

AFA ADV POLICY as of September, 2002

All ferrets at an AFA show must provide proof of negative Aleutian's Disease Virus (ADV) testing within six months of the show date. Testing must be by the Blue Cross Animal Hospital's CEP test or the Avecon ELISA (saliva) Test and results must be:

- 1) on tester's original letterhead;
- 2) testing date must be on the letter and within the stated period;
- 3) ferret names must be on the testing result's letter and names must match show entry.

Avecon Point of Care Tests (POCT instant tests) are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

A letter from your vet is NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Faxes or copies are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Notarized copies with raised seal are acceptable.

ADV Waiver Statement

The following waiver must be signed by each person bringing ferrets into an AFA sanctioned or AFA show hall. (Forms are available in the show packet for each AFA sanctioned event).

No ferret that I am bringing with me into the show hall today has ever had a definitive positive test result on the United CEP or Avecon ELISA saliva test (POCT and ELISA blood tests are not acceptable).

If in the past 4 months a ferret from my household (shelter/facility/ferretry) has had a definitive positive test result on the Blue Cross Animal Hospital CEP or Avecon ELISA saliva test (POCT and ELISA blood tests are not acceptable), I understand that all ferrets in the same household (shelter/facility/ferretry) are considered as being exposed. I also understand that I cannot show or bring any ferrets from said household into the show hall today, regardless of their testing status.

I also understand that just because all ferrets in the show hall today have been tested for ADV within the six months prior to the show, that this is not a guarantee of safety. I understand that the test is only as good as the day it was taken and I still need to practice SAFE FERRET habits at all times.

Questions on this policy can be directed to afa@ferret.org.

AVECON & Blue Cross Animal Hospital Addresses:

Blue Cross Animal Hospital
ATTENTION: Dr Blau - CEP TESTS
401 N Miller Ave
Burley, ID 83318
(208) 678-5553

Avecon Diagnostics
510 Grouse Drive
Bath, PA 18014
www.avecon.com
(800) 249-5875

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!!! THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPOSURE TO INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR YOUR PET WHEN THEY ARE BROUGHT OUT INTO SOCIAL GATHERINGS. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU ALLOW MINIMAL HANDLING OF YOUR PET AND MINIMAL EXPOSURE TO THE OTHER PETS AT THE EVENT.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A CARRIER SHOW!

ALL CHAMPIONSHIP RING, BREEDER'S CLASSIC AND INVITATIONAL ENTRIES MUST BE BROUGHT UP TO JUDGES IN CARRIERS TO PRESERVE ANONYMITY.

A CARRIER SHOULD HAVE A LITTER BOX AND A BLANKET – NO HAMMOCKS OR SACKS!

AND CAN HAVE A WATER BOTTLE AND DRIP CUP.

SPECIALTY RING ENTRIES MAY BE HAND-CARRIED TO JUDGE OR PUT IN A CARRIER.