



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of STATE PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIANS, INC.

MEMORANDUM

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TO: State Public Health Veterinarians
State Epidemiologists
State Veterinarians
Others Concerned with Disease Control and Injury Prevention associated
with Animals in Public Settings

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SUBJECT: *Compendium of Measures to Prevent Disease and Injury Associated
with Animals in Public Settings, 2004*

On behalf of the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV), we are pleased to provide you a copy of the *Compendium of Measures to Prevent Disease and Injury Associated with Animals in Public Settings, 2004*. Although there are many positive benefits of human-animal contact, infectious diseases, injuries, and allergic reactions are increasing reported for people having such contacts in public settings. This Compendium provides standardized procedures for use by public health officials, veterinarians, animal exhibitors, and others concerned with disease control and injury prevention, with the intent of minimizing risks associated with animals in public settings.

We recommend that you distribute this cover memorandum and the Compendium widely to persons responsible for oversight or regulation of animal contact venues, persons who operate such venues, and groups such as schools that may have animals in contact with the public. If you update any web links to this document, please delete links to the 2003 Compendium, to assure that interested people access the most current version. This Compendium will be updated again in 2005. Any comments or suggestions for the 2005 Compendium should be sent to Dr. Bender at Veterinary Public Health, University of Minnesota, 1354 Eckles Ave., 136F ABLMS Bldg., St. Paul, Minnesota 55108.

The major changes that were made in the 2004 Compendium include:

- Additional information about disease and injury risks is provided in Parts I - IV, as well as updated references in the bibliography (Part VI).
- Part V, Recommendations, has been updated to provide clarification of the need for separate animal and non-animal areas, with transition areas between them. Specific recommendations for each area are provided.
- A new Appendix B is included to help venue organizers in layout design. These two schematic designs provide guidance on how to separate animal and non-animal areas, and identification of transition areas.
- A new Appendix C has been added to provide guidelines for visiting and resident animals in schools. This one-page appendix was specifically designed to serve as a simple, stand-alone outline of animals that pose an increased risk in the school setting, conditions that should be in place for specific species concerns, and general recommendations for which animals are permitted in schools.
- The newly labeled Appendix D, Table of Disinfectants and Properties, has been updated with the assistance of personnel at the United States Department of Agriculture.