

Animal Exhibitor Code of Conduct

The proper care and handling of animals is just as important at a show or exhibition as it is on the farm.

Proper management and acceptable practices are important for the animals and the integrity of the event. It also presents the fair visitor with a positive and professional image of producers and other animal handlers.

As a proactive step, your fair board or committee may choose to establish an "Animal Exhibitor Code of Conduct" which outlines your expectations of participants at your event(s).

Fairs and exhibitions should consider applying the Code beyond farm livestock to include all exhibited and show animals, such as pet and exotic animals.

Such a Code should become a part of the exhibitors' registration information and posted in barn areas for visitor information.

Fair organizers should consider making such a Code of Conduct mandatory for all animal owners who present animals at your event.

If such a Code is put in place, the fair board and organizers must be prepared to take action when it needs to be enforced.

The attached Sample Code of Conduct is provided to guide fair organizers.

Fair organizers should consult with their provincial breed associations and sub-contractors (such as petting zoos and rodeo associations) to determine their specific rules, regulations and policies regarding show animals.



Sample Animal Exhibitor Code of Conduct

The _____ Fair is committed to responsible animal care and treatment. This Code of Conduct outlines what is expected of exhibitors in the handling and exhibiting of [all animals / livestock] involved with our Fair. It is expected that the Animal Exhibitor Code of Conduct will be strictly followed. There will be no tolerance for mishandling or mistreatment of animals.

This Code of Conduct applies to [all animal] owners (“exhibitors”) and all others (“authorized agents”) involved in the care and handling of [animals / livestock] presented at _____ Fair.

This Code of Conduct applies to all activities involving [animals / livestock] while on the property of _____, and from the point of off-loading until the point of re-loading.

Any breaches of this Code of Conduct by exhibitors or their authorized agents will be subject to action including but not limited to possible elimination from the competition(s) and/or exhibit, at the discretion of the show organizers.

Code of Conduct objectives:

This Code has been developed to meet the following objectives:

- To ensure the health and well being of [all animals / livestock] at the fair
- To publicly demonstrate accurate and responsible animal care
- To maintain the integrity of all [animal / livestock] competitions, displays, and sales
- To ensure that animals are treated in responsible manner using proper equipment and procedures. This includes: moving, housing, showing, and fitting animals.

Exhibitor requirements:

- [All animals / livestock] must be treated and handled in a responsible and generally accepted manner. All handling, housing and veterinary treatment must ensure adequate animal care.
- The well being of the animals shall take precedence over the demands of owners, sellers, buyers, organizers, sponsors, and officials.
- Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring that animals arriving are in fit and healthy condition.
- High standards of nutrition, health, sanitation, environment and safety must be met at all times.
- Excessive or improper disciplining of animals is unacceptable.
- Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring their [livestock and poultry] are transported to and from the fair in accordance with all transport regulations and standards.
- Improper methods of handling, fitting or housing (including feeding and watering) are unacceptable, and may be subject to disciplinary actions by the _____ Fair.



- Exhibitors accept responsibility for their own actions, and for those of anyone else acting on their behalf, in the care and handling of, show preparation, and/or showing of [animal(s)].
- Exhibitors are required to sign the _____ Fair Standard Exhibitor's Agreement to indicate that they have read, understood and agreed to adhere to the requirements outlined in this Animal Exhibitor Code of Conduct.

Exhibitor expectations (non-requirements):

- Livestock and poultry [all animals] should be prepared with proper training for handling, fitting and grooming prior to the fair.
- The care of animals should be as consistent as possible with their normal routines.
- Exhibitors are expected to use qualified people for the transport and handling of their livestock [animals]. Untrained individuals, including fair personnel and visitors, should not be permitted to handle animals or equipment.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to take every opportunity to enhance public awareness, education and appreciation of proper farm animal [animal] management and handling practices.
- Exhibitors should do their due-diligence to meet these expectations.



NAME OF FAIR/SHOW: _____

STANDARD EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT

Farm Name
Individual Name

Address
City
Province/State
Postal Code/Zip Country
Tel.
Mobile/Barn Tel.
Fax
E-mail

AGREEMENT, DECLARATION, AND WAIVER

THE UNDERSIGNED, ON BEHALF OF THE EXHIBITOR AND ALL PRINCIPALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXHIBITOR, DECLARES THAT HE/SHE HAS READ, FULLY UNDERSTANDS, AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE RULES, REGULATIONS, CODE(S) OF CONDUCT AND POLICIES FOR EXHIBITING OR SHOWING ANIMALS.

If entry is accepted by the Show organizers, the undersigned on his or her own behalf and the exhibitor and the principals and agents of the exhibitor acknowledge and agree that they and each of them:

- (1) are bound by, and will act at all times in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, Policies and Code(s) of Conduct for exhibiting or showing animals, and will accept any final decision made there under;
- (2) release and agree to hold the Show and its officials, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents and volunteers (collectively the "Show organizers") harmless from any action taken under this agreement or any other show rules and regulations, and release the Show organizers from and against any injury, damage or loss suffered during or in connection with the Show, whether or not such injury, damage or loss resulted from or was contributed to directly or indirectly, by the acts or omissions of the Show organizers.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE

Signature, Owner or Authorized Agent/Representative

Date:

Print, Owner or Authorized Agent/Representative

Date:

