



COLORADO
Department of Agriculture
Animal Health Division

To: Veterinarians using CDA After-Hours Answering Service
From: State Veterinarian's Office of Colorado
Date: September 2, 2014
RE: New Online Permitting System (OPS)

It has been said that *"There is nothing permanent except change."* Veterinary medicine is no different, veterinary practices have had to adapt and change along with agriculture; both have changed dramatically over the last 40 years.

The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) has seen marked changes too. A new change for the Animal Health Division is that we have instituted an online permitting system (OPS) and will discontinue the after-hours answering service that many of you are currently using. Hopefully you will find the new system more efficient and convenient. The web-based Online Permitting System (OPS) will be implemented on September 15th, 2014; we want to give you some time to prepare for this change with some information on what to expect.

We know you often need permit numbers after normal business hours or on the weekends. OPS will allow you to log in to a web browser at any time, enter the required entry permit information, and receive a permit number immediately. You can also save a copy of the entry permit as a PDF for your records and have the ability to print multiple copies for travel requirements.

The attached *Online Permitting System User Guide* will take you through the registration process and show you how to create a new permit, view existing permits, modify your user profile, and links to the Colorado import requirements webpage. The OPS website link is: <http://www.ag.state.co.us/OPS/Login.aspx>. More information will be available through the CDA website at www.colorado.gov/ag/animals about using OPS.

We will be changing over to the Online Permitting System on Monday, Sept. 15th. The current answering service will still be functional through September 30th to allow for any unexpected problems. Our office will be happy to assist you with technical support as you transition to the new system. If you are unable to access the OPS, or need to speak with someone, please call our office during normal business hours (8 am to 5 pm MDT, Monday through Friday) for assistance. Our phone number is 303-869-9130.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to grow and implement more efficient systems for your convenience.

Sincerely,

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