

Balmoral Show 2026

Bluetongue Vaccination Policy



To be eligible to compete at the Balmoral Show in 2026, all cattle and sheep entries must be vaccinated against Bluetongue virus (BTV-3).

This measure is necessary to safeguard animal health and protect the wider livestock industry.

Show organisers, the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society, have received the following information regarding vaccination options, but exhibitors should consult with their own vet.

For Cattle:

1. Bluevac 3: Cattle can start vaccination at 2 months old, be revaccinated 3 weeks later, and will be immune 3 weeks after that.
2. Bultavo 3: Cattle can be vaccinated at 1 month old in naïve animals*, revaccinated 3 weeks later, and will be immune 3 weeks after that.
3. Syvazul BTV3: Cattle can be vaccinated at 2 months old in naïve calves/3 months from immune dams, revaccinated 3 weeks later, and will be immune 3 weeks after that.

For Sheep:

1. Bluevac 3: 2 doses - Sheep can be vaccinated at 2 months old, revaccinated 3 weeks later, and will be immune 3 weeks after that.
2. Bultavo 3: 1 dose – Sheep can be vaccinated at 1 month old in naïve animals and will be immune 3 weeks later.
3. Syvazul BTV3: 1 dose – Sheep can be vaccinated at 3 months old and will be immune 4 weeks later.

* animals that have no prior exposure to BTV-3 and therefore lack immunity.

Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to consult their veterinary surgeon to ensure vaccinations are completed correctly and in good time before the 2026 Show.

Goats

The Society also strongly recommends that goats are vaccinated against Bluetongue but this is not a condition of entry for this section. Exhibitors should speak to their veterinary surgeon for further information on available vaccines.

Please note: Exhibitors with animals in a restricted zone **must comply** with the movement requirements for movement out of a restriction zone to the Show. Advice can be obtained from the [DAERA website](#) or from your local DAERA Direct office.