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FAIR

4-H Poultry

FAIR DATES: August 11-20, 2022

EXHIBIT DATES: August 11-15, 2022



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EXHIBIT RULES & REGULATIONS

All entries must be registered on-line. This will be required for all exhibits and exhibitors that are entered in the fair. If you don't have access to a computer, then the library is your best option. There will also be a computer available for use at the fair office during normal business hours.

1. FAIR HOURS: 10 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Only exhibitors and workers with passes will be allowed through the gate before or after these hours. No exhibitors will be allowed in barns without superintendent permission outside of barn hours.

2. No parking on fairgrounds. No vehicles allowed on fairgrounds between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

3. Exhibitor's and worker's passes will be available only to persons whose presence is required every day.

4. No person shall incur any financial obligation whatsoever against the Fair without first obtaining a requisition from the Manager.

5. Any persons handling or taking any exhibits that do not belong to them may be prosecuted according to the law.

6. The management shall have the general supervision of the grounds and the entire exhibition, control of the police regulations, and entrance and exit gates.

7. Should there be any disputes or misunderstandings which none of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations will govern, whether in connection with judging or otherwise, they shall be referred to the Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.

8. The management reserves the final and absolute right to alter, interpret, or change the rules and regulations as may become necessary; also, to determine all matters, questions, and differences that may arise in/or out of an incident at the Fair.

9. The Fair will use every precaution in its power for the preservation of all articles and stock on exhibition but will not be responsible for loss or damage. Which, in the case the protest is not sustained, is forfeited, and is added to the funds of the Fair.

10. ALL ENTRIES:

A. Are required to be entered on-line by deadline listed in each department, or on entry days as specified in department rules.

B. Must be entered in the name owner/maker whose name must be endorsed on the entry card.

C. Close at the time designated in the rules of each department.

D. Must be in place and in final proper condition for the exhibition as specified in the department rules.

E. Exhibits shall be considered unclaimed thirty (30) days following the last day of the Fair and will be considered property of the Northwest Washington Fair Association. Any cost related to disposal will be passed on to the exhibitor. It is the full responsibility of the exhibitor to pick up their exhibit prior to such disposal and the Fair is not obligated to notify the exhibitor of the unclaimed exhibit.

F. Entries not picked up on by 8 pm on the final evening of the show will remain in buildings which may be unlocked with no security.

G. Entries moved or removed before the Sunday release time will forfeit all premiums.

H. Entries will not be accepted by office staff with the exception of animal entry forms.

I. Departments will not accept entries except at the published times and dates.

J. You need only ONE exhibitor number for ALL your entries at the fair.

K. Ribbons will only be available at pick-up/release time. They cannot be mailed and are not available at the office.

11. No animal or article will be allowed to compete for more than one premium..

15. If it be ascertained that any exhibitor or spectator shall attempt to interfere with the judge in the performance of his/her duty in any matter, or shall refuse to accept the awards made, they shall be disqualified from further competition and shall forfeit any premiums and ribbons already awarded.

16. An exhibitor who may desire to enter a protest must enter such protest in writing before the closing of the show and must deposit \$5.00 with the Superintendent Coordinator for review with management.

17. Any person knowingly violating the rules of the Fair may forfeit any premium that may be awarded to them.

18. No alcoholic beverages allowed on fairgrounds except for designated areas. Exhibitors breaking this rule will forfeit all fair premiums.

19. All premium checks will be mailed by September 30th of the current year and must be cashed by December 1st of the same year.

20. Any error in the records of 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 October 15th must be reported before November 1st of the current year. Errors should be reported via either email at entries@nwwafair.com or in writing to the Fair office at 1775 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264. Checks that are lost or damaged will be subjected to a \$35.00 fee for canceling and replacing a check.

21. No birds, articles or exhibits shall be withdrawn from the Fair before 8 p.m. on the last day of the show (or specified time of department) of the Fair. Exhibits so withdrawn forfeit all claims to premiums.

22. Exhibitors of animals, machinery in motion, and other exhibits liable to occasional accidents, injury, or damage to persons coming in contact herewith shall guard their exhibits in such a way as to protect the public. Such exhibitors shall indemnify the Fair from and against any claims and demands, costs, charges, and expenses which may be incurred by reason of any accident.

23. Under no circumstances will anyone remove from the fairgrounds any feed, bedding or eggs.

24. The objectives of the Northwest Washington Fair Association shall be to hold an annual Fair in Lynden, Washington; and to engage in any lawful use, thereby promoting the agricultural, educational, business and cultural growth of Northwest Washington.

25. **Note: ALL premium checks will be mailed no later than September 30th.**

If you have questions about your entries or premium check, please email us at entries@nwwafair.com. We will respond to your email within 1-2 business days. Requests for missing premiums must be made no later than December 1. All premium checks must be cashed by December 1 of the same year issued.

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 the completed W-9 form.

SHOW RING ETHICS

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

Administration of drugs of any kind or description, except for treating a recognized disease or injury shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or poultry show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and poultry show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether he or she was instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or poultry show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or poultry show without recourse against the fair or poultry show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or poultry show may be published

With the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.

The act of entering of an animal in a fair or poultry show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

METHOD TO REGISTER A FORMAL COMPLAINT:

Presenting a signed letter to the Superintendent of that department. A form letter is available at the Superintendent's office.

Be a current Northwest Washington Fair exhibitor competing in the same department as the complaint that is being registered.

The Fair Management will act upon any and all formal complaints.

VETERINARY INFORMATION

The check-in exam will be limited to meeting only the Health Requirements for entry into the Fair. No additional healthcare exams will be done during this time.

A KVH Veterinarian will stop in twice each day (a.m./p.m.) starting the first day of the Fair to attend to animal health needs. The veterinarian will be available to answer general questions regarding animal health. There will be no farm call charged during a scheduled walk through –

Owners will be required to pay KVH for services (including exams - \$55.00 minimum and treatment if needed).

Any other calls to the Fair outside of the above scheduled visits will be subject to a farm call as well as the appropriate veterinarian fees.

The fair veterinarian's professional decision as to the health status of an animal is final and will be upheld by the fair board. Any animal refused by the veterinarian at check-in must be removed from the fair grounds and returned home immediately. There are no facilities to house animals that can't be exhibited.

Animals on exhibit at the Fair are the very best of their species and must present this image to the viewing public.

Exhibitors should note and respect the potential for exposure to health-threatening conditions while at a fair. Crowding of animals, long distance hauling and changing environmental conditions are major stresses to which exhibit animals are subjected. Animals, like humans, have the capability to become recovered carriers of viruses or other infectious agents. Exhibition-imposed stress may cause a recrudescence or reactivation with resulting outbreaks of disease, as occurs with malaria in humans. The Fair management will do all in its power to protect each exhibit while on display.

CLUB & CHAPTER BIRDSMANSHIP

1. Good care of your animal and assigned exhibiting space is an important part of the privilege and responsibility of exhibiting at the Northwest Washington Fair. Because many more people see your animal in the barn than the show ring, exhibitors are expected to maintain barn, feeding, and grooming conditions that will ensure the good health and safety of the animals in their care, and will show consideration and sensitivity toward the public visiting the Northwest Washington Fair exhibit. Exhibitors are expected to be available to the fair visitor to discuss their 4-H exhibit or project. 4-H exhibitors are reminded that they are hosts/hostesses in their barn.

2. The public's interest in animal welfare, and their opinion of the quality of care given to animals, has become a critical issue. To promote positive animal care and to avoid questions related to this issue, the superintendent reserves the right to separate and move birds as is appropriate and exhibitors may be asked to take ill, injured or unrepresentable birds home.

3. Exhibiting 4-H members are to perform their own birdsmanship chores. Birdsmanship done by non-exhibitors can result in forfeit of all awards and premiums by the exhibitor involved. 1 warning will be given by the superintendent.

4. Every exhibitor on birdsmanship duty should wear a birdsmanship apron supplied by the department and be open to answer questions, sweep, take care of animals and assist the public and superintendent during all hours the barn is open to the public.

6. It is the intent of the Northwest Washington to recognize every exhibitor who maintains adequate standards, not to try to determine only a small group of "winners". Birdsmanship should not be competitive; it is a responsibility that comes with the privilege of participating at the fair and should come with personal pride and team support.

7. Barns and displays will be examined at least twice a day. Failure to maintain adequate standards will result in loss of premiums.

8. NO COOKING IS ALLOWED IN THE BARN. For your own health, and to demonstrate to your fair visitor appropriate hygiene habits for when humans are near farm animals, please do not cook, eat or drink while in the poultry barn. This applies to exhibitor and chaperone/parent, etc. and will be enforced by the fair. Superintendents will share more information about this very serious issue during exhibitor orientation meetings. We have provided an eating area for all exhibitors to use.

QUALITY ANIMAL CARE AGREEMENT

This is an agreement, formal or implied, between participants and the management of this Fair. Its purpose is to:

- Encourage ethical decisions and activities by 4-H youth.
- Ensure the overall well-being of all 4-H animals exhibited
- Ensure the use of commonly accepted practices in preparing and exhibiting animals for show.
- Maintain the intent and integrity of animal competitions and displays for future generations.

1. The purpose of my participation in the Washington 4-H Animal Sciences Program is to strengthen my own knowledge, ability, and skill as a feeder, manager, trainer, caregiver, and exhibitor of animals and to develop my sense of responsibility and good character. If my project includes food production animals, my goal is to produce safe and wholesome food.

2. I will do my own project work to the best of my ability. The purpose of 4-H is for exhibitors to do their own project. Parents/leaders may supervise, but not participate in birdsmanship, cleaning, grooming or feeding. Exception: When safety is a concern. Exhibitors must remain present.

3. I will not use or allow abusive, fraudulent, or illegal practices or products to be used in the feeding, care, fitting, training, and showing of my animals.

4. I will not misrepresent my animals or myself in any way.

5. I will read, understand, and follow the rules, without exception, of animal shows in which I am a participant and ask that my parents and my 4-H leader do the same.

6. My animal project is an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and bad, and how to live with the outcome. I will treat other people's animals with the same respect and care I give my own animals.

7. I realize that I am responsible for the proper care and safe, humane treatment of my animals. I realize that I am also responsible for demonstrating strong moral fiber and good character as an example.

8. I will voice any objections to events related to my participation by using the protest policy described in the premium book. I will not directly interfere with the judge, show management, or other exhibitors before, during, or after the event.

9. I accept that failure to uphold this commitment could result in forfeiture of my right to participate in the 4-H Animal Sciences Program.

ANIMAL HEALTH AND THE USE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

The use of illegal drugs and/or the improper use of animal health products or foreign substances will not be tolerated in the Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program. Extension personnel, 4-H volunteers, families, youth, and fair/show officials have a legal and moral obligation not to misuse these products. We have the responsibility to tell others not to use these substances, and to report those who do use any illegal substance. The administration of any drug or medication, which could affect an animal's performance resulting in an unfair advantage or the disposition of the animal, is unacceptable. Additionally, there are federal penalties for using illegal substances in animals that are going into the nation's food supply.

4-H RULES

4-H Age is determined on October 1st of the current 4-H year

Youth who have reached their 5th birthday (on or before October 1st of the current 4-H year), through those who have not reached their 19th birthday (on or before October 1st of the current 4-H year).

The following groups are identified for special programs and activity participation, including all competitive events/activities, within the WSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program:

AGE IS DETERMINED BY OCTOBER 1 of previous year.

- **Cloverbuds: 5 to 7 years of age**
- **Junior: 8 to 10 years of age**
- **Intermediate: 11 to 13 years of age**
- **Senior: 14 to less than 19 years of age**

Cloverbuds may participate in age-appropriate activities and projects.

All poultry shown in 4H must be housed in the poultry 4H barn while at the Fair.

FAILURE TO ENTER **AND** COMPETE IN FITTING AND SHOWING WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF ALL PREMIUMS.

All 4H Birdsmanship must be done by the 4H exhibitors only and not the parents or adults of the club. Any club not abiding by this rule will not be eligible for 4-H Birdsmanship premium.

Touch up work for Fit and Show or type classes must be done by the 4H member ONLY. Any other supervision must have permission of the Superintendent. Premiums will be pulled.

The Fair Association will furnish feed and bedding.

No 4H animals shall be withdrawn from the Fair the designated check out time or premiums will be forfeited.

Self-determined projects should be brought to the grounds no later than the first day of the Poultry show.

All exhibitors must be out of the barns between 10 p.m. and 9 a.m. unless they have permission from the Superintendent.

Small Animal Round Robin

The Overall Fitting & Showing Champions from the Fit and Show classes in the Poultry, Dogs, Cats, Guinea Pig and Rabbit departments compete for Best Overall Showman. The contest is held on the morning of the final Saturday of the Fair. Previous Round Robin winners may not compete again in the same species division. They may compete again if they qualify in a different species.

The overall champion will be announced, and the runner-up rosettes will be awarded in no order.

4-H POULTRY



SUPERINTENDENT DR. ROBIN EGGENBERGER-ERICKSON

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Entries can be placed on-line until July 18th.

Please contact superintendent to change or add entries after this date.

For those planning on dusting or spraying their poultry for external parasites, please do so at least a week prior to the Fair. Trying to examine birds that have recently been dusted is dangerous to those doing the inspection and makes inspection much more difficult.

4-H EXHIBITORS:
4-H GATE ADMISSION:
Parents of 4-H Season Pass \$30
4-H Youth Helpers - \$20.00 for a 4-H/FFA Pass
4-H Leaders will receive (1) Complimentary 4-H/FFA Season Pass

All entries for 4H will be made using the same ShoWorks entry link and must be completed online.

All entries requiring payment must pay online or at time of entry appointment. All entries must be registered online. If you don't have access to a computer, the library or Fair office is an option.

4-H Exhibitors must show in Fitting and Showing in order to show in Type and to receive any premiums in the Poultry Division.

The management shall have the right to refuse entry to the showroom or to remove from the same, all diseased or unsightly birds and the Superintendent is expected to avail him/herself of this right.

4-H in action, enter online in Department 1, remember to put time needed in the description box

POULTRY CHECK IN/OUT

HAUL COOP IN	Wednesday, August 10th from 10 AM to 12 PM
MARKET ANIMAL WEIGH IN	TBD - Exhibitors are required to be on hand to assist in weighing in their birds
VET CHECKS	Wednesday, August 10th from 10 AM to 12PM. Poultry Birds are not allowed in cages until vet approval is received.
COOP OUTRELEASE	TBD

POULTRY GENERAL RULES:

- The latest edition of the American Standard of Perfection will be the guide for the judge and his/her decision shall be final.
- The Fair Association reserves the right to put more than one specimen in a coop, providing the birds belong to the same exhibitor.
- 4-H animals will be judged on the Danish system. The judge will not award a first on any specimen unless it is worthy of a premium.
- Feeding, watering, and caring for all exhibits will be under the supervision of the Superintendent. Due diligence will be shown against fire, theft, or injury, but the Fair Association will not be liable for damage or loss.
- The Fair Association reserves the right to limit the entries when the entries received exceed the accommodation, or 1 bird per class, per exhibitor. Class 5,6,7, and 8 – only 3 birds per entry per exhibitor.
- All eggs laid during the show will become the property of the Fair Association and will be destroyed.
- It is recommended that birds be leg-banded for identification purposes.
- A display is one cock, one cockerel, one hen, one pullet, and one trio (either young or old), all one breed or variety by one exhibitor. A pen is 3 birds.
- Cancellations or no shows should be made 4 days prior to the fair with the Superintendent.
- Exhibitors cannot show the same birds in Open Class, Open Jr Class, 4-H and/or FFA.

Barn Decorating: Barn will be open for 4-H/FFA club decorations on the Saturday prior to the Fair between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Prize: \$25 for best decorated club – sponsored by McCracken family

4-H Member Birdsmanship:

- **All exhibitors will be required to do at least two hours of birdsmanship (feeding, watering, and cleaning) in the poultry barn during the Fair to receive any premiums.**
- Sign up for shifts with superintendent in poultry barn
- Check in with superintendent/poultry barn supervisor upon arrival for your shift and departure
- Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to check on their own birds daily. Taking care of hundreds of birds requires a team, especially when it is hot out. Cleaning, feeding, and watering is essential to help the birds survive the stress of being in cages and the heat as well as keeping them looking their best for the public.

Thursday August 11th	
7:00 AM	4-H, Open Jr Youth and Open Class type
9:30 AM	4-H and Open Jr Youth Fitting and Showing
Friday August 12th	
10:00-11:30 AM	Poultry Judging Contest: * Open to all youth exhibitors

3 PM	Poultry Knowledge Bowl Contest * Open to all youth exhibitors
Saturday August 13th	
3 PM	Poultry Knowledge Bowl Contest * Open to youth exhibitors Rooster Crowing Contest. * sign up in Poultry Barn (no premiums; trophy only) * Open to all poultry exhibitors – Open Class, 4-H, Open Jr Youth
Sunday August 14th	
3 PM	Best Dressed Poultry Contest: * sign up in Poultry Barn (no premiums; trophy only) * Open to all poultry exhibitors – Open Class, 4-H, Open Youth
Monday August 15th	
3 PM	Poultry Drag Races: *sign up in Poultry Barn (no premiums; trophy only) *Open to all poultry exhibitors – Open Class, 4-H, Open Youth
Saturday August 20th	
10:00 AM	Small Animal Round Robin Competition

EXAMPLES:

TYPE - Single Comb, Rose Comb, etc.

BREED - Plymouth Rock, Polish, etc.

VARIETY (COLOR) - Golden Lace, Silver Lace, Barred, Partridge, etc.

STANDARD (Large) CHICKEN CLASS

American:

Buckeyes	Hollands	New Hampshires	Wyandottes
Chanteclers	Javas	Plymouth Rocks	Other
Delawares	Jersey Giants	Rhode Island Reds	
Dominiques	Lamonas	Rhode Island Whites	

Asiatic:

Brahmas	Cochins	Langshans	Other
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English:

Australorps	Dorkings	Redcaps	Other
Cornish	Orpingtons	Sussex	

Continental:

Campines	Hamburgs	La Fleche	Polish
Crevecoeurs	Houdans	Lakenverlders	Welssummer
Faverolles	Other		

Mediterranean:

Ancona	Catalanas	Minorcas	Spanish
Andalusians	Leghorns	Sicilian Buttercups	Other

All Other Standard Breeds:

Ameraucanas	Frizzles	Old English Games	Sumatras
Araucanas	Malays	Phoenix	Yokohamas

Aseels	Modern Game	Shamos	Other
Cubalayas	Naked Necks	Sultans	

BANTAM CLASSES:

Modern Games

Old English & American Games

Single Comb Clean Legged (Other than Game):

Anconas	Dorkings	Lakenvelders	Orphingtons	Other
Andalusians	Frizzles	Lamonas	Phoenix	
Australorps	Hollands	Leghorns	Plymouth Rocks	
Campines	Japanese	Minorcas	Rhode Island Reds	
Catalanas	Javas	Naked Necks	Spanish	
Delawares	Jersey Giants	New Hampshires	Sussex	

Rose Comb Clean Legged:

Anconas	Hamburgs	Rhode Island Reds	Wyandottes
Belgian Bearded d'Anvers	Leghorns	Rhode Island Whites	Other
Dominiques	Minorcas	Rosecombs	
Dorkings	Redcaps	Sebrights	

All Other Combs Clean Legged:

Ameraucana	Cornish	La Fleche	Sicilian Buttercups
Araucana	Crevecoeurs	Malays	Sumatras
Buckeyes	Cubalayas	Polish	Yokomahas
Chanteclers	Houdans	Shamos	Other

Feather Legged:

Booted	Cochins	Frizzles	Silkies	Other
Brahmas	Faverolles	Langshans	Sultans	

DIVISION A - FITTING AND SHOWING

All 4-H exhibitors must participate in Fitting & Showing to receive premiums.

PREMIUMS: Blue \$20.00 Red \$15.00 White \$10.00

CLASS NUMBERS

1. Novice, first year fitting and showing
2. Junior, 8 - 10 years of age
3. Intermediate, 11 - 13 years of age
4. Senior, 14 to less than 18 ears of age

DIVISION AA - Cloverbud Fitting and Showing – Must be signed up as a 4-H Club Cloverbud, Participation only.

CLASS NUMBER

1. Cloverbud fit and show

DIVISION B – STANDARD (LARGE) CHICKENS
DIVISION C – BANTAM CHICKENS
DIVISION D - FRYERS
DIVISION E - DUCKS
DIVISION F - GEESE
DIVISION G - TURKEYS
DIVISION H - PIGEONS
DIVISION J - PEA FOWL
DIVISION K - OTHER

PREMIUMS: Blue \$5.00 Red \$4.00 White \$3.00

CLASS NUMBERS

1. Cock (One year of age and over)
2. Hen (One year of age and over)
3. Cockerel (Less than one year of age, but over five months)
4. Pullet (Less than one year of age, but over five months)

PREMIUMS: Blue \$20.00 Red \$15.00 White \$10.00

CLASS NUMBERS

1. Old Trio (One cock, two hens – same breed; Over one year of age)
2. Young Trio (One cockerel, two pullets – same breed; Under one year of age)
3. Pen of Hens (Three of same breed)

Grand and Reserve Champion awarded in each class

DIVISION L – BEST DECORATED CLUB – Open to 4-H only

Judging based on education information, club banner, etc.

No decorations to obscure public viewing of birds or to obstruct ventilation

Cash Prize - \$25 (Sponsored by McCracken Family)

DIVISION M – POULTRY JUDGING –

Contest will consist of poultry judging, breed identification, poultry industry facts, oral reasons, anatomy, etc.

PREMIUMS: Blue \$6.00 Red \$5.00 White \$4.00

CLASS NUMBER

1. Novice, first year fitting and showing
2. Junior, 8 - 10 years of age
3. Intermediate, 11 - 13 years of age
4. Senior, 14 to less than 18 years of age

DIVISION N – SELF DETERMINED PROJECT – 4-H ONLY

Any project built during the current 4-H year and associated with 4-H member's poultry project i.e., nesting box, coop, etc.

Projects should be brought to the Poultry Building on Sunday for judging and display throughout the Fair. If too large to bring in, it can be entered as an 8"x 11" photo with a description on a 3" x 5" card about the project was made and how it relates to poultry.

PREMIUMS: Blue \$ 9.00 Red \$ 7.00 White \$ 6.00

CLASS NUMBER

1. Projects costing over \$5.00 to make

PREMIUMS: Blue \$ 5.00 Red \$ 4.00 White \$ 3.00

CLASS NUMBER

2. Projects costing under \$5.00 to make

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To all Poultry Lovers showing at the Northwest Washington Fair,

The intent of this note is to remind you that showing poultry at the NWWF (or any other poultry show) puts your birds at risk of acquiring infectious agents such as viruses, bacteria, and external parasites such as lice and mites. They may be susceptible to diseases they have not encountered before at your own home.

The veterinarians will be checking each bird for symptoms of any illness and will send home any bird they see unfit for show or that put any other birds that enter the fair at risk.

For those planning on dusting or spraying their poultry for external parasites, please do so at least a week prior to the Fair. Trying to examine birds that have recently been dusted is dangerous to those doing the inspection and makes inspection much more difficult.

Due to the recent threat of both Avian Flu and Infectious Laryngotracheitis(ILT), do not bring any bird(all waterfowl, chickens, turkeys, game birds or pigeons) that shows signs of sneezing, coughing/wheezing, eye or nasal discharge, open-mouthed breathing or lethargy. If you have had any recent illnesses or deaths in your flock, please do not bring any birds to the fair. This will help reduce the spread of potentially fatal diseases.

Most all of you know about poultry lice, however, there is a threat of mites as well. Your birds will be healthier and cleaner if you bathe them prior to the fair. See the attached information on bathing your birds prior to show.

LICE-- are tiny, wingless, 6-legged, flat bodied, insects. They lay their eggs on the host bird's feathers, especially near the base of the feather shaft. They spend their entire life cycle on the host bird, primarily in the feathers around the vent area, under the wings and abdomen. Most common treatments include cleaning and disinfecting the house as well as using an approved dust or spray made for poultry. The treatment of the birds must be done 2 weeks apart and ALL birds treated should be repeated as needed (usually 2-3 times.) Permethrin 2 or Prozap Garden and Poultry spray do not require egg or meat withholding times.

MITES--are a whole different problem. They are very tiny and difficult to see with the naked eye. They have 8 legs and most commonly spread through bird-to-bird contact. They suck the blood of the fowl and can live off the host bird for 2-3 weeks. This means that they must be treated differently than lice. Mites often hide in the cracks and crevices of the poultry house and come out at night and attack your poultry. The life cycle can be as little as 10 days, which allows for a quick turnover and heavy infestations.

The treatment is very different as well. Birds must all be treated with the off-label use of Ivermectin every 10 days for up to 3-4 treatments as well as complete disinfection of housing, roosts and nesting boxes. Then the house must be completely dried and then all cracks and crevices filled and sealed with a primer/sealer. This is a very time-consuming and costly endeavor.

Most birds with mites have observable signs that may include darkening of the feathers on white feathered birds due to mite feces, scabbing of the skin near the vent, and generally an overall ill-thrift appearance of the birds. The veterinarians inspecting your birds prior to entry at the fair will do their very best to prevent the spread of any infectious diseases as well as external parasites. It is critical to understand that viruses and bacteria as well as external parasites are not easy to identify. Thus, it is best to isolate your birds at least 4-6 weeks after the fair to prevent possible contamination into your home flock, dust or spray all birds with an appropriate poultry dust or spray once you get home and then 2 weeks later and continue to inspect housing and birds for any signs of disease before allowing fair shown birds access to your other poultry for up to 4-6 weeks.