

## **Animal Care and Welfare**

- 1. Unfit Animals** – Animals that appear to be unhealthy, diseased, injured, sick, weak, malnourished, or possess physical or visual impediments will be considered “unfit” for exhibition and will not be permitted to remain on the fairgrounds.
- 2. Animal Loading and Unloading** – Exhibitors shall load and unload animals using safe and humane methods including proper chutes and ramps when necessary.
- 3. Inhumane/Unethical Treatment of Animals** - Abuse of animal(s) in any form will not be tolerated.
  - a. NO electric prods will be permitted on any animal at any time.
  - b. NO tubing, pumping, or injection of any substance or water into an animal without veterinary authorization.
  - c. Any violation of this rule and any other activity deemed inhumane/unethical by The Show Committee will result in immediate disqualification and ejection from fairgrounds with no recourse.
- 4. Non-approved Drug Administration** - The Larimer County Fair management reserves the right to screen or test any market animal for drug residues or illegal drugs of any nature and take any action deemed appropriate if testing results show any positive residues above naturally occurring levels or positive results for illegal drug usage.
- 5. Bedding** – Wood shavings and Straw only.
  - a. All bedding must be furnished by the exhibitor, including Poultry and Rabbit exhibitors, daily.
  - b. Straw and shavings will be available and sold on the grounds.
  - c. Turf materials must have wood chips underneath them.
  - d. No sand may be used.
  - e. NO DYED OR COLORED SHAVINGS ALLOWED in stalls/pens.
  - f. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification.
- 6. Animal Daily Care** –
  - a. Exhibitors must feed, water, clean, bed, and otherwise care for the animals during the Fair.
  - b. Exhibitors are expected to help keep exhibit areas, grooming areas, and barn perimeters clean and attractive.
  - c. All animals and other exhibits should be always kept clean and in a presentable condition.
  - d. Superintendents, Show Committee reserve the right to feed, and water neglected animals. Any animal found in neglect of feed, water, and/or care, will result in the exhibitor being disqualified and dismissed from the grounds and will forfeit all awards, premiums, and any other accolade acquired at fair.
- 7. Manure Removal**
  - a. A designated location will be provided for disposing of manure.
  - b. Piling manure at the ends of the barn or in the immediate vicinity of the building is prohibited.
  - c. All exhibitors must clean their stall(s) after the exhibit is released. Pens must be left clean. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from future fairs.
- 8. Tying of Livestock**
  - a. All cattle (Beef and Dairy) must be tied with a neck rope in addition to the regular halter.
  - b. Superintendent or their representative will determine if ties are proper.
- 9. Veterinary Needs during Shows**
  - a. The Larimer County Fair will post a list at the Fair Livestock Office of veterinarians on call.
  - b. The exhibitor can contact either the veterinarian on call or their own veterinarian should the need arise.
  - c. A species Superintendent needs to be contacted when a veterinarian has been called to evaluate an animal.
  - d. All veterinary fees are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
  - e. The species Superintendent has the right to call for the services of a veterinarian in the treatment of a sick animal if the exhibitor is not available.
  - f. A Superintendent or veterinarian must be in attendance when any drug or medication is administered to an animal(s) and a written report filed with the Fair Horse/Livestock Office and placed in the official treatment book.
  - g. If an animal is found dead while at the fairgrounds, the species Superintendent, Ranch staff, or member of the Show Committee has the right to immediately transfer the deceased body into the Ranch’s possession until a cause of death has been determined by a licensed veterinarian.

## **Mandatory Health Regulations.**

1. All animals will be examined by a licensed veterinarian at check-in prior to entering the barns.
2. It will not be necessary to obtain health certificates for livestock or horses prior to arriving on the Fairgrounds.
3. Animals showing evidence of contagious or infectious diseases, sickness, weakness, malnourishment, or injury will be released from the Fairgrounds at the discretion of the Veterinarians and Show Committee.
4. Any animal originating from a herd under quarantine because of an infectious or contagious disease shall be ineligible for admission.
5. Dairy and Beef cattle do not have to be tested for Brucellosis or Tuberculosis to be entered at the Fair.
6. Whenever possible, a veterinarian will do random vet checks in the barns. The veterinarians and Show Committee have the authority to release any animal during the Fair found to be showing signs of illness or infection.

## **Species Specific Health Requirements**

### **Swine:**

1. Swine-fed raw garbage will not be allowed on the grounds.
2. Swine showing evidence/symptoms of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on the grounds:
  - a. PEDV
  - b. Lice
  - c. Scabies
  - d. Atrophic Rhinitis
  - e. Jowl abscesses
  - f. Mange
  - g. Ringworm
  - h. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition or any other animal welfare concern

### **Sheep:**

1. Any sheep showing evidence/symptoms of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on the grounds:
  - a. Sore Mouth
  - b. Ringworm
  - c. Scabies
  - d. Caseous Lymphadenitis (CL)
  - e. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition or any other animal welfare concern

### **Cattle:**

1. Any cattle showing evidence/symptoms of any of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on the grounds:
  - a. Respiratory infections
  - b. Ringworm
  - c. Scabies
  - d. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition or any other animal welfare concern

### **Horses:**

1. Any horse showing evidence/symptoms of any of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on the grounds:
  - a. Ringworm
  - b. Infectious respiratory diseases
  - c. Strangles
  - d. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition or any other animal welfare concern

### **Goats:**

1. Any goat showing evidence/symptoms of any of the following disease conditions (but not limited to) will not be allowed on the grounds:
  - a. Sore Mouth
  - b. Ringworm
  - c. Caseous Lymphadenitis (CL)
  - d. Pink Eye
  - e. Lice
  - f. Any other infectious or contagious disease, sign of malnutrition or any other animal welfare concern

### **Poultry:**

1. Poultry will be inspected upon arrival. Any animals showing evidence of lice, mites, ringworm or another infectious disease will not be allowed on the grounds.

### **Rabbits:**

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### **Suggested Vaccinations:**

1. Horses should be vaccinated for Encephalomyelitis (sleeping sickness) Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, West Nile virus, and Tetanus before the month of July.
2. All female breeding cattle should be vaccinated for Brucellosis in accordance with the Federal Brucellosis program.