

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 documents.

Please contact us using the details below:

Staffordshire County Council

Animal Health Team

Staffordshire Place 2

Stafford

ST16 2DH

Tel: 01785 277875

Fax: 01785 277877

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: 08000 480 180

Staffordshire Smallholders

Tel: 01889 881 377

If you would like this information in large print, Braille, audio/tape/disc, British Sign Language or any other language please ring Staffordshire County Council's Animal Health on 01785 277875



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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	Report directly to BPEX/MLCSL: Online www.eaml2.org.uk By Phone 0844 335 8400	Herd Register Copy of report of movement (online or hard copy) 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)	Either Online www.arams.co.uk ARAMS 1 form by post to - Animal Reporting and Movement Service, Southwestern, PO Box 6299, Milton Keynes, MK1 1ZQ	Flock Register ARAMS 1 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