## Quarantining

After a show quarantine your animals for **at least 4–12 weeks** before putting them back with your other animals. [Effective September 15, 2018] This means you keep them in a separate room (preferably a separate building from your other animals) and take care of them last (e.g. feeding, watering, cleaning cages, playing with them, etc.) and wash your hands before and after you take care of the quarantined animals. If during this 4–12 week period you notice signs of respiratory (i.e. sneezing, rattling/wheezing, eye/nose discharge) or other symptoms (i.e. lethargy, lack of appetite/water consumption, death, etc.), then you should immediately consult with your veterinarian as to treatment and have an animal/tissues/blood sent in for pathology tests, blood work, and cultures. Once you know the results, then you can properly treat your animals with the required medicine and other therapies necessary. This will also determine the quarantine period (if any) based on the disease.

Following is a form to help you keep track of important dates in case your animals get sick. We will ask for this form and any vet/lab reports before you will be allowed to bring your animals to an AFRMA event.

## **Quarantine Form**

Date of event or contact where exposure occurred Dates any animals were brought into the rattery/mousery Date first symptoms occurred Dates when any animals left Details on symptoms Dates of veterinarian visits/treatments & medications used, lab reports Number of animals in your rattery/mousery Diagnosed Illness Number of animals affected Dates of quarantine (during this period no babies are born, no new animals enter the rattery/mousery, and no animals leave) Date(s) of any deaths Dates any litters were born Any new animals you bring into your rattery/mousery must go through a minimum 12-week quarantine period before being entered in a show.