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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



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TO: Municipal Animal Inspectors
FROM: Division of Animal Health

ANNUAL ANIMAL INSPECTOR MEETINGS **FOCUS ON LOCAL AND NATIONAL DISEASE CONCERNS RELATED TO ANIMALS**

Dear Animal Inspector/ Nominating Authority,

The Division of Animal Health conducts meetings to assist Animal Inspectors in the performance of their duties.

Below, you will find a list of the three separate meetings, all with the same agenda, being held in different regions across the state. These meetings will also be live streamed via Zoom. Animal Inspectors are welcome to choose any one of these meetings that best fits their schedule. Pre – registration is not required.

The agenda addresses current issues affecting municipalities that are handled by Animal Inspectors. This year, we will discuss the animal diseases currently of concern; Barn Book Inspection expectations; the requirements in Animal ID and traceability; resources available through the Mass Animal Fund; and Rabies Quarantine Frequently Asked Questions.

We ask that you please invite other interested parties such as town officials and Animal Control Officers to join us at one of these meetings.

We hope you and some of your colleagues are encouraged to attend.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Cahill".

Michael Cahill, Director
Division of Animal Health

Anyone that is experiencing cold- like symptoms is asked to attend virtually.

We will be live streaming all trainings via Zoom.

Attendance will be taken.

This is approved for ACO Credits; Up to 3 Hours (depending on meeting length)

If you attend via Zoom then please complete an **ACO CE Credit Request Form:**
<https://www.mass.gov/forms/animal-control-officer-request-for-continuing-education-credits-form>

MEETING DATES

- 1) **Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:30 pm- Middlesex County**
Chelmsford Police Station- 2 Olde North Rd., Chelmsford, MA
Training Room- (978) 256- 2521
Parking Available (Park outside the parking lot entrance; along the fence heading down the hill)

- 2) **Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 1 pm (Afternoon Meeting)- Hampden County**
West Springfield Town Hall- 26 Central St, West Springfield, MA
Second Floor Auditorium -(413) 495-1891
Parking Available (2 municipal lots both available for parking, at building and across street)

- 3) **Tuesday December 10, 2024, at 6:30 pm – Plymouth County**
Council on Aging (behind and to the side of Town Hall) 30 Evergreen St., Kingston, MA
Meeting Room- (781) 585-0529
Parking Available at building

Zoom Invite for All Meetings

Topic: Fall 2024 MDAR Municipal Animal Inspector Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85208982173?pwd=hwQ33i0qAVH9bEDtju5RNVRZQwwPqh.1>

Meeting ID: 852 0898 2173

Passcode: MDARAI

AGENDA

- A. The Alphabet Soup of Disease: WNV, EEE, HPAI and more
- B. Rabies Quarantine FAQ's
- C. Barn Book Inspections
- D. Animal ID
- E. Mass Animal Fund Resources for Municipalities
- F. Questions