



**Animal Health Division  
West Virginia Department of Agriculture**

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**Dr. James Maxwell**  
State Veterinarian

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Dear Veterinarian:

Horse owners who frequently travel out of state with their animals for horse shows and festivals can take advantage of a new agreement between southern states that will eliminate the need to obtain a monthly Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). The event permit shall be valid and accepted by each state which has entered into this agreement. Exceptions by states may be added or deleted, and each state should be contacted in advance of travel for possible exceptions.

The agreement between Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia will allow horse owners to apply for an Equine Event Permit that will be good for up to six months in any of the listed states. Some states had reciprocal agreements in the past, but this is the first agreement of its kind in the south.

To receive a permit, West Virginia horse owners must send proof of a negative Coggin's test and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection along with an application filled out in full and signed by a licensed veterinarian. Owners must also submit proof of permanent identification, which includes tattoos, brands, microchips or digital or paper photos showing the left and right sides, as well as a frontal view, of the horse. All photos must include a full view of the horse from the tips of the ears to the hooves. Digital photos may be sent on disc with the documentation. Please make photo titles clearly identifiable by owner name and horse name. If sending hard copy photos, they must be clearly printed to scan well. Please staple or clip all documentation together when mailing.

The issued permit will be good for six months, unless the Coggin's test expires beforehand. Owners will still be required to carry the Coggin's information and original CVI with them when they travel. Owners will also be required to travel with a microchip reader if the equine is identified by microchip.

Equine owners carrying an equine event permit will also be required to carry an accurate, up-to-date event itinerary that documents each equine movement as it happens. An itinerary form is included with the application.

If you have any questions please call our office at (304) 558-2214.

Sincerely,

**Dr. James Maxwell**  
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WV Dept of Agriculture  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

WVDA Permit No: \_\_\_\_\_

Application for Equine Interstate Event Permit

Owner name: \_\_\_\_\_ Stable name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this animal stabled at the address listed above? If no, enter stable location:
Stable name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
Breed: Sex: Color: Name: Age or BD: Tattoo: Microchip:
Markings:
CVI Number: Date: Coggin's results: Laboratory: Accession Number: Date: Temperature:
Veterinarian: Name: License no.:
Address: City: State: Zip:
Phone number: Fax: Email:

I understand the following:

- 1) State exceptions: • Digital photographs are not recognized as forms of identification for travel to Louisiana.
• An EIA test Record with negative results recorded within the previous seven (7) months is required for travel to Arkansas and Oklahoma.
2) As part of the permit agreement, an accurate, up-to-date transport record (itinerary form) is required to be kept by the owner/transporter at all times. (A blank itinerary form will be sent to the owner by the Department of Agriculture with the permit.

I certify that all travel will be recorded for the period this permit is valid. The original, signed copy must be available at all times during transport of the horse. Upon permit expiration, the complete travel itinerary must be forwarded to the office of the WV State Veterinarian issuing the event permit.

Owner signature Printed or typed name Date

Veterinarian signature Printed or typed name Date

Instructions - Mail the following documents to the address below:

WV Department of Agriculture
Animal Health Division
Equine Interstate Event Permit
1900 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25305

- A completed application
• Original(s) or legible photocopy of Certificate of Veterinary Inspection(s) that has been issued within 30 days of the application
• Legible photocopy of current/valid EIA(s) (Coggin's) Test(s) that does not expire within the next six (6) months.
• Digital/dated image of horse(s) on a disc, CD or e-mail. Image must include entire left and right side and front view.

