

# Grays Harbor County Fair

## Livestock/Animal Haul-In and Vet Check Procedures

### 2023

- 1) Grays Harbor Veterinary Services will perform Vet Checks and limited veterinary services for the Fairgrounds, during the Fair. However, private veterinary services will not be performed on the Fairgrounds behalf, for individual livestock or animal owners, on site.
- 2) All Livestock/Animals must be vet checked **prior to entering barns**, except for Open Class Equine that arrives on Saturday morning (and do not stall overnight).
- 3) Haul-In and Vet Checks will take place on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, for all livestock/animals, but Dogs and Cats. Those animals will be vet checked on their specified Haul-In date and times.
  - a. General Haul-In and Vet Check time for all 4H and FFA livestock and animals, will be from **8:00am to 6:00pm**.
  - b. Haul-In and Vet Check time for all Equine Exhibitors will be from 2:00pm to **6:00pm**.
  - c. **HAUL-IN AND VET CHECK FOR ALL OPEN CLASS LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WILL BE FROM 8:00am to 5:00pm.**
- 4) All livestock/animals, except Equine will enter the Fairgrounds through the “Playground” Gate, or Pit Road.
  - a. The Vet Check lines will form in the Pavilion parking lot, in a similar manner as the Exit Strategy.
  - b. From **8:00am** to 11:00am, there will be two lines. One line will be strictly for Swine Exhibitors. The other line will be for Sheep/Lambs.
  - c. From 11:00am to 6:00pm, there will be two lines. One line will be strictly for Beef, Dairy and Animals of the World. The other line will be for Rabbits, Poultry and Goats.
  - d. There will be five (5) Fair Board members (volunteers) serving as Line Assistants who will meter entry through the gate and manage the flow of the line.
    - i. Line Assistant “A” (Ken Waber) will be stationed at the head of the lines, near the Parking Lot Ticket Booth, at a Stop sign. They will be notified through radio communication what line to take the next vehicle(s) from, for entry.
    - ii. Line Assistant “B” (David Wyatt) will be stationed centrally, inside the gate, at the Vet Check Station that will be located near the northeast corner of the Beef and Dairy Barn. They will be communicating with the Vets and monitoring lines to determine what animal type can enter next. They will relay that information to Line Assistant “A”.
    - iii. Line Assistant “C” will be stationed near the southwest corner of the Beef and Dairy Barn to help direct traffic toward Goat Alley and the Rabbit & Poultry Barn. They will also make sure people do not block the roadway when unloading.
    - iv. Line Assistant “D” will be stationed between Goat Alley and the Rabbit/Poultry Barn to make sure people do not block roadway when unloading and direct them to the Blue Gate, for exit.
    - v. Line Assistant “E” will be stationed at the Blue Gate to make sure no one enters that gate and that it remains “exit only”.

- 5) From 8:00am to 2:00pm there will be one Vet, as well as one Vet Technician at the Main Vet Check Station, located near the northeast corner of the Beef and Dairy Barn. At 2:00pm, the Vet Technician will move from this Vet Check Station out to the Equine Vet Check Station that will be located in the open, grass area of C Lot (prior to reaching the Ortquist Barn).
- 6) Haul-in Time and Traffic Flow for each Livestock Department
- a. **Swine, Sheep/Lambs** will be hauled in, and vet checked between **8:00am and 11:00am**. Vehicles hauling in these animals will turn right just before reaching the beef barn and proceed toward the scales (behind the northeast ends of the barns). Animals will be vet checked and enter barns from this location. Vehicles will exit behind the barns, through the blue gate.  

**\*Note: A CHUTE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED WITH PANELS THAT SWINE MUST USE WHEN TAKEN TO THEIR PENS IN SWINE ALLEY. SWINE CANNOT BE MOVED TO STALLS WITHOUT USE OF THE SHUTE OR A CART.**
  - b. **Beef, Dairy and Animals of the World** will be hauled in, and vet checked between **11:00am and 6:00pm**. Vehicles hauling in these animals will turn right just before reaching the Beef and Dairy Barn and proceed toward the scales (behind the northeast ends of the barns). Animals will be vet checked and enter barns from this location. Vehicles will exit behind the barns, through the blue gate.
  - c. **Rabbits, Poultry and Goats** will also be hauled in and vet checked between the hours of 11:00am and 6:00pm. However, vehicles hauling in these animals will continue just past the northeast corner of the Beef and Dairy Barn and will stop just in front of the location of the Monte Farm and Home booth, where vet check for these animals will take place. Please do not block entry to the area behind the barns where vehicles will turn into the scale area. At completion of vet check, these vehicles will continue just past the Beef and Dairy Barn, turn right at the southwest corner of that barn and proceed to unload at Goat Alley or the Rabbit/Poultry Barn. Please pull off to the side of the roadway. After unloading, these vehicles will also exit through the blue gate.
  - d. **Equine** will begin haul-in and vet check beginning at 2:00pm, through no later than 6:00pm. All vehicles hauling in Equine will enter the Fairgrounds using Pit Road. They will proceed down Pit Road to the Vet Check Station that will be located in the grass area of C Lot, just prior to reaching the Ortquist Barn. After Equine vet checks, unloading and stalling are completed, exhibitors will park horse trailers in the designated, graveled area of E Lot only.
  - c. **All Open Class Livestock/Animal Exhibitors** must haul-in and complete the vet check process between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm.
  - c. Anyone exhibiting in more than one livestock barn is encouraged to begin bringing their animals as close to 11:00pm, as possible, in order to help keep the lines down, as much as possible.
  - c. Livestock/Animals should be in barns by 7:00pm. The Livestock Meeting will start at 7:15pm at the Monte Farm and Home Livestock Arena.
  - d. Dogs will be vet checked at the Borden – Seabert Building at **8:00am**, on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - e. Cats will be vet checked at the Borden – Seabert Building at 8:00am, on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - f. Open Class Horse will arrive on Saturday morning at 8:00am near the Ortquist Barn.

**General Notes:**

- Superintendents are asked to provide a full list of exhibitors in their departments to the Fair Office, no later than the day prior to the Vet Check. That list will be provided to the Fair Vet prior to the start of the vet check process.
- Flexibility in haul-in times may be granted to families with multiple participants, exhibitors with multiple animals, exhibitors needing to make multiple haul-in trips, or other special circumstances. To request special arrangements, please contact Fairgrounds Management.
- Please make sure to park off the roadway, while unloading. We need to make sure we have clear access and egress for vehicles.
- A Vet and/or Technician will be making rounds in the mornings and at night, through the week of the fair.
- If you identify an animal that you feel needs veterinary attention, please contact David Wyatt, who is the Fair Board Livestock Committee Chairman. In his absence, please contact Mike Bruner, the Fairgrounds Manager. Other Fair Board Livestock Committee Members include Ken Waber, Mike Machowek, and Marsha Whitaker is the Fair Board President.
- As the number of animals being exhibited in each barn fluctuates from fair to fair, and special circumstances can arise, adjustments may need to be made to the Vet Check process.
- If you make observations during the Vet Check/Animal Haul-in process and have thoughts you would like to share, please note them and communicate your ideas after the fair.