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TO: Municipal Animal Inspectors
FROM: Division of Animal Health

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

Dear Animal Inspector/Nominating Authority:

Each fall, 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 four separate meetings, all with the same agenda, being held in different regions across the state. As always, Animal Inspectors are welcome to choose any one of the meetings that best fits their schedule. Pre-registration is not required.

The agenda is geared toward addressing the current issues affecting municipalities that are handled by Animal Inspectors and Animal Control Officers. This year, we will discuss the animal diseases currently of concern, Barn Book inspection procedures, the required movements forward in Animal ID and traceability, resources available through the Mass Animal Fund and as always Rabies Control.

We ask that you please invite any town officials, Animal Control Officers or other interested parties to join us at one of these meetings.

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

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Cahill".

Mike Cahill, Director
Division of Animal Health



MEETING DATES

- 1) **Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm – Hampshire County**
T. J. O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center, Community Room, 627 Cottage Street, Springfield -
(413) 781-1484 Parking Available

- 2) **Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm – Worcester County**
Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine - 200 Westborough Rd. (Rte. 30), North Grafton, MA
Agnes Varis Auditorium - (508) 839-5302
Map at <https://campusmaps.tufts.edu/grafton/>

- 3) **Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm - Middlesex County**
Chelmsford Police Station – 2 Olde North Rd., Chelmsford, MA
Training Room – (978) 256-0754
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- 4) **Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 6:30 pm – Bristol County**
Bristol County Agricultural High School, 135 Center St., Dighton, MA
Auditorium 508-669-6744

AGENDA

- A. The Alphabet Soup of Disease: EEE, PHF, END and more
- B. Barn Book Inspections (Permission, Confidentiality, and Reporting)
- C. Rabies Quarantines and Control
- D. Animal ID: On the move to RFID and eCVIs
- E. Mass Animal Fund Resources for Municipalities
- F. Questions from the Field