

ANIMAL HEALTH REJECTION POLICY

Animal Health Rejections: Animal rejections for health reasons can be made by MDA Animal Health veterinarians or field inspectors, private veterinarians contracted by the show, Maryland Cooperative Extension employees or individuals designated by fair or show 'responsible person'.

Suspicion of communicable disease is adequate grounds for rejection.

Confirmed diagnosis is not required, since timely removal of suspicious animals is required by law to protect the remaining animals. If it is believed that there is a potentially serious communicable disease present, all animals originating with the suspect animal may be rejected. Vesicular diseases are of particular concern. All decisions are final. All parties involved will be notified of all rejections and the exhibitor is responsible for removal of the animal(s) from the grounds immediately.