

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



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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, the focus will be on rabies regulations; emergency preparedness issues; Mass. Animal Fund initiatives; emerging issues; livestock traceability and livestock issues; and the importance of and expectations for Barn Book inspections.

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 3, 2018 at 6:30 pm – Hampshire County**  
MDAR's Amherst Office, 101 University Dr., Suite C4, Amherst, MA - (617) 626-1794
- 2) **Wednesday, October 10, 2018 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
- 3) **Wednesday, October 17, 2018 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 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm – Plymouth County**  
Middleboro Town Hall, 10 Nickerson Ave., Middleboro, MA  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room (508) 946-2408

### AGENDA

- A. Rabies Control
- B. Inspections and Reporting - Confidentiality
- C. Animal Identification (Traceability) and Livestock Issues – Equine and Avian
- D. Planning (for the Expected and Unexpected)
- E. Mass Animal Fund Resources
- F. Questions from the Field