

King County Fair Exhibitor Guide

Enumclaw Expo Center

July 16-19, 2026



**LIVESTOCK & SMALL ANIMAL
GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION**

Welcome To the King County Fair Exhibitor Guide

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Enumclaw Expo & Event Center and King County Fair, THANK YOU for being a part of the exhibits and bringing energy to our Fair. We are the oldest Fair west of the Mississippi – since 1863!

IMPORTANT EXPO CENTER INFORMATION

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Fair day	Gate Hours	Carnival hours
Thursday, July 16	10AM-10PM	11AM-9PM
Friday, July 17	10AM-10PM	11AM-10PM
Saturday, July 18	10AM-10PM	11AM-10PM
Sunday, July 19	10AM-6PM	10AM-6PM

BARN HOURS

Barns will be open to the public from 10AM-9PM Thursday through Saturday, and 10AM-6PM on Sunday.

EXPO CENTER RULES

1. It is the expectation of the King County Fair that all exhibitors' actions, displays and/or behaviors will promote a safe family experience for patrons and exhibitors, and anything judged to be inappropriate by the King County Fair Board are grounds for removal and disqualification from the King County Fair.
2. Exhibitors of articles, animals and/or livestock at the fair accept the risk of loss or damage to their articles, animals and/or livestock while displayed at the fair and agree to hold the King County Fair harmless if such damage or loss should occur. Exhibitors shall be responsible to secure any insurance or other protection against said damage or loss.
3. The Fair Board reserves the right to accept, reject, or accept conditionally any entry or application.
4. Exhibits entered in the wrong lots may be reclassified by the superintendent.
5. Smoking and vaping are prohibited in and around barns and buildings at Enumclaw Expo Center.
6. ALL exhibitors will be required to sign an Expo Center Code of Conduct to participate in fair.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

No person shall possess or discharge any firearm, bow and arrow, air or gas weapon, slingshot, fireworks, or explosive at the Fair. Exceptions made for archery competitions. Persons on the premises must abide by the Enumclaw Expo & Event Center policies. Prohibited items include skateboards, rollerblades, animals other than registered projects and official service animals, weapons, alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, and marijuana. All bags, blankets, coolers etc. are subject to search by Fair Management and/or Security and Law Enforcement on-site.

DOGS & PETS

No dogs or other pets are permitted at Enumclaw's Expo Center. Exception: on duty police dogs, service animals (as defined by ADA), trained animals in scheduled acts, and animals entered in competition.

Household and family pets, whether domestic or wild, and service animals not recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Section 36.104 are not permitted on the Fairgrounds during the King County Fair.

PROPERTY OF ENUMCLAW EXPO CENTER

The general supervision of the grounds, and the entire exhibition, are vested in Enumclaw Expo Center management. Property of the Enumclaw Expo Center may not be removed from the grounds.

HERDSMANSHIP

Herdsmanship at the King County Fair is required in each animal department. The purpose of the Herdsmanship is to encourage exhibitors to care for livestock, pens and equipment properly and always keep stalls and animals clean and attractive.

PREMIUM CHECKS

Premium checks will be made available around October 1 of the current year and will be mailed to exhibitors at the mailing address on the entry form. Checks must be cashed by December 31st of the current year issued. No checks will be reissued after December 1 of the current year. All checks not cashed by December 31st will be considered a donation to the Fair.

Any error in the records for premiums caused by oversight or neglect shall be subject to correction whenever proof is furnished to the fair office that a mistake has been made. Errors and checks not received in the mail by November 1st of current year should be reported via email to renep@enumclawexpo.com.

Checks that are lost or damaged will be subjected to a \$35.00 fee for canceling and replacing a check.

1099 Information: If you exceed \$600.00 in total premiums, you will need to file a W-9 form. These are available in the fair office. Premium checks will not be issued unless we have a completed W-9 form.

EXHIBITOR ENTRY

It is mandatory that all exhibitors, volunteers, and their families/supporters purchase entry passes to attend the fair. All parking is free!

Discount tickets for exhibitors, volunteers, and family tickets can be purchased ahead of time. Order forms are available on the King County Fair website. Discount ticket order forms are due to the fair office by July 12, 2026. See the order form for more details.

LIVESTOCK AND SMALL ANIMAL

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. NO open toed shoes or eating allowed in animal barns or while showing.
2. Exhibitors are expected to present a clean, neat, appearance at all times. Dress should be appropriate and safe for the event, including no open toed shoes in barns or during shows and herdsmanship. No offensive or vulgar clothing will be allowed.
3. Practice good biosecurity and wash or sanitize your hands before and after handling any animal and before and after eating.
4. Check with your superintendent/s for competition and barn schedules.
5. Exhibitors will promptly lead their animals into the ring for competition when called by the Superintendent or may forfeit premiums. If you are showing in both 4-H/FFA and Open Class, you must pay attention to show time. Youth exhibitors also in 4-H and FFA will be required to do their own fitting and prepping.
6. All unruly animals or animals that require medication or special equipment to handle or restrain are not to be brought to the Fair. (Exception: open class bull with approval from Livestock Superintendent). If an animal is unruly or the exhibitor does not show he or she can control the animal, the Superintendent can disqualify the animal. (Exception: open class bull with approval from Livestock Superintendent) Exhibitors are liable for damage caused by animals they entered.
7. Any deviation from these guidelines may result in loss of premiums and/or disqualification from the Fair.

STALL / PEN / CAGE / TACK REQUESTS

The Livestock Superintendents shall assign all spaces, stalls, pens, and cages. Each 4-H, FFA, OC Livestock Superintendent must indicate on entry forms the number of pens requested. The following is needed for EACH club/chapter: number of exhibitors, number of pens, stalls, cages, and/or benches and number of tack/carding pens. Space will be assigned on set-up day. Stall, pen and cage assignment and structure of pens will not be altered without approval from Fair Manager or designee – NO EXCEPTIONS.

FEED & ANIMAL BEDDING

ANIMAL FEED

Each exhibitor shall furnish necessary feed for his animals and arrange for their care.

BEDDING

Sawdust bedding will be provided by the Fairgrounds for a fee. Sawdust is to be used moderately.

Animal Type	Fee per stall/pen
Horse	\$15
Cattle	\$10
Goats, Hogs, Sheep, Alpaca, Llamas	\$7
Poultry, Rabbits, Cavies	\$3

Straw will be ordered in advance and must be included on the supply list by each superintendent or leader. Straw will be made available to other exhibitors based on leftover availability only.

BEDDING AND MANURE must be deposited in **DESIGNATED AREAS**. Dumpsters are provided at the North end of the Livestock Barn and on the East side of the Horse Barn for bedding and manure disposal. Anyone dumping or depositing bedding or manure in the Fair garbage containers or any other area is subject to forfeiture of premiums or disqualification in future fairs.

At the conclusion of the fair, all animal owners will completely remove all bedding before departure from the fairgrounds, leaving the floor bare. If the exhibitor does not comply, they will be billed a \$50 pen/tie/stall cleaning charge, or the amount will be withheld from premium checks.

LOAD-IN DAY

Please contact your Department Superintendent for the authorized date and time to drive onto the fairgrounds. Load-in times will be assigned by animal species. Non-authorized vehicles are not allowed on the fairgrounds. No vehicle entry Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Absolutely, no inside fairground parking is allowed. Your vehicle will be towed.

VETERINARIAN AND ANIMAL MEDICAL INFORMATION

All animals will be subject to a clinical inspection by the veterinarian in charge at the time of entry. Any animals showing evidence of disease will be refused entry.

Any animal or bird showing evidence of contagious or infectious disease, including but not limited to, abscess, sore mouth, mastitis, foot rot, warts, boils, or ringworm, will be refused entry into the fairgrounds or removed from the fairgrounds at the discretion of the superintendent.

If an animal or bird develops a medical issue during the Fair, please notify the barn superintendent to begin the process to determine if the animal will need to be released.

In the event a veterinarian must be called for an emergency, all attempts to contact the exhibitor will be made. However, if the exhibitor cannot be reached, the superintendent or staff will contact a veterinarian. The exhibitor will be responsible for any veterinary fees incurred.

RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

No livestock exhibit will be permitted to be removed before 6:00 PM, Sunday of Fair. Any medical or other emergencies that require an animal to leave must be approved by 4-H staff and fair representatives using the Expo Center release form. Any animal released early will not be permitted to return to the Fair.

Animals located in the Livestock barn will be informed of the time vehicles can enter through gate 1. Large livestock that was auctioned at the sale is being transported off-site. The transporters have priority through gate 1, and it must be kept clear until the large livestock is loaded and removed from the grounds. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**