

NASPHV Animal Contact Compendium Report

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The Animal Contact Compendium serves as the national recommendations and guidelines for state and local public health departments, animal control agencies, veterinarians, and other groups involved in animal contact issues. These recommendations are updated annually to reflect current scientific information and address various animal contact challenges and issues. The compendium committee is comprised of state public health veterinarians and multiple expert consultants from various agencies. The compendium is endorsed by key national stakeholders including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, the National Animal Control Association, the American Public Health Association, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, and the Association of Public Health Laboratories.

The NASPHV Animal Contact Compendium Committee met at CDC in Atlanta on October 20-21, 2008. The Compendium is currently considered the standard for addressing disease and injury risks presented by animals in public venues. The Committee welcomed two new members: Dr. Ron Wohrle, Washington Department of Health, and Dr. Louisa Castrodale, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. Marla Calico from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions and Dr. Allan Hogue from U.S. Department of Agriculture joined our group of consultants.

The 2009 Compendium provides the following updates:

- * A more in detailed discussion of risks associated with baby poultry, reptiles, and rodents in public settings;
- * An overview of aquatic animal zoonoses of potential concern in public settings;
- * A revised list of references to reflect recent publications and disease outbreaks. This includes recent publications about baby poultry-associated Salmonella outbreaks, frozen rodent-associated Salmonella outbreaks and infections associated with fish and mammals used in aquatic exhibits.
- * Updated guidelines for school, and
- * Updates to our template posters and handouts included as appendices to the document.

The revised Compendium will be available on the NASPHV website and is presently undergoing review by the MMWR editor for publication in May 2009. The Animal

Contact Compendium Committee and consultants expect to meet again in the fall of 2010 to discuss revisions for the 2011 edition of the Compendium.