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Species	Registration	Identification	Reporting Movements	Keeping Records
<p style="text-align: center;">Pigs</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CPH number (RPA on 08456037777) - Herd Mark (AHVLA on 01162787451) - Feed Hygiene Registration if kept for human consumption (WCC Animal Health 01926736470) 	<p>Choose either from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ear Tag - Tattoo - Double Slapmark 	<p>Report directly to BPEX/MLCSL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online (www.eaml2.org.uk) - On Phone (0844 335 8400) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Herd Register book - Animal movement documents - Veterinary Medicine Record Book - Fallen Stock records
<p style="text-align: center;">Sheep & Goats</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CPH number (RPA on 08456037777) - Flock/Herd Mark (AHVLA on 01162787451) - Feed Hygiene Registration if kept for human consumption (WCC Animal Health 01926736470) 	<p>All sheep born after 31/12/2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electronic Double Tags (if kept for more than a year) - Single Electronic Tag or Single Slaughter Tag (if intended for slaughter within a year of life) 	<p>Use AML1 form and send it back to Warwickshire County Council's Animal Health and Licensing Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By Post (to Warwickshire County Council's Animal Health Team) - By Fax (01926736473) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flock Register book - AML1 - Veterinary Medicine Record Book - Fallen Stock records
<p style="text-align: center;">Cattle</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CPH number (RPA on 08456037777) - Herd Mark (AHVLA on 01162787451) - Feed Hygiene Registration if kept for human consumption (WCC Animal Health 01926736470) 	<p>Born after 1 January 1998 need to be identified with double tags within 20 days of birth with the exception of dairy animals, which must have at least one of the tags fitted within 36 hours of birth.</p>	<p>Movements on or off the premise to be reported within 3 days of the movement taking place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online via BCMS website www.bcms.gov.uk - Phone BCMS self-service line 0845 0111212 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Herd Register book - Passports - Veterinary Medicine Record Book - Fallen Stock records
<p style="text-align: center;">Poultry</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Register if 50 or more birds GB Poultry Register 0800 6341112 - Feed Hygiene Registration if kept for human consumption (WCC Animal Health 01926736470) 	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For 50 and more poultry you need to keep a record of mortality rates - For more than 250 birds you will need to keep population/depopulation record - Fallen Stock records
<p style="text-align: center;">Horses</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passports issued by Defra's authorised Passport Issuing Organisation (www.defra.gov.uk) - For more information please Refer to AHVLA website or National Equine Welfare Council's guide(www.newc.co.uk) 	<p>All foals born after 01 Aug 2009 and horses that have not had a passport prior to that date must be implanted with a microchip. There is no requirement for retrospective micro-chipping of horses with a passport issued prior to 1 Aug 2009</p>	<p>Horses may not be moved without a passport with several exceptions including: horses being stabled, moved temporarily for a short hack/ride or moved to pasture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passports - Fallen stock records - Veterinary treatment / medicine records need to be kept if animals is intended for human consumption

**Farm animals have different needs and requirements than domestic pets.
Before you purchase a sheep or pig 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. Farm animals should be kept in a suitable environment – for species specific requirements refer to Codes of Recommendation of Welfare (available on the Defra AHVLA website www.defra.gov.uk/ahvla-en/)

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. Once you purchased the feed you must ensure that it is appropriately stored in a clean & dry environment, where no pests 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 break free from your premises - do not let them get into direct or indirect contact with other farm animals under a different ownership. Whenever 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.

There are very strict rules surrounding disposal of fallen stock – please contact Warwickshire County Council’s Animal Health Team for more information. Remember that burying farmed animals is illegal.

We are here to help!

Warwickshire County Council’s Animal Health Team offers free, reliable and impartial advice on rules, regulations and best practice of keeping farm animals. We also offer free record books and movement documents to Warwickshire livestock keepers.

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Keeping Farm Animals

Your Responsibilities

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