

Farm animals have different needs and requirements than domestic pets. Before you purchase a farmed animal please consider the following points:

Housing

Ideal accommodation involves warm, dry and straw-bedded housing in cold temperatures and a shelter from the sun in hot weather. For species specific requirements please refer to the relevant Welfare Codes, available from Staffordshire County Council's Animal Health Team

Diet

You need to ensure that your animal has got an appropriate diet and access to fresh clean water. Suitable feed can be purchased from your local agricultural merchants. The feed must be appropriately stored in a clean & dry environment, where no vermin or wild birds have access to it. **If you keep pigs remember that it is illegal to feed them with waste food or kitchen scraps.**

Biosecurity

Farm Animals carry a risk of diseases some of which may transfer to humans. Make sure your animals cannot escape from your premise and it should not have direct or indirect contact with other farm animals under a different ownership. If transported in a vehicle, a strict cleansing and disinfection routine needs to be followed. Personal biosecurity of all people having direct contact with animals is strongly recommended.

Animal Waste and By-Products

Farmed species produce noise, odours and waste.

If you rent make sure you have got permission from your housing association / landlord to keep a farm animal. If you live in a residential area it is generally a good idea to speak with your immediate neighbours before you obtain the animals.

Your local District or Borough Council will assist you with information about animal waste and nuisance complaints. **There are very strict rules surrounding disposal of fallen stock – please contact Staffordshire County Council's Animal Health Team for more information. Remember burying farmed animals is illegal.**

We are here to help!

Staffordshire County Council's Animal Health Team offers reliable, impartial advice on the regulations and best practice of keeping farmed animals. We also offer information leaflets, welfare codes, movement books and movement documents.

Please contact us using the details below:

Staffordshire County Council
Animal Health Team
Staffordshire Place 2
Stafford
ST16 2DH
Tel: 01785 277875
Email: animal.health@staffordshire.gov.uk

Useful Contacts:

APHA – Animal & Plant Health Agency
Tel: 03000 200 301

RPA – Rural Payments Agency
Tel: 03000 200 301

British Cattle Movement Service
Tel: 0345 050 1234

GB Poultry Register
Tel: 0800 634 1112

World Horse Welfare Hotline
Tel: 0300 333 6000 - emergencies

Staffordshire Smallholders
Tel: 07761 722981



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**Your Quick Reference Guide
To Keeping Farmed Animal Species**



FARM ANIMALS - LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Species	Registration	Identification	Reporting Movements	Keeping Records
Pigs	CPH number RPA on 03000 200 301 Registration & Herd Mark APHA on 03000 200 301 Feed Hygiene Registration if kept for human consumption. (SCC Animal Health 01785 277875)	Choose either from: Ear Tag (single) Tattoo Double Slapmark	Online - www.eaml2.org.uk By Phone - 0844 335 8400	Herd Register - Hard copy or Online register Veterinary Medicine Record Book Animal By Products records
Sheep & Goats	CPH number RPA on 03000 200 301 Registration & Flock Mark APHA on 03000 200 301 Feed Hygiene Registration if kept for human consumption. (SCC Animal Health 01785 277875)	Breeding - Two identifiers (one of which should be electronic) Slaughter - Single electronic identifier (EID is optional for goats)	Online - livestockinformation.org.uk LIS 1 form by post to: Livestock Information Service C/o Defra Curwen Road, Workington CA14 2DD support@livestockinformation.org.uk By Phone - 03300 416 577	Flock Register LIS 1 or Online Account Veterinary Medicine Record Book Animal By Products records
Cattle	CPH number (RPA on 03000 200 301) Herd Mark (APHA on 03000 200 301) Passport (BCMS) Feed Hygiene Registration if kept for human consumption (SCC Animal Health 01785 277875)	All cattle should be double tagged Beef cattle - should be applied within 20 days of birth Dairy cattle – at least one tag applied within 36 hours of birth with the second applied within 20 days	Movements on or off the premise to be reported within 3 days of the movement taking place: Online via CTS website www.bcms.gov.uk CTS self-service line – 0345 011 1212	Herd Register Passports Veterinary Medicine Record Book Animal By Products records
Poultry	Register if 50 or more birds – GB Poultry Register 0800 634 1112 Feed Hygiene Registration if kept for human consumption. (SCC Animal Health 01785 277875)	N/A	N/A	For 50 or more poultry you need to keep a record of mortality rates For more than 250 birds you will need to keep population/depopulation records Animal By Products records
Horses	Passports issued by various PIO's (Passport Issuing Organisations) (Note: Veterinary or Breed Certificates are not passports)	All foals born since 1 July 2009 must be microchipped If your horse was passported before 1 July 2009 you do not have to microchip your horse and the passport is valid.	It is illegal to sell a horse without a passport and the passport must accompany the horse at all times. There are a few exceptions such as when stabled, out at pasture or on a short hack / ride. The passport must be made available within 3 hours of it being requested by an enforcement agency	Passports Fallen stock records Veterinary treatment / medicine records need to be kept if animal is intended for human consumption