SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 20

8:00 a.m. Clean-Up on Saunders County Fairgrounds

TUESDAY, JULY 23

6:00 p.m. Static Exhibits/Livestock Superintendent Meeting & Dinner – Community Building

THURSDAY, JULY 25

1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 4-H Fashion Show Judging ENREEC building (1071 County Road G) Closed to

public

6:30 p.m. Rodeo Gates Open

8:00 p.m. PRCA Rodeo Begins (4-H Night) – Rodeo Arena

FRIDAY, JULY 26

6:30 p.m. Rodeo Gates Open

7:00 -11:00 p.m. Carnival

8:00 p.m. PRCA Rodeo Begins (Patriot/Military Night) -

Rodeo Arena

SATURDAY, JULY 27

6:30 p.m. Rodeo Gates Open 7:00 -11:00 p.m. Carnival – Wristband Night

8:00 p.m. PRCA Rodeo Begins (Seniors Night) - Rodeo Arena

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:00 a.m. 4-H Fair Shirts available for pick up – Fair Office

8:30 a.m. Check-in Dogs – Gayle *Hattan Pavilion* 9:00 a.m. 4-H Dog Agility, Rally, Showmanship & Dog

Obedience— Gayle Hattan Pavilion

11:00 a.m. 4-H Favorite Foods Day Contest – 4-H Building

- Closed to public

1:00 p.m. Tractor/Truck Pulls – Rodeo Arena

1:30 p.m. Kids Pedal Pull Registration – Open Air Pavilion

2:00 p.m. Kids Pedal Pull Presented by Saunders County

Farm Bureau - Open Air Pavilion

2:00-4:00 p.m. Carnival (Kiddie Rides & Limited Food Vendors)

MONDAY, JULY 29

8:00 a.m. Set-up Cat Cages – *Open Air Pavilion* 8:30 a.m. Check-in Cats – *Open Air Pavilion* 8:30 - 9 a.m. Check-in 4-H Archery – *Rodeo Arena*

9:00 a.m. Open to All Livestock Entries (Beef, Dairy,

Sheep, Swine, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits)

9:00 a.m. 4-H Cat Show – *Open Air Pavilion* 9:30 a.m. 4-H Archery Contest – *Rodeo Arena*

1:00 p.m. 4-H BB Gun Shooting Sports Competition

(following conclusion of Archery Contest) -

Gayle Hattan Pavilion

30 minutes after 4-H Air Rifle Shooting Sports Competition (30

minutes following conclusion of BB Gun Shooting Sports Competition – *Gayle Hattan*

Pavilion

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. 4-H & FFA Pool Day – Wahoo Aquatic Center (free passes for 4-H & FFA members @ Fair Office)

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. 4-H & FFA Static Exhibits Entry – 4-H Building

5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Entry - Open Class Patio

TUESDAY, JULY 30

8:30 a.m. Check-in Horses – Halter horses checked in

prior to 8:30 a.m.

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Judging of 4-H Exhibits & Interview Judging

by Appointment – 4-H Building – Closed to

public

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Judging of Open Class Exhibits – Open Class

& Community Buildings - Closed to public

9:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Show – Halter & Showmanship –

Rodeo Arena

TBA that day 4-H Horse Show – Rodeo Arena

12:00 - 4 p.m. RockIT Event Pros FREE Kids Activities

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. 4-H & FFA Pool Day – Wahoo Aquatic Center (free passes for 4-H & FFA members @ Fair Office)

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Check-in Rabbits – Poultry/Rabbit Barn

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Check-in All Poultry- including eggs and

market broilers- Poultry/Rabbit Barn

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Check-in 4-H & FFA Dairy Goats -

Sheep/Goat Barn

5:30 p.m. 4-H / Open Class / Community (Open Class

Quilts) Buildings Open to Public *Or at the

completion of judging

5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Free Polka "Angie Kriz & the PolkaToons" -

Open Air Pavilion

7:00 -11:00 p.m. Carnival – Wristband Night 8:00 p.m. Check-in Dairy Cattle – *Beef Barn*

8:00 p.m. All Livestock, Rabbit, Poultry (except broilers)

and Exhibits in place (including swine)

8:00 p.m. Swine ear notches and Identification checked;

stall cards must be in place

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

ALL DAY Fair Fun Scavenger Hunt – get forms at fair office

6:30 – 9:30 a.m. Kiwanis Pancake Feed – West Shelter 8:00 a.m. 4-H ATV Safety Driving – Rodeo Arena 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Check-in 4-H & FFA Sheep – Sheep/Goat

Barn

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Check-in 4-H & FFA Meat Goats Sheep/Goat

Barn

9:00 a.m. Catch-A-Lamb Books due – Fair Office

9:00 a.m. Saunders Co Dairy Women Ice Cream Stand

4-H Building

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Fair Fun Day tours - meet at Open Class Patio

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Husker Mobile Beef Trailer – Location TBD

9 a.m. – 9 p.m. 4-H / Open Class / Community (Open Class

Quilts) Buildings Open to Public

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Free Watermelon Feed sponsored by Frontier

Coop – near Rodeo Arena

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Papa Bear Wood Carving

12:00 p.m. 4-H Tractor Driving Contest (or immediately

following ATV Contest) – Rodeo Arena

12:00 - 4 p.m. RockIT Event Pros FREE Kids Activities

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. 4-H & FFA Pool Day – Wahoo Aquatic Center (free passes for 4-H & FFA members @ Fair Office)

2:00 p.m. Catch-A-Lamb Interviews – Fair Office

2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Face Painting by Colors da Clown

6:00 p.m. Hay Hauling Contest Presented by Raymond

Central FFA Alumni – Rodeo Arena

7:00 p.m. Sunset Sips - Wine & Beer Tasting - Open Air

Pavilion

7:00 -11:00 p.m. Carnival (Kiddie Rides/Games closing 10pm) 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. BINGO – hosted by American Legion & VFW

– East Picnic Shelter

TBD Setup of Livestock Show Rings by Livestock

Superintendents- Gayle Hattan Pavilion

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THURSDAY		10 a.m 3 p.m	Rivalry Apparel – Tshirt Printing On Demand
	air Fun Scavenger Hunt – get forms at fair office	11 am 6 mm	- Community Building
ALL DAY	KDART Live Painting Entertainment	11 am - 6pm	Papa Bear Wood Carving
	n. Check-in 4-H and FFA Beef – Beef Barn	12 - 4 p.m.	RockIT Event Pros FREE Kids Activities Balloon Brigade – FREE Caricature Artist
8:00 a.m.	4-H Sheep Show – Gayle Hattan Pavilion East		
	Show Ring		. 4-H & FFA Pool Day – <i>Wahoo Aquatic Center</i> e passes for 4-H & FFA members @ Fair Office)
8:00 a.m.	4-H Dairy Goat Show (Only Milking Dairy		
	Goats released following the show!) – Gayle		n. Frontier Family Fun Zone
	Hattan Pavilion West Show Ring	5:00 p.m.	. Face Painting by Colors da Clown 4-H Public Fashion Show – <i>Open Air Pavilion</i>
9:00 a.m.	Saunders Co Dairy Women Ice Cream Stand		•
	– 4-H Building	6:30 -10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Demo Derby (cars/combines) – Rodeo Arena
9 a.m 9 p.m.		7:00 p.m. 7:00 -11:00 p.m	
	Quilts) Buildings Open to Public		n. BINGO – hosted by American Legion & VFW
9 a.m 9 p.m.		7.00 - 11.00 p.i	East Picnic Shelter
10:00 a.m.	4-H Dairy Cattle Show (or 10 minutes		- Last I lettle Stieller
	following the Dairy Goat Show) (Only Milking	SATURDAY	, AUGUST 3
	Dairy Cattle released following the show!) –		air Fun Scavenger Hunt – get forms at fair office
10am 2nm	Gayle Hattan Pavilion West Show Ring Saunders Co Fair Merch Tent – Gayle Hattan		KDART Live Painting Entertainment
10am - 2pm	the contract of the contract o		orth Bend Pack 110 Cub Scouts Breakfast Booth
11 am 6 am	Livestock Pavilion Papa Bear Wood Carving	8:00 a.m.	4-H Swine Show – Gayle Hattan Pavilion
		8:30 a.m.	Check-in Household Pets – Open Air Pavilion
12:00 p.m.	4-H Meat Goat (or 30 minutes following the	9:00 a.m.	Household Pets Show – Open Air Pavilion
	Sheep Show Show) – Gayle Hattan Pavilion	9:00 a.m.	Saunders Co Dairy Women Ice Cream Stand
12:00 p.m.	East Show Ring Bucket Calf Record Books due – Fair Office	3.00 a.m.	- 4-H Building
12:00 p.m.	RockIT Event Pros FREE Kids Activities	9 a.m 9 p.m.	The state of the s
12 - 4 p.m.	Face Painting by Colors da Clown	3 a.iii 3 p.iii.	Quilts) Buildings Open to Public
	n. 4-H & FFA Pool Day – <i>Wahoo Aquatic Center</i>	9 a.m 9 p.m.	
	ee passes for 4-H & FFA members @ Fair Office)	10am - 2pm	Saunders Co Fair Merch Tent – Gayle Hattan
2:00 p.m.	Catch-A-Lamb Interviews – Fair Office	roam zpm	Livestock Pavilion
5:00 p.m.	Saunders County Fair Parade – Downtown	10am - 4pm	Golden Road Boutique Hat Bar –
0.00 p.m.	Wahoo		Community Building
5:00 - 7:30 p m	. BBQ sponsored by Saunders County	10am - 4pm	Three Rivers Public Health Dept. Mobile
0.00 7.00 p	Livestock Association – Open Air Pavilion		Education Trailer – location TBD
6:30 -10 p.m.	Wahoo BSA Troop 140 Food Stand - <i>Midway</i>	10:30 a.m.	4-H Clover Kid Show – Open Air Pavilion
•	ce Cream Social Free Will Donation sponsored	11 am - 6pm	Papa Bear Wood Carving
	by Friends of Saunders County 4-H & Extension	12 Noon	Final Auction Animals Identified – Fair Office
	Foundation– Gayle Hattan Pavilion	12:30pm	Cornhole Tournament Presented by Bohunk
7:00 p.m.	4-H Best Dressed Critter Contest – Gayle	Bagge	ers & Lincoln Cornhole - Open Air Pavilion
	Hattan Pavilion – FORMS DUE BY 12PM	12:00 - 4 p.m.	RockIT Event Pros FREE Kids Activities
7:00 p.m.	Figure 8 Races – Rodeo Arena	1:00 - 5:00 p.m	. Balloon Brigade – FREE Caricature Artist
7:00 -11:00 p.m	n. Carnival (Kiddie Rides/Games close @ 10pm)		I Ice Cream Rolling Contest – Open Class Patio
7:00 - 11:00 p.r	m. BINGO – hosted by American Legion & VFW		4-H Livestock Round Robin Showmanship or
	– East Picnic Shelter	30 minutes	s following Swine Show – <i>Gayle Hattan Pavilion</i>
		6:00 p.m.	Concert Doors Open – Early Gate Admission
FRIDAY, AU	IGUST 2		Tickets
ALL DAY F	air Fun Scavenger Hunt – get forms at fair office	6:30 p.m.	Concert Doors Open
ALL DAY	KDART Live Painting Entertainment	6:30 -10 p.m.	Wahoo BSA Troop 140 Food Stand - Midway
7:30 - 8:30 a.m	. Check-in Junior Bulls, Feeder & Bucket		n. Carnival – Wristband Night
	Calves – Beef Barn	7:00 - 11:00 p.r	m. BINGO – hosted by American Legion & VFW
7:30 - 11am No	orth Bend Pack 110 Cub Scouts Breakfast Booth		– East Picnic Shelter
8:00 - 9 a.m.	Check-in & Ultrasound Swine – Swine Barn	7:30 p.m.	Concert with Corey Kent & Logan Mize – Pits
8:30 a.m.	Bucket Calf Interviews – Fair Office	OLINIDAY A	LIQUOT 4
8:30 a.m.	4-H Rabbit Show (Showmanship	SUNDAY, A	
	nultaneously during show) – Open Air Pavilion	8:00 a.m.	Release of all 4-H livestock, rabbits, & poultry
9:00 a.m.	4-H Poultry Show (judging begins in poultry	ALL DAY	KDART Live Painting Entertainment
	barn for waterfowl, turkey and broilers		n. Open Class Building CLOSED to public
	followed by eggs and then all other poultry.	9 a.m. – 12 p.m	n. 4-H Static Exhibits released – Pick up
	Showmanship simultaneously during the	40 0	premiums & projects in 4-H Building
0.00	show) – Open Air Pavilion	12 p.m. – 2 p.m	n. Open Class Exhibits Released – Pick up
9:00 a.m.	4-H Beef Show – Gayle Hattan Pavilion	40.00	premiums & projects in Open Class Building
9:00 a.m.	Saunders Co Dairy Women Ice Cream Stand	12:00 p.m.	4-H BBQ – Gayle Hattan Pavilion Sponsored
0 0	– 4-H Building		by the Saunders Co Livestock & Ag
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.			Association, Saunders Co 4-H Council &
9 a.m 9 p.m.	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1.00	Saunders Co Ag Society
0 a m 0 n ==	Quilts) Buildings Open to Public	1:00 p.m.	4-H Meritorious Award Recognition – <i>Gayle</i>

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Children's Barnyard

Hattan Pavilion

4-H Livestock Sale - Gayle Hattan Pavilion

1:30 p.m.

4-H FACTS

What is 4-H?

LOTS of Things!

4-H is fun!

4-H is for all youth ages 5-18.

4-H is for adults.

4-H is part of the Nebraska Extension; (UNL) Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; and National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)-United States Department of Agriculture.

Non-Formal Education

4-H is a non-formal practical, learn-by-doing educational program for youth ages 8-18 years old. All ages stated for county events must be that age as of December 31 of previous year. Eligibility to exhibit at fair: regular 4-H & FFA members ages 8 to 18 & Clover Kids ages 5 to 7 years old.

Learn-By-Doing

4-H is education for life that uses a learn-by-doing approach which enables young people to learn what is useful to them. It enables them to adapt what they learn to everyday life through action and reflection. 4-H gives youth the opportunity to experience a sense of accomplishment and success, key ingredients to gaining positive self-esteem.

A Family Affair

4-H is a family affair. 4-H'ers and family members are encouraged to attend meetings together. Working on projects can take place at home, in the yard, or around the kitchen table - with guidance from parents, siblings, a neighbor, friend or other adult. 4-H members need the support and encouragement of their families. Growing together through 4-H enhances family strengths.

4-H Mission Statement

To develop youth and volunteers by utilizing the knowledge base of the land-grant university system. Through non-formal education, participants will acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and strengthen values that enable them to become increasing self-directing, productive, contributing citizens.

4-H Colors

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green symbolizes nature's most common color and represents life, springtime, and youth. White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

4-H Emblem



A green four-leaf clover with a white H on each leaf. The H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health, the foundation of all 4-H programs.

The official emblem is copyrighted and may be used only as approved by 4-H.

4-H Motto

"To Make The Best Better"

4-H Slogan

Learn By Doing

4-H Pledge

I Pledge:

My head to clearer thinking

My heart to greater loyalty

My hands to larger service

My health to better living

For my club, my community, my country, and my world

Practical Skills

4-H participants learn *practical skills* such as fitness, meal preparation, rocket building, clothing care, animal, and human nutrition, first aid, woodworking, gardening, and many other skills through the more than 150 projects available.

Life Skills

Other skills that are defined as *life skills* are a part of every 4-H project. A life skill can be defined as "an ability that is necessary and useful throughout life." These skills include the "thinking," "doing," and "feeling" abilities used in many situations. The life skills learned through 4-H are those which contribute positively to productive, healthy, and competent lives. They include:

HEAD

- Thinking Critically: Having curiosity about our world and the desire and ability to learn more about something of interest.
- Solving Problems: Consider a problem, make a decision, see how the decision affects others, and take responsibility for the decision.

HEART

- Respecting Self, Others, and the Environment: Knowing what is unique or special about oneself, others, and the environment.
- Communicating: Learning how to give and receive messages appropriately.

HANDS

- Preparing for a Career: Exploring career opportunities and developing skills for them.
- Serving Others: Recognizing each person has a responsibility to the community.

HEALTH

- Healthy Lifestyles: Learn what is good for mind and body and practice those things.
- Managing Change & Challenges: Able to adapt and function in a changing world.

2024 SAUNDERS COUNTY

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The Important Things Are Not Ribbons

There once was a boy who won ribbons, mostly blue Came home from the fair with a big trophy too, With a voice glad and proud He said to his dad, "'Tis the very best year that I've ever had."

Said his very wise Dad, "Son, I'd like to hear, Why you think that this was such a very fine year." "Why, dad, you well know all the prizes I've won: How I've come out on top in most things I've done."

"Just look at the ribbons that hang on my wall, And think of the money I've made since last fall. From premium checks and a big auction price You can't help but think cash and ribbons are nice."

But the man said, "My son you're not thinking right, Blue ribbons, 'tis true are better than white: But ribbons will fade, and trophies grow old, Moneys soon spent and fame soon grows cold.

"The important things, son, are not ribbons or pins, And sometimes it's really the loser who wins. Now here are the things most important, it's true Your 4-H experience has accomplished for you. "You've seen how a business meeting is run. This knowledge will help you in years to come. You've conquered the fear of addressing a crowd, You've learned how to stand up and tall: nice and loud."

"Patience you've learned in your projects too, As well as your skills that will always help you." "You've learned the fine feeling it gives you to lend A glad helping hand to a stranger or friend."

"You've learned to cooperate with majority rule, To give in with grace and not be a fool, Who must always have his very own way, Be in club work, in School or at play."

"You've learned how to lose without making a beef You know the judge judges to his best belief You've learned how to win without boasting too loud, A kid can lose friends if he's overly proud."

"These are the things most important to you You'll remember and use them all your life through They'll help you become a mighty fine man, They'll do more for you than a prize ever can." ~Anonymous

4-H YOUTH/PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

The primary goal of the 4-H Program is to help youth develop competency in their projects, confidence in themselves and others, connections to their community and sound character. Actions by persons (Parents, and 4-Her's) involved with the 4-H Program will be consistent with the six core ethical values comprising good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness, and citizenship.

As a 4-H Participant/Parent/Guardian I will:

- Treat all people and property with respect, courtesy, consideration, and compassion. Avoid and prevent put-downs, insults, name calling, swearing and other language or nonverbal conduct likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.
- Keep informed about 4-H program policies and projects and read materials pertaining to the county 4-H program.
- Teach and model kindness and compassion for others. Recognize that all people have skills and talents which can be used to help others and improve the community. Teach and foster teamwork and discourage selfishness.
- Practice fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions, and
 opinions of others. I will make all reasonable efforts to assure equal
 access to participation for all youth and adults regardless of race, creed,
 color, sex, national origin, or disability. Decisions will be made fairly and
 treat all individuals and families with impartiality.
- Obey laws and rules as an obligation of being a good citizen. I accept responsibility for the proper treatment and care for other youth and adults, the program facilities and/or equipment.
- Demonstrate the responsible treatment of animals and stewardship of the environment.
- Not use alcohol or illegal substances (or be under the influence) while working with or participating in any part of the 4-H Program.
- Provide a safe environment for all parties involved in 4-H. I will protect
 those involved from sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental
 abuse, neglect, or other harmful behaviors.

4-H Parents, Guardian and/or Youth who do not abide by the above code of conduct, may receive the following consequences:

- Be asked to explain actions to the 4-H Council.
- Be dismissed from an event at own expense.
- Further disciplinary action determined by the 4-H Council, which may include:
 - restriction from contacting 4-H families, volunteers, donors, and/or sponsors pertaining to any 4-H matter
 - becoming ineligible to attend any further 4-H activities
 - family may become ineligible to participate in the County 4-H Program
- Reimburse the proper entity for any property damage or for liability resulting from inappropriate actions. In the case of vandalism, guilty party may be required to reimburse 4-H and/or the facility.

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES:

- Any rules, regulations, or qualification not set forth in this book shall be determined by the State Fair Rules in the appropriate
- Any person or persons that confronts or otherwise harass judges hired for the Saunders County Fair may be asked to leave the grounds, at the discretion of the Saunders County Agricultural Society or Extension Staff.
- Late entries for animals and all contests will be allowed to show but dropped a ribbon color and are ineligible for medals and Champion awards at the Saunders County Fair.
- Adults caught contributing alcohol to minors on the fairgrounds will be turned over to the proper authorities.
- A sponsored 4-H T-shirt must be worn for all 4-H livestock shows and 4-H contests except horse show, style show, favorite foods & best dressed critter contests. T-shirts can be picked up starting on the first Sunday of the Saunders County Fair at the fair 4-H Office.
 - Blue jeans are required for exhibitors in all contests, except for horse contestants. Shorts are not allowed to be worn by any exhibitor except for style show, favorite foods, and best dressed critter. White pants may be worn by dairy cattle and dairy goat exhibitors. No caps or hats allowed except for horse contestants.
- No dogs, bicycles, or drones are allowed on the Fairgrounds. Exception: exhibit dogs on Sunday - Dog Show Day or those used in the Best Dressed Critter contest on Thursday evening.
- No dogs are allowed in the Livestock barns at any time.
- Unless otherwise stated within an individual division, a member may enter one item per class number.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- To be eligible for this show, the exhibit must be the result of the 4-H member's project since last county fair.
- 4-H members must have been enrolled (4-HOnline) in a 4-H club (or as an individual) that has been organized prior to the Enrollment Deadline (JUNE 15 for all projects).
- 4-H members may enroll in more than one county 4-H program. However, 4-H members may NOT enroll in the same project in more than one county. Therefore, 4-H members are limited to exhibiting a project in only one county. This does not apply to Progress Shows, Breed Shows or District Fair.
- All animals must have been identified according to 4-H & FFA Animal Identification Procedures - Saunders County. Contact the Nebraska Extension Office for a complete set of requirements.
- Exhibitors may show in 4-H or FFA but cannot use the same projects in both.
- Purple ribbon winners shall be eligible for a trophy or medal within an individual livestock class.
- Anyone trying to misrepresent project work will forfeit premium money and will be ineligible for any awards for that year. The Saunders County Fair Board, Nebraska Extension and/or the Saunders County 4-H Council reserves the right to declare exhibits ineligible for exhibiting.

EXHIBITS IN GOOD TASTE:

All 4-H exhibits are expected to be in good taste and promote the mission of the 4-H Program. Exhibits glorifying or promoting lewd conduct, substance abuse, profanity, violence, hate or other forms of discrimination or other negative behaviors are not acceptable.

PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE DUE: JULY 1st by 11:59 p.m.

- Archery Contest
- ATV Driving Contest
- Beef
- **Best Dressed Critter**
- Cat Show
- Catch-an-Animal
- Clover Kid Animal Show •
- Clover Kid Fashion Show
- Dairy Cattle
- **Dairy Goats**
- Dog Show
- Fashion Show

Household Pets

- Favorite Foods Day Contest Horses
- Ice Cream Rolling Contest
- Livestock Showmanship Meat Goats
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Shooting Sports Contests Tractor Driving Contest
- Swine
- Certificate of Vaccination for Dogs. Cats & Ferrets

ALL other entries (except those listed above) will be entered at the Saunders County Fair during their respective check in dates and locations. Exhibitors are encouraged to pre-enter by JULY 1st by 11:59 p.m. https://go.unl.edu/saunderspreentry

STATIC EXHIBITS - ENTRY DATES & TIMES:

- No online pre-entry required / Entry Tags & information forms to be completed prior to check-in
- It is recommended that exhibitor be enrolled in 4-H project area.
- Exhibit Entry: Monday, July 29 from 5:30 8:00 p.m.
- No exhibits will be accepted after 8 p.m. on Monday, July 29
- Judged: Tuesday, July 30 at 9:00 a.m.
- STATE FAIR ELIGIBLE: Static exhibits will indicate if eligible for State Fair. This may change due to changes at the state level.

ENTRY LIMITS:

- STATIC EXHIBITS: Exhibitors are limited to ONE entry per class **UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.**
- CLOVER KIDS: The limit is a TOTAL of FIVE (static) entries per Clover Kid member.
- FASHION SHOW: 4-H members are eligible to compete in more than one Fashion Revue class.
- ANIMAL ENTRIES: For entry limitations, exhibitors of animal exhibits need to refer to the specific department/division information in this exhibitor guide.
- ONLY entries mentioned in this fair book will be given a place in the exhibits.

LABELING ENTRIES:

All exhibitors of static exhibits should securely attach (sew, glue, tape, clip, etc.) their NAME and COUNTY to each article exhibited.

DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS:

All static exhibits are required to be entered on the Saunders County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building on Monday, July 28 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. **No exhibits will be accepted after 8 p.m. on Monday, July 28.**

RELEASE OF 4-H EXHIBITS:

All 4-H exhibits will be released on Sunday, August 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please pick up static premiums at this time.

SAUNDERS COUNTY FAIR 4-H GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

- The 4-H grievance process provides a vehicle by which to respond to 4-H members' concerns relating to all 4-H activities.
 Protests, stating the nature of the protest and the issues involved, must be made in writing, and signed.
- The 4-H Grievance Committee may be convened for
 - 1. Alleged wrongdoing.
 - 2. Rule violations.
- The 4-H Grievance Committee will NOT be convened for:
 - Protests related to judge's integrity, decisions, placings, or other evaluations
 - Issues related to deadlines for membership enrollment, livestock identification, and/or county fair pre-registration; fair check-ins (static and livestock); project submissions; due process will be provided by Extension staff.
 - Code of Conduct-related violations, which will be addressed by staff according to the established process.
- Grievances may be submitted by any 4-H member, parent/guardian, or leader.
- All grievances must be submitted within 24 hours (1 day) of the situation to the Saunders County Fair 4-H Office.
- The written grievance should include:
 - 1. Date, Time, and Signature (of person/s of grievance).
 - 2. Names of the persons involved
 - 3. Cause of complaint or appeal
 - 4. Situation and documentation
 - 5. Recommendations for correction
 - 6. Specific action, rule, etc., in question
 - Additional persons the committee may contact for clarification
 - Procedures and/or steps carried out by the person involved prior to submission of the protest to the 4-H Council Protest Committee
 - A \$50 deposit will accompany the written protest, which will be forfeited if the protester does not attend the protest resolution meeting. (The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
- The President, Vice President, and Secretary of both the 4-H
 Council and the County Agricultural Society and the County
 Extension Staff shall serve as 4-H Division Fair Rules Committee.
 This committee will act upon all written protests. In addition, the
 project area superintendent (project area of grievance) will be
 available for comment and clarification of grievance.
- The 4-H Grievance Committee will review the written grievance in a timely manner. The committee may call for a face-to-face meeting with affected persons and event leadership to discuss the situation and the official ruling. Recommendations will be developed, followed, and communicated both verbally and in writing to the individual or group affected.
- In cases of protest the 4-H member/parent/leader may continue to participate but results of participation will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process.
- The 4-H Council Protest committee and Event leadership reserve the right to withhold any award. The 4-H member/parent/leader may be excluded form 4-H if action warrants.

DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY OF EXHIBITS:

4-H and FFA exhibits at the Saunders County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. Saunders County Fair Board, Nebraska Extension and the Saunders County 4-H Council cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the building in which displays are housed and the great number of exhibits. Exhibitors who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair.

While the greatest possible care will be taken by the management to protect patrons of the Saunders County Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for his or her own action. The management will not be responsible for any injury.

INTERVIEW JUDGING:

- 4-H members are encouraged to participate in interview judging.
- Interview judging allows 4-H members to discuss their 4-H
 exhibits directly with the judge. This gives 4-H members the
 opportunity to discuss the process they took preparing their
 project. In addition, interview judging will give judges the
 opportunity to provide positive input and helpful suggestions to
 the 4-H member.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING:

 Department Superintendents are to be notified when a 4-H project is entered by a 4-H member intending to Interview Judge. Signup sheets will be available at check-in.

PREMIUM PAYMENT:

- Please help us in thanking the Saunders County Agriculture Society (Fair Board) for their continued support of Saunders County 4-H and the Saunders County Fair!
- ALL static premium awards will be paid by cash by the Saunders County Ag Society. Premiums need to be picked up at Static Exhibit Release on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Money will NOT be mailed
- Livestock premiums will be paid in cash at the same time ribbons are awarded. Any special premium money, with minor exceptions, will be paid to exhibitors at the conclusion of each show.
- Exhibitors have the opportunity to verify their premiums up to two weeks after the fair. The exhibitor forfeits any changes after the two weeks are up.

AWARDS & CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION:

- 4-H judging score sheets are available on the Saunders County website, call the Saunders County Extension Office for assistance if needed.
- All awards are made possible through generous sponsors and the Saunders County Agricultural Society.
- The judge shall place the classes after the superintendents have designated order of show.
- If no competition, the judge is to decide what premium the exhibit merits. The judge's decision will be regarded as final in case of dispute regarding breed, age, or type of animal or other exhibit.
- All classes in the 4-H Division will be judged by the modified Danish group placing system.

PURPLE ribbons will denote SUPERIOR exhibits. BLUE ribbons will denote EXCELLENT exhibits. RED ribbons will denote GOOD exhibits.

WHITE ribbons will denote LESSER QUALITY exhibits.

- Each exhibit will show its own scale of awards under each class.
- Each exhibit will be judged on the ribbon scale according to its division and class.
- Within the departments, each division/class will designate the premium payout category awarded.
- Equal quality of project/exhibit will be given the same ribbon and premium awards within its department/division/class.
- Awards will be given only for entries listed in this premium book.
- An exhibitor who is found to have tampered with or entered an exhibit that is not his/ her work will forfeit the ribbon and premium monies
- To be designated "CHAMPION" (receiving a trophy, plaque, medal and/or rosette) a 4-H exhibit must receive a purple ribbon. Unless determined by the judge.

STATE FAIR 4-H ENTRIES:

- State Fair 4-H Premium Information is available on the web at: http://4h.unl.edu/state-fair. Exhibitors need to read and follow ALL entry requirements.
- Intermediate and Advanced Exhibits from static exhibits where the 4-H member need not be present, may be entered in the State Fair by any age (8 - 18 years on Jan 1 of current year) 4-H member so long as the Saunders County Fair judge considered the entry state fair quality, the entry received a purple ribbon and has been selected to be exhibited at the State Fair.
- All 4-H members that are 8 18 years old on Jan 1 of the current year will be eligible (as well as meet the required qualifications) to exhibit animals, give presentations or participate in contests, where the presence of the member is needed.
- 4-H ANIMAL ENTRY PROCESS: Nebraska State Fair 4-H
 animals will be entered through an on-line process done
 directly by the 4-H member/family. The on-line entry and fee
 deadline is August 10. Animal entries will NOT be done by
 the Nebraska Extension Office. Upon request, assistance
 will be provided by the Nebraska Extension Office in Ithaca
 or at the 4-H office in the 4-H Exhibit Hall during the
 Saunders County Fair.

TRANSPORTATION OF STATE FAIR (STATIC) EXHIBITS:

- State Fair static exhibit information will be released at a later date.
- 4-H members entering exhibits that get tagged with "Will not transport" following judging will not be transported to the State Fair by the Saunders County Extension Office. It will be required for the exhibit to be taken to and pickup up from the State Fair by the exhibitor.



COMPLEMENTARY THURSDAY RODEO ENTRY FOR ENROLLED 4-H EXHIBITORS

Much thanks to the Saunders County Ag Society for providing ONE rodeo ticket for Thursday night's rodeo to each 4-H exhibitor. 4-H exhibitors must wear a 4-H t-shirt and check-in at the ticket stand.

ANIMAL RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS:

In addition to the following animal rules and regulations, livestock/ animal exhibitors must abide by the General Rules and Regulations stated above. For more detailed information concerning the Saunders County 4-H Livestock and Horse Program, contact the Extension Office.

- Once an exhibitor completes their check-in with all species, they
 are ineligible to change animals. Owner of the animal must exhibit
 his/her own animal in the show, unless excused by the
 Superintendent or if they have more than one exhibit in the same
 class.
- No individual animal may show in both breeding and market classes.
- No show harnesses for livestock exhibitors will be allowed in the show ring.
- No butt fans or squirrel cage fans will be allowed for safety reasons in any of the livestock barns. All fans must be hung at the side of or above all stalls and pens.
- Absolutely NO Spiked Collars or Spiked Chains will be permitted in the show-ring
- Release time of ALL 4-H and FFA livestock, rabbits and poultry is 8:00 a.m. the last Sunday of the fair except for milking dairy cattle and milking dairy goats.
 - If feeder and bucket calves are brought in on Tuesday, they must stay until the Sunday morning release time.
 - If feeder and bucket calves are brought in on Friday, they can go home on Friday.
- No dogs, bicycles, or drones are allowed on the Fairgrounds.
 Exception: exhibit dogs on Sunday Dog Show Day or those used in the Best Dressed Critter contest on Thursday evening.
 No dogs are allowed in the Livestock barns at any time.

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE JULY 1 by 11:59 PM https://go.unl.edu/saunderspreentry

OWNERSHIP/IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS:

All livestock [beef, bucket calves, dairy cattle, dairy goats, horses, hogs, market goats, rabbit, sheep] exhibited must be owned/identified by the 4-H member in compliance with the Saunders County 4-H Ownership Guidelines. ID sheets, (ownership affidavits), DNA envelopes must be submitted to the Nebraska Extension Office by the deadline. No animal may be exhibited in both breeding and market classes.

- MARKET BEEF Deadline BY June 15
- HORSES Deadline BY JUNE 15
- BEEF (Bucket Calves, Breeding Beef, Feeder Calves, Cow/Calf Pairs); DAIRY CATTLE; DAIRY GOATS; HOGS; MEAT GOATS (Market Goats & Breeding Does); RABBITS; SHEEP (Market Lambs and Breeding Sheep) - Deadline BY JUNE 15
- DOGS Certificate of Vaccination due JULY 1
- CATS Certificate of Vaccination due JULY 1
- OTHER SMALL ANIMALS Certificate of Vaccination due by JULY 1

PUREBRED LIVESTOCK:

Exhibitors of purebred livestock must provide proof of registry including registration name and number to the department superintendent at time of check-in.

Weigh Card/Weigh Back procedures for market livestock.

Market livestock will follow the weigh card/weigh back system as outlined below.

Families will be responsible for accurately recording exhibitor information, animal identification and weights before turning in cards. Each family will receive a carbon copy card in their exhibitor packet for each animal. Families will fill out this card with animal information, exhibitor information and self-declare their own weights. You will then bring this card to the check-in table. Once cards are turned in, no changes will be allowed. Scales will be available to use.

- Weigh Cards Exhibitors will self-declare weights of all market animals (an official weigh-in will not be conducted by show officials). Weigh cards must be completed and turned in during the designated check-in time and location. Animals DO NOT need to be present at the time of turning in their weigh cards. The weight listed on the weigh card will become that animal's official declared weight to be used for assignment to a class and for weigh back purposes.
- Weigh Backs A weigh back will be incorporated for all 1st and 2nd place purples in each market class. A 5% variance from the weight declared at check-in will be allowed. Animals not meeting the 5% variance from the declared weight at check-in will be lowered one ribbon group and will not be eligible for any champion awards.

Market animals will not need to be brought to the check-in table. Ear tags will be verified during check-in for your class to verify the correct animal is brought to the correct class. Ear tattoos on breeding beef will be verified during check-in. Ear notches on swine will also be verified. Registered breeding animals will have registration papers verified.

Commercial breeding ewes, gilts and meat goat does will self-declare weights. Classes will be divided by weight.

A How-To Video to show you how that system works will be available from the Extension Office.

LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Nebraska 4-H and FFA Programs REQUIRE members (8 - 18 years old) exhibiting BEEF, DAIRY CATTLE, DAIRY GOATS, HOGS, MEAT GOATS, POULTRY, RABBITS, and SHEEP be certified Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (Quality Assurance) (YQCA).

This program is mandated by the Nebraska 4-H Program and has been implemented into the Saunders County 4-H and FFA Programs.

Therefore, ALL youth exhibiting BEEF, DAIRY CATTLE, DAIRY GOATS, HOGS, MEAT GOATS, POULTRY, RABBITS, and SHEEP at the Saunders County Fair are required to be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (Quality Assurance) (YQCA) certified by JUNE 15 to be eligible to exhibit.

Link to YQCA program: https://yqcaprogram.org/

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

ALL animals must be in good health at the time of the fair. Animals that have active ringworm, fungus or visible warts will not be allowed entry into the Saunders County Fair. If animals are brought and found to be suspect, it is at the Extension personnel and fair official's discretion to seek advisement from a veterinarian and possible dismissal of infected animals from the fair and show.

Beef...... No health papers required. Cats..... CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION FOR CATS available online. Must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and turned into the extension office by 4:30 p.m. JULY 1. REQUIRED to be current on their Feline Vaccinations: Rabies, FPL, PVR, FCV, FeLV, OR COMBINATION SHOT. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL **BE MADE!** Dairy Cattle..... No health papers required. Dogs...... CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION FOR DOGS (SF263 – available at the Nebraska Extension Office) must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and SUBMITTED by JULY 1 to the Extension Office. All dogs entered are REQUIRED to be current on their vaccinations: Rabies, Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis, Parvovirus. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE! Dogs in season will not be allowed to show. Goats...... No health papers required. Refer to Scrapie Tag Guideline (stated below). Hogs...... No health papers required. However, hogs must originate from a herd not under quarantine for Pseudorabies and be healthy and free of disease. Horses...... No health papers required. Poultry...... All poultry must be healthy and free of disease. Nebraska currently has pullorum typhoid-free status. In order to maintain the status, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture may be conducting a surveillance test on the Saunders County Fair poultry exhibits sometime during the fair. Rabbits...... No health papers required. Sheep...... No health papers required. Refer to Scrapie Tag Guideline (stated below). Ferrets...... CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION FOR Ferrets will use the form for CATS available online. Must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and turned into the extension office by 4:30 p.m. JULY 1. NO



EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!

SCRAPIE TAG (USDA BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRIES) GUIDELINES:

The USDA Bureau of Animal Industries has mandated a national program to eradicate scrapie in sheep flocks and goat herds.

- All female sheep exhibited at the Saunders County Fair will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag). Female sheep are required to be tagged with proper identification by Saunders County Fair sheep check-in. This applies to both market ewes and breeding ewes, regardless of age.
- All female (commercial) goats exhibited at Saunders County
 Fair will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag).
 Female goats are required to be tagged with proper identification
 by Saunders County Fair goat check-in.
- All sheep and goats must have scrapie ear tag and/or ear tattoo corresponding to their registration papers per animal identification requirements.
- For more information, go to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture website located at: https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/diseases/scrapie/index.html

SHOWMANSHIP GUIDELINES:

- Exhibitors who made the entry are eligible to compete in showmanship with that animal.
- Youth may drop from showmanship at any time, but may not sign up for showmanship after the start of the show.
- Members taking part in a showmanship class will be judged on their skill as showmen and on the appearance their animal makes before the judges.
- Any animal may be shown in only ONE showmanship class.
- In showmanship classes, a 4-H member can ONLY exhibit an animal that has been officially identified in their name AND that they have entered in the live show. Exhibitors may NOT exhibit some other exhibitor's animal (including siblings) in the showmanship competition. EXCEPTION: Clover Kid Exhibitor.

GROOMING & FITTING:

- Grooming of livestock during the entire fair, including the day of the show, should be done by the 4-H/FFA member.
- Assistance from the 4-H members, family members or others will be permitted only when the 4-H member is PRESENT and ACTIVELY taking part. The only exception is if the 4-H/FFA member is currently in the show ring with another animal.
- All 4-H/FFA families are asked to work together to make show day a positive experience for everyone.
- Upon violation of the above rules, the exhibitor's animal involved may be disqualified from the show.
- See grooming rules under each species sections of this fair book.

DRESS CODE FOR

LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL EXHIBITORS:

- For more information, exhibitors of animal exhibits need to refer to the specific department/division information in this fair reference for DRESS CODE.
- Failure to comply with dress code will result in the drop of a ribbon placing
- Sponsored 4-H t-shirts may be picked up at the Fair Office.
- Armbands may be purchased at the Nebraska Extension Office in Ithaca. They may also be purchased at the Saunders County Fair 4-H Office during the fair.

CHAMPION AWARDS:

 To be designated "CHAMPION" (receiving a trophy, plaque, medal and/or rosette) a 4-H exhibit must receive a purple ribbon. Unless determined by the judge.

HERDSMANSHIP:

DEPT Z / DIV. 520

PREMIUMS/AWARDED PER CLUB:

Special awards will be given out.

SPONSOR: Various community partners.

- Herdsmanship will be judged for Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Swine, Sheep, Rabbits, and Poultry.
- Animal Pens are required to be cleaned at conclusion of the fair by the exhibitor and family. If pens are not cleaned out at the end of the fair, the 4-H club or 4-H'er will be charged \$10.00 to have the pen cleaned.
- Herdsmanship Responsibility Duties are the responsibility of exhibitors rather than leaders and parents.
 - Exhibitors are expected to keep their exhibit area orderly, neat, and attractive, be courteous and helpful to visitors.
 - Animals should be clean at all times with grooming apparent, adequately cared for with proper feeding, clean and proper amount of bedding and adequate feeding equipment.
 - Stall cards are provided and are to be hung up.
 - Manure is to be piled in areas designated by superintendents.
- Beginning and Ending of Herdsmanship Herdsmanship begins at the time the division of livestock (Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Hogs, Sheep, Rabbit, and Poultry) is to be in place and ends at 8:00 a.m. on the last Sunday of the fair.
- Livestock exhibits may be judged for herdsmanship at any time between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Large animals will be judged twice per day. Poultry and Rabbits will be judged once per day. No herdsmanship will be judged on show day of each species.
- Each livestock division will be judged separately and judged by a committee. Club size, number of exhibits and different species of livestock will be considered in final placings.
- Display of Animals All animals shall be in their stalls or pens between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. except for weighing, washing, and showing.
- When to Clean Stalls or Pens It is the responsibility of all club members to keep club stalls neat and clean at all times. Clubs and members are responsible for cleaning out stalls at the conclusion of the fair, according to the wishes of the livestock committees and the fair board.
- Posting results Results of herdsmanship judging will be posted each evening. Final placing will be based on compilation of herdsmanship scores for each day of judging.
- Basis of Rating Herdsmanship Herdsmanship judges will use the following scoring guide in judging county exhibits for herdsmanship:

 - Area around animals clean and orderly with tack, show boxes, feed, and additional straw clean and orderly 30 PTS
 - Animals well bedded, clean, and properly cared for 30 PTS

TOTAL...... 100 PTS

MARKET LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Designation of Sale animal (last time to make changes): SATURDAY, August 3 by 12 noon

SALE DAY:

SUNDAY, August 4 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

FFF.

A fee will be charged to all wishing to be on the auction. Fee due by 12 noon on Saturday before the sale:

Cattle - \$2 per head Sheep, Goat, Swine - \$1 per head Pen of Broilers - \$.50 cents

REMINDER: We need YOUR help!

The Saunders County Ag Society and the Nebraska Extension Office in Saunders County need your help! To ensure that we can continue to offer an auction for our Saunders County youth we ask that you continue to encourage individuals and businesses you work with to show support to the youth by participating in the auction. The recent trend has shown a decline in the number of buyers available at the sale and we hope to not burden and/or exhaust their resources and ask for your help in bringing new buyers on board.

- Only livestock shown in market classes can be sold.
- Each livestock exhibitor is eligible to sell ONE market animal. Catch-An-Animal exhibitors may sell two market animals: one market animal and one Catch-An-Animal.
- Exhibitors are not required to sell their animals only if they
 want to and as long as the sale is conducted in conjunction
 with the fair auction.
- All exhibitors of livestock must have completed the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (Quality Assurance) YQCA course to be eligible to show & sell.
- Sellers need to be present at the time their species is sold or make arrangements for the animal to be brought to the sale ring by another 4-H exhibitor. Those showing up after their species is completed will not be allowed to sell late.
- A pen of broilers will be considered as one animal.
- Order of sale in the live auction will follow ribbon placings as near as possible.
- Sale weight on all livestock will be their show weight.
- To qualify for the sale, market animals must meet the following weight requirements.
- An Ag Society member will be present at each local locker to verify animal identification upon harvest.

Market Weight

Steers 1000 lbs. (minimum)
Heifers 900 lbs. (minimum)
Lambs 100 lbs. (minimum)

Swine 230 lbs. (min) - 320 lbs. (max)

Market Goats 50 lbs. (minimum)

IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior (4-H) as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition, the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics", fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors (4-H members) are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- Junior exhibitors (4-H'ers) are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. 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. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatment involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

- 5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- The use of showing and/or handling practices or devises such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- 7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock 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 livestock 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.
- 8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely 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.
- 9. 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 or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- 10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock 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.
- 11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely 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.