

2008 DODGE COUNTY FAIR

4-H & FFA ANIMAL RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL ANIMAL RULES and REGULATIONS: In addition to the following rules and regulations, livestock/animal exhibitors must abide by the General Rules and Regulations stated above. For more detailed information concerning the Dodge County 4-H Livestock & Horse Program, contact the UNL Extension Office (402-727-2775) for a complete set of requirements.

LIVESTOCK STALL/PEN REQUEST FORM: Exhibitors of ANIMALS that remain on the fairgrounds the duration or any portion of the fair are **REQUIRED** to complete and submit the Livestock Stall/Pen Request Form to the UNL Extension Office by office closing on Friday, July 18, 2008.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Exhibitors of ANIMALS are required to properly complete entry forms and submit at time of designated department/division check in.

QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: Nebraska 4-H Program is **REQUIRING** members (8 - 18 years old) exhibiting BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, DAIRY CATTLE, BUCKET CALVES, GOATS, POULTRY and RABBITS be trained/tested in Quality Assurance (QA). This program is mandated by the Nebraska 4-H program and has been implemented into the Dodge County 4-H Program. Therefore, ALL youth exhibiting BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, DAIRY CATTLE, BUCKET CALVES, GOATS, POULTRY and RABBITS at the Dodge County Fair are required to be QA certified by June 13 to be eligible to exhibit.

OWNERSHIP/IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS: All livestock (beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, bucket calves, goats, rabbit) exhibited must be owned/identified by the 4-H member or FFA student in compliance with the Dodge County 4-H Ownership Guidelines and the certificates (id sheets) must be on file at the UNL Extension Office by the deadline. All horses must be certified by set deadline (May 15), all beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, goats, bucket calves, and rabbits must be certified by set deadline (June 13 / April 1 for market beef). No animal may be exhibited in both breeding and market classes.

PUREBRED LIVESTOCK: Exhibitors of purebred livestock must provide proof of registry including registration name and number to the department superintendent at time of check in.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: ALL animals must be in good health at the time of the fair. The fair officials will have owners remove animals which they consider not to be in good health, or to require the owners to provide a Health Certificate if determined necessary. All animals must be free from infectious or contagious diseases. The Department Superintendent or Official Fair Veterinarian may ask owners of animals deemed unhealthy, infectious or contagious to remove them from the grounds.

Beef..... No health papers required.
Bucket Calves..... No health papers required.
Cats..... CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION (SF262 - available at the UNL Extension Office) must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and presented at time of check-in. All cats and kittens entered are REQUIRED to be current on their Feline Vaccinations; Rabies, FPL, PVR, FCV, FeLV. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!

Dairy Cattle..... No health papers required.
Dogs..... CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION (SF263 - available at the UNL Extension Office) must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and presented at time of check-in. All dogs entered are REQUIRED to be current on their vaccinations; Rabies, Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis, Parovirus. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE! Dogs in season will not be allowed to show.
Goats..... No health papers required. Refer to Scrapie Tag Guideline (stated below).
Horses..... No health papers required.
Poultry..... All poultry must be healthy and free of disease. Poultry exhibits may be tested by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture for Avian Influenza (AI) sometime during the Dodge County Fair.
Rabbits..... No health papers required.
Sheep..... No health papers required. Refer to Scrapie Tag Guideline (stated below).
Swine..... No health papers required. However, swine must originate from a herd not under quarantine for Pseudorabies and be healthy and free of disease.

SCRAPIE TAG (USDA BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRIES)

GUIDELINE: The USDA Bureau of Animal Industries has mandated a national program to eradicate scrapie in sheep flocks and goat herds.

- ▶ All female sheep exhibited at the Dodge County Fair will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag). Female sheep are required to be tagged with proper identification by Dodge County Fair sheep check-in. This applies to both market ewes and breeding ewes, regardless of age.
- ▶ All female goats exhibited at Dodge County Fair will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag). Female goats are required to be tagged with proper identification by Dodge County Fair goat check-in.
- ▶ Wethers do not need the USDA identification.

CARE OF EXHIBITS: All possible care will be used to prevent loss or injury to articles or animals or exhibitors. But, it is expressly understood that the management of the fair will in no way be responsible should loss or injury occur. Any animal deemed dangerous is subject to removal.

HERDSMANSHIP:

- A. **Time/Dates:**
Herdsmanship begins when the livestock are unloaded and ends Sunday, August 3, 2008.
- B. **Judging:**
Herdsmanship will be judged between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily. Herdsmanship will be judged randomly twice daily. Herdsmanship will NOT be judged during that Department/Species show time, but each club/chapter should maintain their area to ensure a positive public image.
- C. **Responsibility**
Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the exhibitors, not parents, advisors or leaders.

- D. Herdsmen On Duty
At least ONE exhibitor per club/chapter should be on duty per department (livestock areas) between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily. However, it should be understood that exhibitors/herdsmen are involved with other events during the fair.
- E. Display of Animals
All animals shall be in their stalls or pens between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. unless weighing, washing or showing. All pens and stalls should be clearly identified with exhibitors name and club/chapter.
- F. Cleaning Pens/ Stalls
Pens and stalls should be cleaned between 5:00-12: 00 p.m and 5:00-8:00 a.m. Manure carts and wheel barrows will not be allowed in barns at any other times.
- G. Scores
Herdsmanship scores will be posted daily.
- H. Divisions/Species
Divisions/Species to be scored/judged separately: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Bucket Calves, Goats, Swine
- I. Ribbons / Ranking
Purple: 90 - 100 points
Blue: 80 - 89 points
Red: 70 - 79 points
- J. Premium Awards
The top THREE highest scores in each divisions/species will receive the following awards provided they received a purple ribbon (90 point average):
First = \$15.00 / Second = \$12.00 / Third = \$10.00.

HERDSMANSHIP SCORE SHEET:

<u>CATEGORIES</u>	<u>MAXIMUM POINTS</u>
ANIMAL - GENERAL APPEARANCE.....	20 Points
▶ Animal(s) -- Clean & Groomed	
▶ Animal(s) -- Stalled/Penned Appropriate for Specie	
STALL/PEN AREA.....	20 Points
▶ Bedding (shavings or Gentle Touch pellets)--Clean & Adequate Amount	
▶ Water Container -- Clean & Adequate Amount (OPTIONAL, but must be clean)	
▶ Feed Container -- Clean & Adequate Amount (OPTIONAL, but must be clean)	
TACK/EXHIBITOR AREA.....	20 Points
▶ Tack Area -- Clean & Neat	
▶ Exhibitor/Gathering Area -- Clean & Neat	
▶ Tack & Equipment -- Stored in Orderly and Safe Manner	
AISLE.....	20 Points
▶ Aisle -- Clean / Orderly / Free of Debris	
▶ NOTE TO JUDGE: Mud/water caused by common watering area (water hydrant) is exempt from point deduction.	
HERDSMAN / EXHIBITOR.....	10 Points
▶ Herdsman/Exhibitor -- Courteous (Subtract points if uncourteous.)	
▶ NOTE TO JUDGE: Herdsman/Exhibitor maybe unavailable due to involvement in other events.	
OTHER / ENHANCEMENT OF CLUB/CHAPTER AREA.	10 Points
▶ Stall/Pen Exhibitor Cards -- Posted with Complete Information	
▶ Equipment (ie. fans, clippers, pitchforks, rakes, blocking chutes, etc.) -- Properly & Safely Used	
TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS AWARDED.....	100 Points

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- ▶ Stall/pen assignments will be made by the superintendent of each department. All livestock exhibits are required to be on the fairgrounds according to the assigned times. For more information, exhibitors of animal exhibits need to refer to the specific department/division information in this fair book or the "Dodge County Fair Schedule of Events".
- ▶ Upon arrival, exhibitors must check in with the department superintendent before unloading their animals.
- ▶ Livestock exhibitors are required to keep their pens/stalls clean to the satisfaction of the department/division superintendent, or forfeit their premiums.

- ▶ All pens/stalls must be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. each morning of the fair.
- ▶ Livestock exhibitors are required to feed and care for their animals regularly and arrange to remove the animals at the close of the fair. Exhibitors will make their own arrangements for all feed. For bedding guidelines, refer to "BEDDING" (listed below).
- ▶ If fans are used, they must pass inspection of the Fire Chief.
- ▶ Livestock barns will be closed between 12:00 Midnight and 5:00 a.m. during the fair.

BEDDING: SWINE EXHIBITORS will receive an initial supply of wood chips provided by the Dodge County Fair Board. Swine exhibitors will be charge a fee (\$5 - 8) per pen for bedding (wood chips) provided by the fair board. After the initial supply, exhibitors are to supply their own bedding. The Dodge County Fair Board will provide bedding for the poultry and rabbit exhibits at no charge to the exhibitors. All other livestock exhibitors are required to make their own arrangements for bedding. Wood chips, wood shavings and straw are all acceptable materials for bedding.

DRESS CODE for LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL EXHIBITORS:

- ▶ For more information, exhibitors of animal exhibits need to refer to the specific department/division information in this fair reference for DRESS CODE.
- ▶ 4-H t-shirts, chevrons and armbands may be purchased at the UNL Extension Office in Fremont. They may also be purchased in the Exposition Building (4-H Office) during the fair.

SHOWMANSHIP: Exhibitors who made the entry are eligible to compete in showmanship with that animal. Members taking part in a showmanship class will be judged on their skill as showmen, and on the appearance their animal makes before the judges. Any animal may be shown in only ONE showmanship class. In showmanship classes, a 4-H/FFA member can ONLY exhibit an animal that has been officially identified in their name AND that they have entered in the live show. Exhibitors may NOT exhibit some other exhibitor's animal in the showmanship competition.

SUBSTITUTION SHOWMAN: An animal must be shown by the 4-H or FFA exhibitor who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the Department Superintendent. Substitute showman must be a 4-H or FFA member exhibiting at the fair.

GROOMING & FITTING: Grooming and fitting of project animals is the responsibility of the 4-H or FFA exhibitor. Clipping, trimming or blocking may be assisted by other Dodge County 4-H members and/or leaders, FFA exhibitors and/or FFA advisors of Dodge County, and/or immediate family members.

IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior (4-H) as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics", fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors (4-H members) are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors (4-H'ers) are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatment involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.