

## **Washington County Fair Board**

### **Policy 209**

#### **Animal to Human Disease Prevention**

#### **Policy and Procedures for Managing Animal Contact at the Washington County Fair**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners has entrusted the Fair Board to give priority for the personal safety and security of members of the public who attend the Fair, as well as those who work and participate at the Fair. The Fair Board takes this matter seriously and has established the following policy and procedures for Fair Staff and Exhibitors in an effort to reduce transmission of diseases from animals to humans at the Washington County Fair.

#### **1. Expectations and Procedures to Reduce Contamination**

- Animal Exhibitors shall participate in animal disease prevention and safety training prior to exhibiting at the Fair. This training shall be conducted, at least once per year, by Washington County Public Health, Oregon Department of Agriculture Animal Health Program, and/or other person or program deemed appropriate by Fair Manager, or designee. If an exhibitor fails to participate in the required safety training, the exhibitor may lose eligibility to participate at the Fair.
- To reduce potential health and safety risks between animals and the public, County Fair staff shall set up the animal areas, including but not limited to panels, gates, pens, animal, and public walkways, and showrings in a manner that prevents animals and the public from using the same walking paths yet still gives the public the opportunity to see and interact with the animals as much as possible. County Fair staff shall, in coordination with Public Health and County Risk Management Department, determine set-up for animal areas based upon factors including but not limited to the type and number of animals, and show location. If County Fair staff determine moving animals across a public pathway is necessary, the crossing shall be managed by County Fair Staff who shall ensure a safe crossing path for the animal, exhibitor, and the public and County Fair staff shall sanitize the crossing prior to re-opening to the public. (Chemical SDS will be posted).
- County Fair staff shall provide the following signage, in languages including but not limited to English and Spanish: (1) signs explaining the risks of animal-to-human disease at the entrances to the Fair and the animal areas; and (2) signs in the barns and showrings reminding the public to not eat or drink in animal areas, to not touch their face or mouth after petting or touching animals or t pens, to wash their hands when leaving animal areas, and to store and secure all personal items prior to entering animal areas.
- County Fair staff shall provide ADA accessible handwashing facilities near animal areas. Handwashing facilities shall be inspected and serviced hourly by Fair staff to ensure that they are operational, clean, and stocked with supplies. To encourage use, handwashing facilities will be located as close as possible to public walkways.
- If available, public health volunteers will be stationed near animal areas to educate the public on staying healthy around animals.
- Exhibitors shall keep exhibitor areas clean, remove waste from animal enclosures and pens, and animal walkways as soon as possible, Exhibitors shall disinfect surfaces that are accessible by the public throughout each day, mist pathways to prevent airborne animal feces particles, and position fans to minimize spreading of animal feces particles or movement of animal bedding. County Fair staff and

exhibitors shall work together to keep public spaces in the barns, showrings, and other livestock areas clean and sanitary.

- Exhibitors shall clean and sanitize or change their shoes and wash their hands before leaving animal areas to minimize contamination of public areas. Chemical SDS shall be posted for cleaning supplies.
- When the public touch animals and/or animal enclosures and pens, the exhibitors shall remind the public to wash their hands with soap and water and to not touch their face or mouth until they have completely washed their hands. This is the perfect time to provide public education regarding the importance of animal-to-human health and safety.
- Consumption of food and beverages are strictly prohibited inside animal areas. Animal program participants may drink beverages from containers with a twist off cap while in animal areas due to heat and amount of time spent at the Fair.
- The milking parlor, animal washing areas, animal walking paths, showrings, and the backsides of the barns shall be completely blocked from public access and public pathways.
- Animal program participants including but not limited to exhibitors, their family members, helpers, visitors, friends, staff, and volunteers shall not alter any portion of the animal areas including but not limited to animal and public walkways, panels, gates, pens, showrings, signage, and handwashing or sanitizing facilities.
- Only registered animal exhibitors and their immediate families, members of the Washington County Livestock Association Auction Committee, the designated County Fair Veterinarian, staff of the Oregon Department of Agriculture Animal Health Program, authorized Oregon State University 4-H and Future Farmers of America staff and volunteers, County Fair staff and other authorized County staff including the Washington County Sheriff's Posse, are allowed in non-public animal areas.
- Anyone found to be in violation of this policy may be expelled from the Fair, forfeit prize money and entry fees, and lose eligibility to participate at the Fair in the future.

## 2. Communication to Exhibitors

- The Fair Manager shall work with the Oregon State University 4-H Extension Agent and Future Farmers of America Advisors to arrange for information to be provided to youth livestock exhibitors and their guardians regarding these policies and procedures, trainings, and other pertinent exhibitor information regarding the County Fair at least 30-days prior to the first day of the Fair.
- For Open Class livestock exhibitors, information regarding these policies and other pertinent livestock exhibitor information shall be posted on the Fair website at least 30-days prior to the first day of the County Fair.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Recording Secretary

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Board President