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N.H. Rev. Stat. § 435:41
N.H. Rev. Stat. § 436:47
N.H. Rev. Stat. § 437:8-b

Current through Chapter 203 of the 2024 Reg. Sess.

N.H. Rev. Stat. § 435:41. Sheep and Goat Identification.

I. Goats shall be officially identified upon change of ownership for all animals that are not in slaughter channels. To be considered as being in a slaughter channel, the goat shall be scheduled for a slaughter date which is not more than 2 weeks from the date of transfer of ownership.

II. Sheep less than 18 months of age shall be officially identified upon change of ownership for all animals that are not in slaughter channels. To be considered as being in a slaughter channel, the sheep shall be scheduled for a slaughter date which is not more than 2 weeks from the date of transfer of ownership.

III. Sheep 18 months of age or older shall be officially identified upon change of ownership for all animals regardless of whether or not they are being sold into slaughter channels. Official identification is required for all sheep over 18 months of age as evidenced by the eruption of the second incisor such that the animal may be traced to its flock of birth.

IV. The state veterinarian may adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A to clarify terms and to implement the requirements in this section, to add exemptions from specific provisions of this section, or to comply with requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

N.H. Rev. Stat. § 436:47. Vaccination Against Brucellosis.

Upon application of any owner of bovine animals, the state may vaccinate said bovine animals against brucellosis (Bang's disease) with strain 19 or other approved vaccine. The age at which animals are to be vaccinated shall be determined by the state veterinarian, based upon the recommendations of the United States Animal Health Association and the United States Department of Agriculture. The cost of said vaccination, including the cost of the vaccine, may be borne by the state.



The vaccination shall be done by a licensed accredited graduate veterinarian under the direction of the commissioner, and all animals vaccinated shall be properly and permanently identified.

N.H. Rev. Stat. § 437:8-b. Confidentiality.

I. Information submitted to the animal records database is exempt from public disclosure, and shall not be subject to discovery, subpoena, or other means of legal compulsion for release. Disclosure to local, state, and federal officials is not public disclosure. This exemption shall not affect the disclosure of information used in official local, state, or federal animal health investigations or pet vendor license investigations under this chapter. Database records, information, or lists may be made available pursuant to a court order on a case-by-case basis. Any information, record, or list received pursuant to this paragraph shall not be transferred or otherwise made available to any other person or listed entity not authorized under this paragraph.

II. The department shall establish and maintain procedures to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of animal and animal owner information.

III. The department may use and release information and reports from the program for program analysis and evaluation, statistical analysis, public research, public policy, and educational purposes, provided that the data are aggregated or otherwise de-identified.

IV. No animal records database records, information, or lists shall be sold, rented, transferred, or otherwise made available in whole or in part, in any form or format, directly or indirectly, to another person.

V. Certificates of transfer shall be removed from the animal records database after 4 years.

VI. Any person who knowingly accesses, alters, destroys, publishes, or discloses animal records database information except as authorized in this section or attempts to obtain such information by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge shall be guilty of a class B felony.

VII. Nothing in this section shall limit the right of a person damaged by a violation to pursue any other appropriate cause of action.

