**FAQ’S on the veterinary rules for the EE-Show in NITRA**

**PIGEON SECTION**

1. **I am a breeder of pigeons and I live in a EU country. What do I need to participate in Nitra ?**

*A: Your pigeons must be vaccinated against paramyxovirus and you need a certificate from your veterinarian to prove this. Besides the vaccination certificate you will also need a Traces NT certificate for ‘captive birds’ to allow the pigeons to travel through Europe.*

1. **I am a breeder of pigeons and I don’t live in a EU country. What do I need to participate in Nitra ?**

*A: If you live in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Ukraine or Turkey, you can unfortunately not participate in Nitra because European law doesn’t allow it. If you live in Switzerland, Norway or San Marino, you can participate under the same conditions as EU citizens. There might however be restrictions for the return of the pigeons to your own country. Please contact the veterinary authorities in your country to inform yourself.*

1. **Where do I get this Traces certificate ?**

*A : It can only be delivered by an official state vet (so not your own vet) max. 48 hours before departure. The vet will need to come to your place to draw it up and you’ll need to pay for this. The price is different in many countries. There is however also the possibility to get one certificate for all the animals of different breeders if they travel together to the show and that way the cost can be divided between the breeders and it gets much cheaper. Best is to inform yourself with the veterinary officials in your country to learn about how to apply for a certificate, when and what the costs would be.*

1. **Do my pigeons need to go into quarantine ?**

*A : No, they don’t but you will have to declare they haven’t left your place for 21 days before departure to the show. After returning it is highly recommended to keep them separate from your other birds for 10 days to make sure they didn’t catch anything on the show they could spread to your other birds at home.*

1. **I am a breeder of pigeons and according the answers on previous questions I am allowed to participate in Nitra. Can I put my pigeons for sale at the show and can they effectively be sold?**

*A: Yes, you can. The buyer will however need to get a new Traces NT certificate to be able to take the pigeons back to his own country. This certificate will be drawn up at the show by an official state vet. The buyer will have to pay for this certificate but it will not be expensive (around 12,50€). The buyer will only need one certificate for all the birds he bought.*

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**POULTRY SECTION**

1. **I am a breeder of poultry (*chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl, pheasants, quails, ducks and geese*) and I live in a EU country. What do I need to participate in Nitra ?**

*A: Your poultry (except ducks and geese) must be vaccinated against Newcastle Disease (NCD) and you need a certificate from your veterinarian to prove this. Besides the vaccination certificate you will also need a Traces NT certificate for ‘captive birds’ to allow the poultry to travel through Europe. It is important to know that our ‘poultry’ is considered as ‘captive birds’ (article 67 of EU2020/688 applies) and not as ‘poultry’ because captive birds don’t need any laboratory tests like for Salmonella or Mycoplasma.*

1. **I am a breeder of poultry and I don’t live in a EU country. What do I need to participate in Nitra ?**

*A: If you live in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia or Turkey, you can unfortunately not participate in Nitra because European law doesn’t allow it. If you live in Switzerland, Norway or San Marino, you could participate under the same conditions as EU citizens, meaning your birds need to be vaccinated against NCD. Since Norway and Switzerland don’t allow NCD vaccination, participation from these countries is only possible with species that don’t require this vaccination (ducks and geese). There might however also be restrictions for the return of these birds to your own country. Please contact the veterinary authorities in your country to inform yourself.*

1. **Where do I get this Traces certificate ?**

*A : It can only be delivered by an official state vet (so not your own vet) max. 48 hours before departure. The vet will need to come to your place to draw it up and you’ll need to pay for this. The price is different in many countries. There is however also the possibility to get one certificate for all the animals of different breeders if they travel together to the show and that way the cost can be divided between the breeders and it gets much cheaper. Best is to inform yourself with the veterinary officials in your country to learn about how to apply for a certificate, when and what the costs would be.*

1. **Do my birds need to go into quarantine ?**

*A : No, they don’t but you will have to declare they haven’t left your place for 21 days before departure to the show. After returning it is highly recommended to keep them separate from your other birds for 10 days to make sure they didn’t catch anything on the show they could spread to your other birds at home.*

1. **I am a breeder of poultry and according the answers on previous questions I am allowed to participate in Nitra. Can I put my birds for sale at the show and can they effectively be sold?**

*A: Yes, you can. The buyer will however need to get a new Traces NT certificate to be able to take the birds back to his own country. This certificate will be drawn up at the show by an official state vet. The buyer will have to pay for this certificate but it will not be expensive (around 12,50€). The buyer will only need one certificate for all the birds he bought.*

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**BIRD SECTION**

1. **I am a breeder of birds (*passerine or psittacid birds*) and I live in a EU country. What do I need to participate in Nitra ?**

*A: You will need a Traces NT certificate for ‘captive birds’ to allow the birds to travel through Europe. Psittacidae (parrots, parrakeets) can only get this certificate if there hasn’t been any clinical sign of Avian chlamydiosis in your birds during the last 60 days before departure. If there have been clinical signs in the last 6 months or your birds have been in contact with other infected birds, you’ll need a negative lab result to be able to get a certificate.*

1. **I am a breeder of birds and I don’t live in a EU country. What do I need to participate in Nitra ?**

*A: If you live in Serbia you can unfortunately not participate in Nitra because European law doesn’t allow it. If you live in Switzerland or San Marino, you could participate under the same conditions as EU citizens.*

1. **Where do I get this Traces certificate ?**

*A : It can only be delivered by an official state vet (so not your own vet) max. 48 hours before departure. The vet will need to come to your place to draw it up and you’ll need to pay for this. The price is different in many countries. There is however also the possibility to get one certificate for all the animals of different breeders if they travel together to the show and that way the cost can be divided between the breeders and it gets much cheaper. Best is to inform yourself with the veterinary officials in your country to learn about how to apply for a certificate, when and what the costs would be.*

1. **Do my birds need to go into quarantine ?**

*A : No, they don’t but you will have to declare they haven’t left your place for 21 days before departure to the show. After returning it is highly recommended to keep them separate from your other birds for 10 days to make sure they didn’t catch anything on the show they could spread to your other birds at home.*

1. **I am a breeder of birds and according the answers on previous questions I am allowed to participate in Nitra. Can I put my birds for sale at the show and can they effectively be sold?**

*A: Yes, you can. The buyer will however need to get a new Traces NT certificate to be able to take the birds back to his own country. This certificate will be drawn up at the show by an official state vet. The buyer will have to pay for this certificate but it will not be expensive (around 12,50€). The buyer will only need one certificate for all the birds he bought.*

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**RABBIT SECTION**

1. **I am a breeder of rabbits and I live in a EU country. What do I need to participate in Nitra ?**

*A: Your rabbits must be vaccinated against Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease type 1 and type 2 and you need a certificate from your veterinarian to prove this. The identification numbers of the rabbits need to be on this certificate. Besides the vaccination certificate you will also need a declaration of your own vet that the rabbits were checked and found to be healthy within 48 hours before departure.*

1. **I am a breeder of rabbits and I don’t live in a EU country. What do I need to participate in Nitra ?**

*A: The same rules as in the previous question apply to you.*

1. **Do my rabbits need to go into quarantine ?**

*A : No, they don’t but after returning it is highly recommended to keep them separate from your other rabbits for 10 days to make sure they didn’t catch anything on the show they could spread to your other animals at home.*

1. **I am a breeder of rabbits. Can I put my animals for sale at the show and can they effectively be sold?**

*A: Yes, you can. For rabbit sales there are no restrictions.*

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**CAVY SECTION**

1. **I am a breeder of cavies and I live in a EU country. What do I need to participate in Nitra ?**

*A: You only need a declaration of your own vet that the cavies were checked and found to be healthy within 48 hours before departure.*

1. **I am a breeder of cavies and I don’t live in a EU country. What do I need to participate in Nitra ?**

*A: The same rules as in the previous question apply to you.*

1. **Do my cavies need to go into quarantine ?**

*A : No, they don’t but after returning it is highly recommended to keep them separate from your other cavies for 10 days to make sure they didn’t catch anything on the show they could spread to your other animals at home.*

1. **I am a breeder of cavies. Can I put my animals for sale at the show and can they effectively be sold?**

*A: Yes, you can. For cavies sales there are no restrictions.*