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TO: State Public Health Veterinarians
State Epidemiologists
State Veterinarians
Others Concerned with Disease Associated with Animals in Public Settings

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SUBJECT: *Compendium of Measures to Prevent Disease Associated with Animals in Public Settings, 2009*

On behalf of the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV), we are pleased to announce the availability of the *Compendium of Measures to Prevent Disease Associated with Animals in Public Settings, 2009*. There are many positive benefits of human-animal contact; however, infectious disease outbreaks related to such contacts have been increasingly reported. This Compendium provides standardized recommendations for use by public health officials, veterinarians, animal venue operators, animal exhibitors, and others concerned with disease-control and with minimizing risks associated with animals in public settings.

This Compendium updates the 2007 Compendium published in MMWR 2007;56:RR-5 . The 2009 Compendium provides the following updates:

- A revised list of references to reflect recent publications and disease outbreaks. This includes recent publications about rodent and baby poultry-associated infections.
- Further discussion about the risks associated with reptiles, rodents and baby poultry in public settings.
- Information about aquatic animal zoonoses.
- A revised example of an educational handout that can be displayed at venue events (Appendix B)

We recommend that you distribute this cover memorandum and the Compendium widely to persons responsible for oversight or regulation of animal contact venues, persons who operate such venues, and settings where animal contact may occur. You also may wish to distribute the Appendices as stand-alone handouts, including Appendix A: Information and Instructions for Venue Operators and Staff about Animals in Public Settings;

Appendix B: “How to be Safe Around Animals” handout; Appendix C: Hand-Washing Recommendations; and Appendix D: Guidelines for Animals in school settings.

If you update any web links to this document, please delete links to prior versions of the Compendium. This Compendium will be available on the web at the NASPHV website: www.nasphv.org, in the Publications section, along with the 2009 rabies, psittacosis/avian chlamydiosis, and veterinary infection control compendia. In addition, to the Compendium, Appendices and a “Users Guide” are available for your convenience as separate downloadable documents on the NASPHV website.

This Compendium is periodically updated. We encourage your comments or suggestions for future Compendium issues. Comments should be sent to Dr. Blackmore at Florida Department of Health 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-08, Tallahassee, FL, 32330