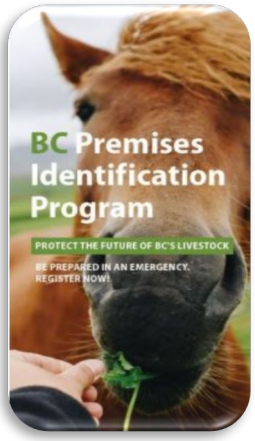
Ministry of Agriculture and Food
e-Blast Content: Outreach Message for Veterinary Clinic Operators

Join the Province in Enhancing Livestock Health and Safety: Register with the BCPID System Today!

Attention Owners/Operators of Veterinary Clinics that assess/treat livestock;



The Ministry of Agriculture and Food is mandated to register all BC premises that hold, house, assemble, or comingle livestock in BC. This includes veterinary hospitals or clinics that see livestock onsite at their clinic for any length of time.

Why is BCPID important?

Premises identification is one of the three pillars of Canada's livestock and traceability system along with animal identification and animal movement. It is a way of linking livestock and poultry to specific land locations (or "premises") and is critical for controlling animal diseases and managing animal health emergencies (e.g. diseases, fires, floods, etc.). Premises identification makes it possible to trace an animal's movements from one point to another throughout the supply chain, making it easier to control the spread of disease and minimize the impact on the industry.

Who MUST Register?

1. **Clinics that assess/treat/house/care for livestock in their clinic.**
    - For example, you might occasionally splint a calf's leg, carry out hernia surgery on a smaller pig, or examine chickens in your small animal clinic.
    - This includes any animal defined as livestock in Schedule 1 of the Premises Identification Regulation. **Including:**
        - Alpacas
        - Bees
        - Bison
        - Cervid (e.g. farmed deer)
        - Cattle
        - Donkeys
        - Doves
        - Ducks
        - Fowl (quail, peafowl, pheasants, guinea fowl and pigeons)
        - Fur-bearing animals (chinchilla, fox)
        - Geese
        - Goats
        - Horses
        - Llamas
        - Mules
        - Poultry (broilers, pullets, layers, turkeys, exhibition breeds)
        - Rabbits
        - Ratites (Emu/Ostrich)
        - Sheep
        - Swine (pigs, hogs, miniature pigs)
        - Vicuna
        - Water Buffalo
        - Wild boars
        - Yaks

The bottom line?
If you ever have livestock on site in your veterinary practice, you must register with BCPID.

- NOTE: Federal traceability requirements are being updated in the coming amendments of the federal Health of Animals Regulations.
    - **A proposed change to look out for**: if you have a veterinary hospital that allows any of the animals in the above list on site (even in the parking lot) you **must** register with BCPID. Part of the new requirements includes an obligation to report the BCPID# on the origin premises as well as your own BCPID# within 7 days of animal's arrival. Please refer to this link for the cheat sheet describing livestock traceability requirements for veterinary hospitals.

2. **Clinics that see Livestock (food animals) or horses in their clinic/hospital parking lot**
    - If your practice includes livestock stepping onsite (e.g. for equine export certificates), you are responsible for having a BCPID number. This requirement applies even if the animal is only unloaded briefly in your site parking lot.
    - When you register you can tick the species type box and input a "0" for species types that your practice takes on site.
    - If you regularly admit animals for care/assessment/treatment and have boarding facilities on your clinic premises, then you only need to indicate max capacity.
3. **Veterinarians that have their own livestock in addition to a clinic on the same premises.**
    - BCPID numbers are unique and tagged to a premises, not to a person or business. You can add a second site operation type in the sign-up which will result in one BCPID number with multiple operation types on those premises. You can manage both accounts with your one BCPID number and register both operation types in one registration process. If you need help, please call BCPID at **(778) 405-9318.**
4. **Veterinary Research Facilities that have livestock present at any time onsite.**
5. **Facilities with diagnostic imaging services such as MRIs, ultrasounds. If livestock visit for any reason on site, the premises must be registered.**
6. **Veterinary (including technician) training and teaching programs that have livestock at any time on the premises.**
7. **Mixed business models where the owner/operator has another business with livestock visiting or housed on site.**

Who DOES NOT Need to Register?

If you don't have livestock ever visiting your clinic, then a BCPID number is not needed. This includes:

1. **Ambulatory practices do not need to register.**
    - In this case you might have an office where you store medicines and restock trucks, but you don't see livestock at the clinic.
2. **Veterinary businesses that sell food, supplements, and medicine sales only (no livestock are ever present on site).**
    - BCPID numbers are needed only for premises with livestock on site for any length of time, not a service extended from it in the community.

How long does it take to register? What's involved?

- BCPID registration is FREE and can be completed in less than 5 minutes.
- An online wizard walks you through the information you need to provide.
- You will get your BCPID number at the end of the online registration process and a staff member will contact you to confirm details if necessary.
- You can also contact the BCPID unit staff directly if you need help, can only register over the phone, or have questions. Call BCPID at **(778) 405-9318.**
- You can update your account details at any time through the online registration system using your unique user ID and password that you created during the registration process (make a record of you login information!). You can also reach out to the staff by phone for assistance.
- The program will automatically reach out every two years by email to reconfirm your account details.
- You can register ahead if you are planning to deliver services to livestock onsite at your clinic.

How to Register:

1. **Visit the BCPID Registration Website:** Premises ID - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)
2. **Complete the Online Registration Form**
3. **Submit Your Application:** You will receive a confirmation email once your registration is complete.

Account Access

What if you registered a long time ago and lost your login information? Or can't recall if you are already registered?

- If you think you're already registered check the user id/password "forgotten" options below the login box on the Log In page
- If you still need help to access you existing account, please call the BCPID staff at **(778) 405-9318**
- All account information is privacy protected as per Sec. 10 of the Animal Health Act and can only be used for traceability, emergency planning & response or disease control purposes.

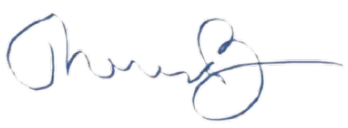
Help Spread the Word!

By joining the BCPID system, you play a vital role in protecting and promoting the health and safety of livestock in British Columbia. Your participation is crucial in ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of livestock across British Columbia. You are encouraged to raise awareness of the need for BCPID registration with clients.

BCPID Brochures can be obtained through emailing BCPID@gov.bc.ca or call (778) 405-9318 to reach a member of our team.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence in veterinary care and for supporting this important initiative.

Warm regards,



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