

SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR



PALM BEACH COUNTY EXPOSITIONS, INC.

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ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

The purpose of the South Florida Fair's Livestock Committee is to address all issues of animal care including:

- Appropriate care and management of animals while on the South Florida Fairgrounds by exhibitors.
- Educational programs for exhibitors and the general public.
- The philosophy of the South Florida Fair in regards to animal care and management.
- Handling expressions of concern for animal care from the public.

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

The South Florida Fair is an animal welfare advocate requiring the humane treatment of animals. Animal welfare advocates continue to expand their knowledge base about animals, their behavior, and their management as science and technology dictate. Animal welfare advocates celebrate the bond between animals and humans.

IN CONTRAST, animal rights activists seek to sever any bond between humans and animals. Most animal rights activists believe animals should only be admired from afar, without human intervention. A large fraction of the movement is also pushing for animals to be given the same rights and status as humans. Animal rights activists fundamentally believe animals should not be utilized to feed, clothe, assist, entertain, or benefit humans.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

1. All entries and awards in all livestock departments shall be subject to the rules and regulations published in the premium book. Each exhibitor must complete, in its entirety, an entry form, W-9 and submit online to receive premium monies. A paper entry form is not required if you have submitted successfully online.
2. Entries close: December 1 for paper entries. A \$10.00 fee will be collected per exhibitor for paper entries mailed in, paper entries must be **POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 1**. All fees must be paid at time of submission. **ALL** online submissions will have an extended deadline until **Midnight December 13**. No emailed or faxed entries will be accepted. Any entries received without required entry fees will be returned.
3. Substitutions for up to two (2) animals will be accepted at check-in. **This does NOT apply to Market animals**. These substitutions must be on a paper entry form and show the deleted and substituted animals. If the exhibitor does not have the appropriate paperwork, the substitutions will not be accepted. **ALL STUDENTS ENTERED IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR YOUTH SHOWS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE ETHICS TRAINING WORKSHOP OR HAVE A CURRENT ETHICS NUMBER BEFORE JANUARY 1 TO SHOW AN ANIMAL AT THE SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR.**
4. All animals must have a current and valid health certificate upon arrival. All warts must be removed prior to arrival on fairgrounds.
5. Special rules for the special needs exhibitors will apply.
6. Youth exhibitors cannot be under the age of 8 or over the age of 19 as of January 1 current year, depending on the animal they are showing (see rules per livestock). Youth exhibitors must also be attending school or be enrolled in a certified home school program. Youth exhibitors who have graduated from high school or obtained their high school G.E.D. are not eligible to compete in youth shows (unless breed show rules supersede). **MARKET PROGRAM PARTICIPATION REQUIRES A G.P.A. OF 2.0 OR HIGHER.**
 - a. Protest Procedures: All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 cash or certified check, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such a protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to Show Committee within twenty-four (24) hours after the occasion for such protest. Protest must be signed by three exhibitors.

- b. Order of hearing or protest: 1. Show Chairman. 2. Action by Show Chairman. 3. Final action by Livestock Committee.
- c. All rules and regulations that have been properly protested to the Show Chairman and the Livestock Committee shall be subject to the following penalties:
 1. Loss of premium money.
 2. Loss of awards.
 3. Suspension from showing that animal as deemed necessary. Penalty may be for one, two, or three shows, or as long as deemed necessary for the offense.
 4. Suspension of the exhibitor.

Failure to adhere to each show's specific rules shall also be subject to these penalties. Specified protest procedures must be adhered to by all exhibitors.

7. Disqualifications: Any exhibitor who has been disqualified from competition in any livestock show or has premiums withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation(s), will not be allowed to compete in other shows. This shall include, but is not limited to, disqualification for fraud, misrepresentation, unethical fitting or deception. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation, and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. No complaint or appeal that a judge overlooked an animal, will be considered. If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by their representative, interferes with the judge(s), or shows any disrespect to them or to show officials, the existing show may excuse him/her from the ring and exclude him/her from further competition; premiums that may have been awarded may also be withheld. If an animal is disqualified after having won awards or premiums, the animals placing below him may be moved up at the option of the Livestock Committee, to fill the vacated position.
8. Effective August 17, 2000, the Board of Trustees of the South Florida Fair and Palm Beach County Expositions, Inc. voted there would be absolutely no animal sales to the public, with the exception of those amended by the Board, during the annual Fair. Rules and regulations have been revised to reflect this Fair Board action.
9. The IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services guidelines for Admission of Animals for Exhibition and the South Florida Fair shall govern the competitions at the South Florida Fair.
10. Except as otherwise permitted by law, NO DOGS are allowed in any exhibit building unless they are properly identified as service dogs, or scheduled for a demonstration or competition.