID number.

Each establishment is required to fill out the following registration form and return it to MDA Animal Health at the above address or preferably via email at animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov. Once we have received your form, we will contact you to discuss your agritourism business and utilization of animals.

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OWNER/BUSINESS INFORMATION:	
OWNER'S NAME	
BUSINESS NAME	
OWNER'S ADDRESS*	
COUNTY	
PREMISES ID NUMBER	I do not have a number ☐
PHONE NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
IF BUSINESS IS A PARTNERSHIP, PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES AND TITLES OF ALL OFFICERS OR AGENTS	
ADDRESSES OF ALL LOCATIONS, PREMISES, OR SITES**	

* Address to which all mailing correspondence will be sent.

** Where animals are housed and business is conducted. Not to include premises to which animals travel. Use a continuation sheet if necessary.

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ANIMAL INFORMATION:			
Number of animals present at that time of registration, approximate ages, and rabies vaccination status			
Species	**Number**	**Approximate Ages**	**Rabies Vaccination Date**
Cattle			
Swine			
Sheep			
Goats			
Rabbits			
Poultry			
Other (if wildlife or exotic animals, please refer to USDA or US Fish and Wildlife regulations)			

ANIMAL USE:	
Brief description of animal exhibition (cow cuddling, photo ops, etc)	**What species are involved?**

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Once the application is processed, you will be contacted by a member of the animal health staff to discuss your registration. Once full compliance with local and state regulations and standards has been demonstrated, a one-year registration will be issued. Please note that by signing the application form, you are acknowledging that you have reviewed and understand the regulations and standards applicable to your establishment and that you agree to remain in compliance at all times.

Failure to maintain compliance at any registered site could result in enforcement action and mandated routine inspections. Contact this office if you have any questions at 410.841.5810 or via email at animalhealth.mda@maryland.gov.

OWNERS NAME (PRINTED)	
OWNERS NAME (SIGNATURE)	
OWNERS PHONE NUMBER	
OWNERS EMAIL	
DATE	