



BLUETONGUE GUIDANCE FOR EXHIBITORS

Newbury Show Livestock Committee is monitoring the current Bluetongue outbreak.

Unless informed otherwise, the Show will continue to run Livestock Classes on 19th & 20th September. The aim as always is to support and promote the farming community by putting on a County Show celebrating the hard work put in by all our exhibitors. Whilst doing so, with an enhanced disease control measures to reduce the risks of BTV.

Important points to note:

1. **The virus is NOT spread directly from animal to animal**
2. **The virus spreads only via a midge vector**
3. **Vaccination reduces the risk of carrying and spreading disease but does not eliminate it.**
4. **There are NO restrictions to livestock movements from DEFRA/APHA within England during this outbreak as the whole region is in the same “restriction zone”. Usual movement laws apply but there is no rule against bringing livestock to an agricultural show.**

To help the Show, please read the below:

- There **is** a potential risk to animals travelling to the show (risks of bringing disease with them and also taking disease away with them).
- The Show advises exhibitors to vaccinate ALL livestock wishing to attend the show (cattle and sheep) to reduce the risk of virus infection/shedding.
- The Show requests all entrants to take rectal temperature of stock and check for clinical signs of BTV disease BEFORE travelling and do not come to the show if temperature is high or if there are signs of disease.
- **There will be an enhanced inspection upon arrival to the show.**
 - Visual trailer examination of **all** stock including vaccinated animals.
 - Possible enhanced physical/temperature checks undertaken in the pen of unvaccinated animals.
 - Please remain patient and work with stewards to speed up livestock checks.
- Livestock checks will continue by vets and stewards over the Show weekend.
- If an animal is identified as potentially having symptoms of disease they will be sent home immediately.

If you are put into a restricted zone and are unable to attend the show a full refund will be provided. Please ensure you inform the show office as soon as you are aware of the situation.

We are very aware situation is continuously evolving – the show is constantly monitoring and any changes affecting the show as a whole will be provided to exhibitors.