



Welcome to the 2023 Northwest Washington Fair

from

Kulshan Veterinary Hospital

your official Fair veterinarians

Kulshan Veterinary Hospital is once again excited to be preparing for our local summer highlight, the Northwest Washington Fair. For over 40 years we have served as the official NWWF veterinarians. It's a privilege to serve in this role and always fun to support our local agricultural community, local kids, and their animals.

No one wants their animals to be denied entry into the Fair or to get sick during their time there. Adequate preparation reduces the risk of this happening and knowing the health requirements and recommendations for each species is part of that preparation.

Beef and Dairy Cattle

Required: All females over 12 months of age must be vaccinated against Brucellosis (Bangs) and have a valid tattoo in their right ear.

Recommended: Vaccinate 1-2 months prior to the Fair with an intranasal or injectable respiratory vaccine that protects against BVD type 1 and 2, PI3, BRSV, and IBR. Other optional vaccines include Pink eye, Clostridials, Leptospirosis. Deworm 1 month prior to the Fair. Be aware of meat withdrawal times.

Goats and Sheep

Required: Must be identified prior to arrival in a manner that meets USDA requirements for Scrapie ID program. Call 1-800-USDA-TAG for more information and to acquire tags. No bucks are allowed unless they are still nursing and accompanying their mothers. Schedule accordingly so castrations sites are healed completely by Fair time.

Recommended: Vaccinate 1-2 months prior to the Fair against Clostridium C and D and Tetanus. These are typically available in an all-in-one shot. Lice/mite treatment should be done 2-3 weeks prior to the Fair.

Swine

Recommended: Vaccinate 1-2 months prior to the Fair against Erysipelas and Swine Flu. Other optional vaccines are Bordetella and Pasteurella. In many cases, protection against these diseases is available in an all-in-one shot. Deworming should be done 1-2 months prior to the Fair. Be aware of meat withdrawal times.

Horses

Required: Vaccination record and Horse Health Declaration Form are required to be submit for review by the veterinarians at check in. Both of these forms are available at the end of the Fair online Horse Premium Book. Horses on any prescription meds, especially Bute, Banamine, Equioxx, or Voltaren MUST bring a letter of explanation from their Veterinarian.

Recommended: Vaccinate 1-2 months prior to the Fair against Flu/Rhino/Tetanus/West Nile if not current within the last year. Optional vaccines will also include EEE/WEE/Rabies.

Horses out of state will need up to date health certificate and coggins.

Poultry

Recommended: Dusting for external parasites should be done 2 weeks prior to the Fair and additionally one week before check in. The recommended dates would be July 26th and August 1st.

Dogs

Required: Current vaccination against Rabies, Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza and Parvovirus.

Recommended: Current vaccination against Bordetella (Kennel Cough)

Cats

Required: Current vaccination against Rabies, Panleukopenia, Rhinotracheitis and Calci virus.

Recommended: Current vaccination against Feline Leukemia

Rabbits & Guinea Pigs

Required: All rabbits must have a permanent ear number/tattoo for identification purposes. Cavy entries must have ear tag.

Other Important Considerations

Fair check-in exams will be limited to meeting 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 Thursday afternoon to attend to animal health needs. Exhibitors needing the veterinarian to examine their animal will need to sign up on the lists located in designated areas. For more information on the location of these lists, contact your superintendent. Animals that are examined will incur a charge for veterinary services. There will be no farm call charged during a scheduled walk through, but owners will be required to pay KVH for services

and supplies (including exams – \$60 minimum plus any treatment if needed). KVH Veterinarians will also be available to answer general questions regarding animal health at no additional charge.

Calls to the Fair for veterinary service 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 entry by the veterinarian at check-in or dismissed during the Fair must be removed from the fairgrounds and returned home immediately. There are no facilities to house animals that cannot be exhibited. Our goal is that animals on exhibit at the Fair be the very best of their species and present a positive image to the viewing public, particularly those with limited agricultural and/or animal experience.

Conditions that will warrant ejection at check in include:

Mange	Ticks	Fever	Respiratory Disease
Lice	Warts	Ringworm	Diarrhea
Foot Rot	Pinkeye	Emaciation	Visible wounds
Erysipelas	Strangles	Caseous Lymphadenitis	Atrophic rhinitis
	Safety concerns	Fleas	
Unhealed castration or dehorn sites		Public viewing and/or PR concerns	
Excessive Aggressiveness		Any other animal or public health concern	

This is a comprehensive, but not exclusive, list of common health conditions that will result in the veterinarians will send your animal home at check in. Our goal is not to be punitive, but to protect the health of all the animals coming to the Fair and to present animals in a positive light to the viewing public. Thank you for your help and understanding as we strive to achieve this goal.

Enjoy the Fair!

