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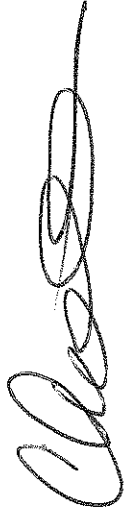
BY ORDER OF THE STATE VETERINARIAN

Transportation of Wild-Appearing Swine within Tennessee

Feral swine, wild swine (*Sus scrofa*) and their hybrids have been shown to be destructive to native habitats, agricultural lands and private property and are carriers for a myriad of diseases that affect humans, livestock and wildlife. In recognition of the serious threat that these animals pose to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee, the state veterinarian, pursuant to the authority vested in him under Tenn. Code Ann. § 44-2-102, hereby ORDERS as follows:

- (1) For purposes of this Order:
  - (a) “Qualified Pseudorabies Negative Herd” -- means a swine herd that has qualified for such status in accordance with 9 C.F.R. 85.1.
  - (b) “Validated Brucellosis-Free Herd” means a swine herd that has qualified for such status in accordance with 9 C.F.R. 78.1.
  - (c) “Wild-Appearing Swine” means swine that are typically 2 to 3 feet tall and 3 ½ to 5 feet long and that typically have the following physical features (all comparisons are to domestic swine): massive heads with smaller, pointed and heavily furred ears; heavier shoulders that slope down to small hips, giving the animal an outline similar to an American bison; long and thin snouts; upper tusks or whitters that curl up and out and rub against the lower tusks, making a knifelike edge against the lower tusks; and straight tails that are tufted at the tip.
- (2) All wild-appearing swine being moved within the state shall:
  - (a) Have official, individual identification such as USDA-approved metal tags or any other official identification that is approved by the state veterinarian, as specified on the department’s website at [www.tn.gov/agriculture/regulatory/animals.shtml](http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/regulatory/animals.shtml).
  - (b) Have proof that each individual animal tested negative for Pseudorabies and Brucellosis within ninety (90) days of movement; or
  - (c) Have originated from a Validated Brucellosis-Free and Qualified Pseudorabies-Negative herd that has maintained such statuses throughout testing.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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Charles W. Hatcher, DVM  
State Veterinarian