

GENERAL HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROJECT ANIMALS

A. Vaccination, Antibiotics, Wormers, or Insecticides

1. Get advice for correct use from veterinarian
2. Read labels carefully
 - a. correct dosage information
 - b. proper means of administration
 - c. correct storage and handling
 - d. withdrawal times before slaughter
 - e. outdating of medicine
3. Keep needles, instruments and tools clean
 - a. needles kept in alcohol
 - b. syringes, instruments cleaned with disinfectant and rinsed with water after use

B. General Signs of Poor Health or Disease

1. Eyes - runny, dull or cloudy
2. Nose - nasal discharge, dry cracked nose
3. Mouth - excessive slobbering, raw spots in mouth, tongue, or gums
4. Coughing - any persistent coughing
5. Breathing - labored, rapid shallow breathing, or open mouth breathing when undisturbed
6. Hair - dry, dull, bleached, or loss of hair
7. Abdomen - excessively gaunted or bloated
8. Urination - straining or painful, bloody or off color
9. Bowel Movements - watch for sudden changes in color, frequency, or consistency - very watery, very dry, bloody, very dark, soiled tail. Should look at droppings daily.
10. Temperature
 - a. must be taken in quiet, unexcited animal
 - b. take rectally, hold in one to three minutes
 - c. normal temperatures:

Horse	99 to 100.5
Cattle	100 to 102.5
Pigs	100.5 to 104
Sheep	102 to 104
 - d. if temperature is more than 1° above normals it should be considered significant

C. When Animal is Sick

1. Get advice from veterinarian and follow it! Remember that one shot of combiotic doesn't cure everything.