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In an effort to inform horse owners of Georgia Department of Agriculture Animal Movement Health Requirements, the GDA Equine Health Program is providing this excerpt from GDA Rules and Regulations pertaining to equine. We wish to insure that all equine attending the show are healthy and free from disease.

Thank you for your cooperation and we wish you a great show.

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## **Interstate Health Requirements for Equine coming into Georgia from another state:**

### **40-13-2-.12 Equine.**

(1) Equine entering Georgia must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and shall originate from premises free of any contagious or infectious disease and shall not have been exposed to any contagious or infectious disease prior to or during shipment.

(2) All equine must be negative to an official test for equine infectious anemia within twelve (12) months prior to entry. Test results, test dates, accession numbers, and name and address of the approved testing laboratories must be recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Nursing foals under six (6) months of age will be exempt from the test requirement when accompanied by their dam which has a current negative test for equine infectious anemia.

(3) All equine must be negative to a test approved by the State Veterinarian for equine piroplasmiasis if they originate from an area determined by the State veterinarian to pose a risk for introduction of piroplasmiasis. The test results and test dates must be recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Once imported into Georgia, these equine will be quarantined and retested at the owners expense for equine piroplasmiasis between thirty (30) and sixty (60) days after importation.

(4) All equine positive to an official equine infectious anemia test, or to an official equine piroplasmiasis test, or to an official brucellosis test, or which show evidence of poll evil or fistulous withers whether draining or not, may not enter Georgia except by special permit issued by the State Veterinarian.

*Authority O.C.G.A. § 4-4-1; 4-4-64; 4-4-65; 4-4-119; 4-4-121.*

## **Intrastate Health Requirements for Georgia Equine moving within Georgia:**

### **40-13-3-. 05 Equine.**

(1) Official Equine Infectious Anemia Tests: Only tests which have been conducted in a State, Federal, or commercial laboratory approved by the Georgia State Veterinarian and the United States Department of Agriculture will be considered official tests.

(2) Official Equine Infectious Anemia Test Record: Only the original laboratory issued test record will be considered an official test record. The State Veterinarian will make the final determination as to the acceptability of any equine infectious anemia test record.

(3) Nursing foals less than six months of age when accompanied by their dam which has a current negative test for equine infectious anemia are exempt from the equine infectious anemia test requirements.

(4) Change of Ownership: Georgia equine being sold, offered for sale, traded, given away, loaned, or leased must test negative to an official test for equine infectious anemia within the previous 12 months and be accompanied by the original test record issued by the laboratory. Untested equine may move directly to an approved sale where a sample will be collected prior to the sale. The seller will be responsible for the cost of the test and must reimburse the buyer the full price of the animal if such test is positive.

(5) Assembly: Equine assembled for exhibitions, rodeos, horse shows, trail rides, or other gatherings with horses of different ownership must have a record of an official negative test for equine infectious anemia within the previous 12 months. The original laboratory test record or a legible copy will be acceptable for the purpose of assembly.

(6) Breeding: Any stallion or mare offered for reproductive services must have record of an official negative test for equine infectious anemia within the previous 12 months. The original laboratory test record or a legible copy will be acceptable for the purpose of breeding.

(7) Stables: Equine located at premises that provide boarding, holding, training, breeding, riding, pulling vehicles or similar purposes must have a record of an official test for equine infectious anemia within the previous 12 months. The original laboratory test record or a legible copy will be acceptable.

(8) Quarantine: Any equine not meeting the above requirements may be quarantined and returned to the farm of origin or a premises approved by the State Veterinarian until the requirements have been met.

(9) The burden of satisfying the above equine infectious anemia test requirements shall be upon the person who sells, offers for sale, trades, gives away, loans, leases or commingles any test-eligible equine.

*Authority O.C.G.A. § 4-4-70; 4-4-121; 4-11-2; 4-11-9.1.*