

Exhibitor Support for Animal Care and 4-H Fairs

Summer progress shows and fairs provide many opportunities for 4-H youth, volunteers, and Extension staff to interact with the public on animal care issues. To insure that the public observes the well-being of animals at fairs being carefully protected, a group of University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension faculty has developed Animal Care resources targeting youth and adults involved in animal shows and events.

The first set of fact sheets focus on **Good Production Practices for Youth** are listed below along with their link to the UNL Extension Animal Care Resources website (<http://4h.unl.edu/resourceanimalcare>).

- ✓ **Feed and Nutrition:** <http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/sendIt/g2156.pdf>
- ✓ **Shelter and Housing:** <http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/sendIt/g2157.pdf>
- ✓ **Frequent Monitoring for Health Concerns:** <http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/sendIt/g2158.pdf>
- ✓ **Injections:** <http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/sendIt/g2159.pdf>
- ✓ **Injury:** <http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/sendIt/g2160.pdf>
- ✓ **Low Stress Handling:** <http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/sendIt/g2161.pdf>
- ✓ **Heat Stress:** <http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/sendIt/g2162.pdf>

Each fact sheet includes a checklist of important animal care considerations prior to and at the progress shows and fairs. In addition, the group has developed an additional set of resources that will assist youth and adults on communicating with the public about their animal project.

- ✓ **Guide on Animal Care:** http://www.fass.org/docs/agguide3rd/Ag_Guide_3rd_ed.pdf
- ✓ **Biosecurity and Fairs: What You Need to Know:**
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/lhgenbiosecurity.pdf>
- ✓ **Youth and 4-H: Guidelines for Care of Animals in a Public Setting:**
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/4h205.pdf>
- ✓ **Animal Welfare Act: Guidelines for County and State Fairs:**
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_welfare/content/printable_version/fs_fairez.pdf
- ✓ **Heat Stress at Livestock Shows:**
<http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/epublic/pages/publicationD.jsp?publicationId=1448>
- ✓ **Low Stress Livestock Handling for People and Livestock:**
http://4h.unl.edu/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=92b264f0-63d1-432d-9657-00fb54cc335b&groupId=635885&_.pdf

All animal exhibitors and adults working with the youth are encouraged to take a few minutes to review these educational fact sheets prior to exhibition.