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DIVISION OF ANIMAL HEALTH

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Municipal
Animal
Inspector
(AI)

Annually Nominated by
municipal authority

Annually Appointed by Director
of Animal Health (MDAR)

Operate under Authority
granted in MGL Chapter 129

Municipal Animal Inspector Resources Website

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/municipal-animal-inspector-resources>

AI Primary Duties

Rabies Quarantines

Other Disease Quarantine

Emergency Preparedness
Documents (Barn Inspection)

Llama, Alpaca, Cow Import Permits

Annual Barn Inspections

September- December

Inspect livestock, poultry, horses

Only areas livestock and poultry housed

Potbellied pigs

Rabbits breed for sale or meat

Inspection Purpose



No infectious disease issues going unaddressed



Animals have access to fresh food and water, adequate shelter



Property managed appropriately



Maintain information on how many of each species

Only the Animal Inspector
performs Barn Inspections

MGL Ch. 129

Section 7: Entry on Premises

Section 19: Inspections of Domestic Animals

Police Officers may
accompany Animal
Inspector

MGL Chapter 129, Section 6

Separate Town from Barn Inspections

- Towns have authority to collect their own information MGL Ch. 111, S. 155
- Avoid confusing residents with town matters
- There should be no fees or costs of a barn inspection
- Town can share permitting info (public record), but the barn inspections cannot be shared with the town
- Barn Inspection outreach documents should be clearly separate from town matters
- Data Protection

Confidential Inspection Slips

- Emergency preparedness inspections
- Animal Inspector, Owner, and MDAR
- Not shared with municipality or any other officials
- Data Protection

Owner Consent

Owner must consent

4th Amendment

If animal owner not present on inspection,
get their authorization in writing

Outreach to owners

MDAR State Animal Inspectors

MDAR State Animal Inspectors may also separately be inspecting properties

Dairy Producers

Stable Inspections

Swine Garbage Feeder Inspections

Poultry Testing

Dealer/Transport License

Standardbred and Thoroughbred Program

Municipal Animal Inspector

-for purpose of Emergency Preparedness Inspections

State Inspector

- for purpose of Licensing, Federal and State Compliance Inspections

Resources
for Domestic
Poultry
chickens,
turkeys and
game birds

- MDAR provides free testing
 - Salmonella Pullorum
 - Avian Influenza



- Testing is required for movement
 - Any live poultry or hatching eggs
 - Even Within** Massachusetts

MDAR Poultry Program Coordinator
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MDAR Poultry Program Resources



- HPAI Updates - <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/avian-influenza>
And USDA- <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza>

- Poultry Page- <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/poultry-program>

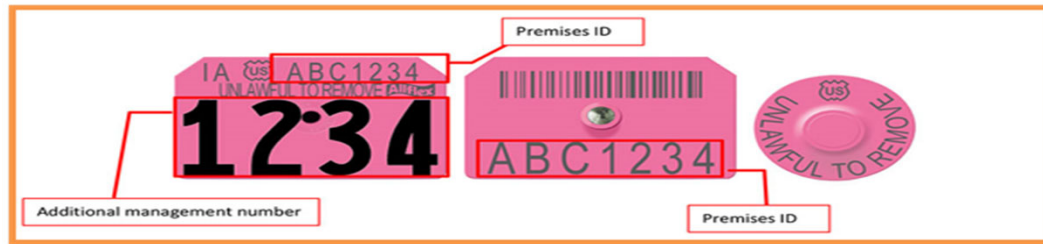
Biosecurity Information For

- **Backyard Flocks** - <https://www.mass.gov/doc/biosecurity-for-your-backyard-flock-0/download>
- **Commercial Facilities**- <https://www.mass.gov/doc/commercial-facilities/download>
- **Poultry Exhibitors & Exhibitions**-- <https://www.mass.gov/doc/poultry-exhibitors-exhibitions/download>
- **Poultry Transportation**-<https://www.mass.gov/doc/poultry-transportation/download>
- **Live Bird Markets**- <https://www.mass.gov/doc/live-bird-markets/download>
- **Vehicles**-<https://www.mass.gov/doc/vehicles/download>

Prevent Exposure in your flock handout: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/prevent-exposure-to-highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-virus-in-your-poultry-flock/download>

- Safe Egg Handling Handout- <https://www.mass.gov/lists/safe-egg-handling-for-backyard-egg-producers>
- Salmonella Handout <https://www.mass.gov/lists/poultry-and-salmonella-information>
- ACO HPAI Guidance : <https://www.mass.gov/doc/guidance-for-animal-control-officers-responding-to-avian-influenza-mortality-events-public-inquiries/download>

Resources for Animal ID ADT



- Cattle, swine, sheep, and goats -Verify the animals do have ID tags

MDAR Animal Disease Traceability Coordinator
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Animal ID Resources



Animal Disease Trafficability for Livestock
2024-2025

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/official-id-information/download>

Sheep Goat Scrapie Program Order (2006)

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/ma-scrapie-program-order/download>

USDA ADT Info

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/faq-animal-traceability-rule/download>

Annual Animal Health Fair Rules

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/animal-health-rules-for-fairs-and-shows/download>



Resources for Horses for Hire

MGL Chapter 128, section 2B states: “Every person engaged in the business of operating a riding school or a stable where horses are kept for hire, shall obtain a license...”.

- Stable License
- Massachusetts Riding Instructors License

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Equine
Program
Resources

Mass.gov (<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-or-renew-your-stable-license>)

*330 CMR 16- Horses

Stable License Renewal Application

New Stable License Application

The annual fee is \$100



Best Management Practices (BMP's)

- Not meant to be regulatory
- Provide guidance

- [Backyard Poultry Keepers BMPs](#)
- [Dairy Best Management Practices](#)
- [Livestock and Poultry](#)
- [Small Livestock Best Management Practices](#)

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/agricultural-best-management-practices-bmps>

Wildlife resources

- Problems with Wildlife <https://www.mass.gov/problems-with-wildlife>

Wildlife Fact Sheets

Preventing Wildlife Conflicts (by Species)

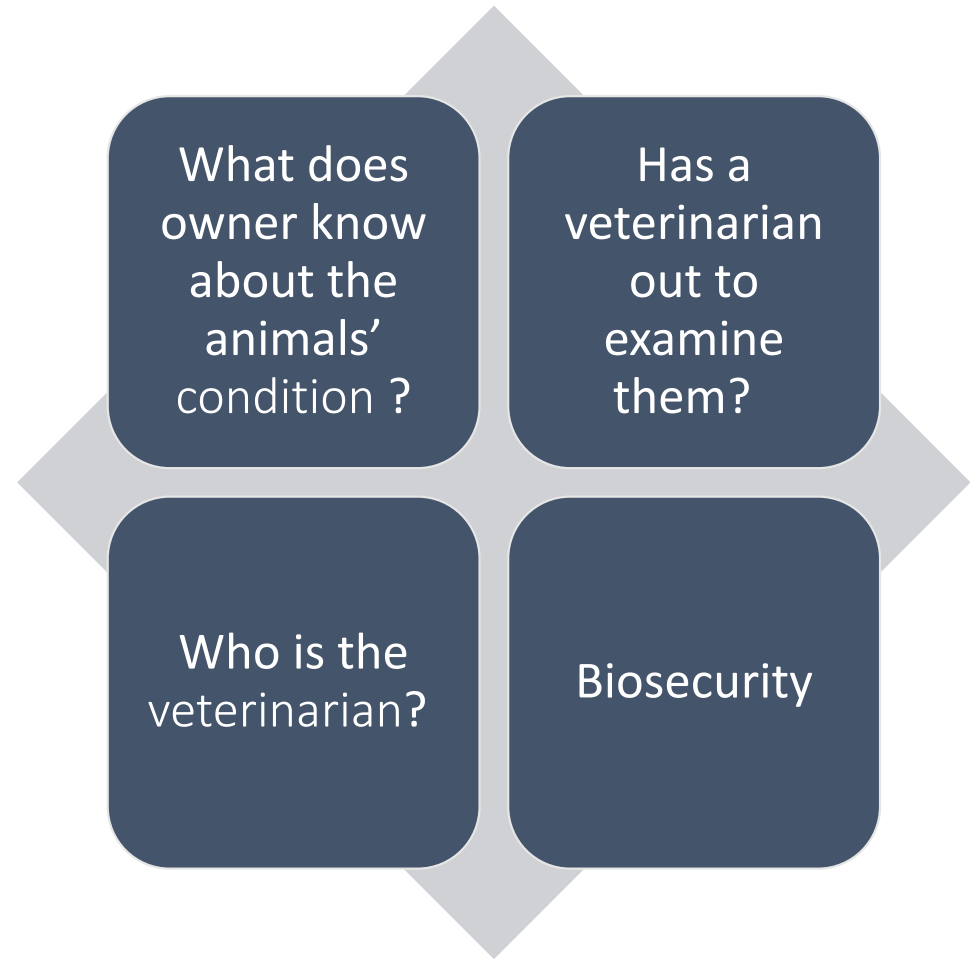
Coyotes

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/prevent-conflicts-with-coyotes>

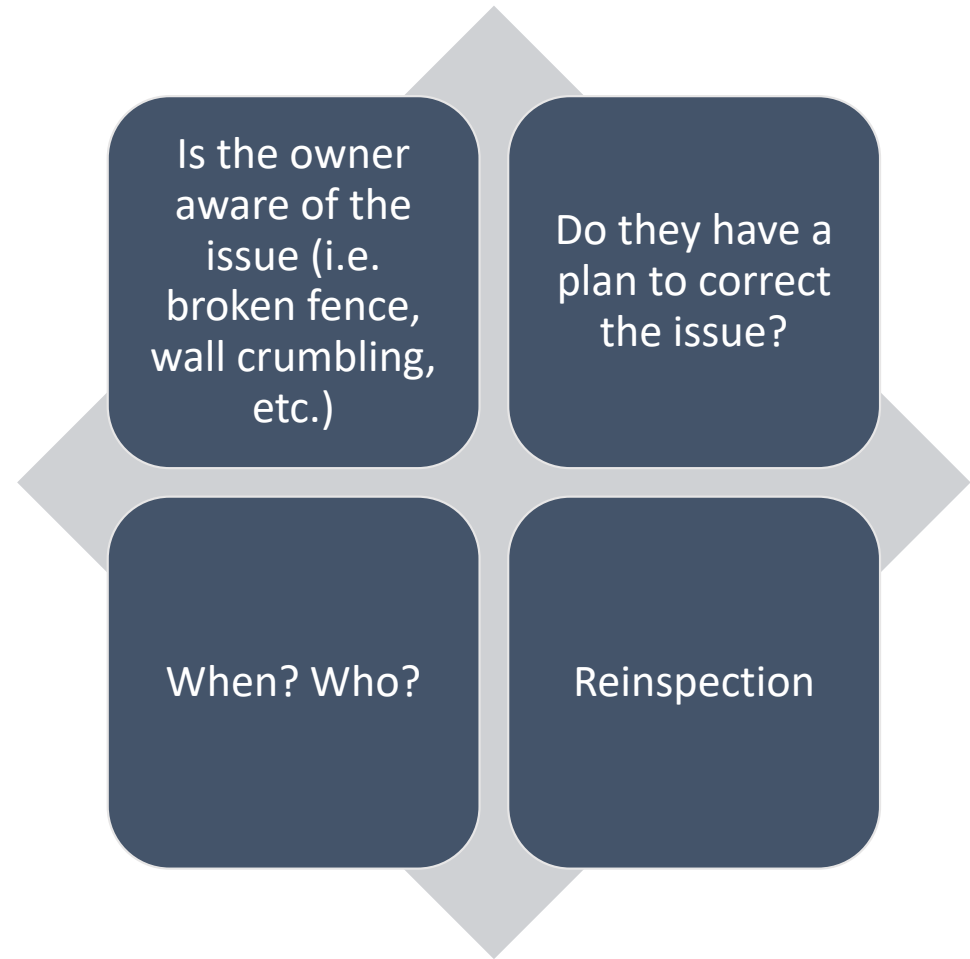
** Coyote You Tube Presentation

- Agricultural damage from wildlife <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/agricultural-damage-from-wildlife>

Animal Concerns? Ask the Owner Questions



Property Concerns? Ask the Owner Questions



Representing MDAR

At the direction of
MDAR

FIRST contact
MDAR

Failed Inspections
require follow-up
and reinspection

Exigency

Ideal to secure the scene with a search warrant but if the animal may die in the time it takes to get a search warrant, then the situation is Exigent

You must immediately contact a veterinarian and Police to get on scene.

Prepare a list of veterinarians that could respond on scene

Have a device available to reach the police department

MDAR Barn Inspection Contacts

Barn Inspections Questions or Concerns

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Animal ID/Tags and Import/Export

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