

# Livestock Exhibit Rules

## GUIDELINES FOR EXHIBITORS

4-H members exhibiting their animals in the Farm Fair tents are representing the county-wide 4-H program. Friendly contact with the public is encouraged. Be courteous when responding to questions.. Give information about your project. Share your knowledge. The public is interested in you, your animal and the 4-H Youth Development program. 4-H participates at the Fair as a guest of the Farm Fair Association. **Display the 4-H Code of Conduct in prominent places.** Cleanliness and proper care of your animal is important. The following rules are meant to improve the Farm Fair experience for exhibitors and the public. Please read the rules and forms carefully. Take advantage of this excellent opportunity to promote 4-H at the Fair.

## TENT RULES:

1. Any registered Burlington County 4-H member with a registered project animal may apply to exhibit at Farm Fair. Members must be in good standing and meet all criteria established for each project area. See Project Tent Coordinator for criteria for YOUR Project area.
2. Applications to exhibit registered project animals at Farm Fair must be obtained from the 4-H office and returned by June 12, 2015. A 4-H Event Permission Form and an Animal Tent Application must be completed. There is limited exhibit space available. Applications will be accepted in the order in which they are received and, if necessary, a waiting list will be created. All cancellations must be into the 4-H office by July 2, 2015.
3. Exhibitors are required to check in with the Tent Coordinator on arrival at their tent.
4. Exhibitors may not leave the tent area or the fairgrounds UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES without the permission of a tent chaperone. Overnight chaperones must always be in line of sight of youth staying overnight.
5. All 4-H members keeping animals in the tents are under the supervision of the tent chaperones. One chaperone is designated the Tent Coordinator and is the official representative of the County 4-H Agent for the duration of the Farm Fair. All questions should be directed to the Tent Coordinator.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their exhibit area and feeding and grooming their animal. Stalls/pens must be cleaned as needed. Animals must have fresh water at all times. You must be capable of caring for your animal to exhibit at Farm Fair.
7. Each exhibitor's area will be inspected. The first inspection will be at 4:00 PM on Tuesday following check in. Other inspections will take place throughout the fair. You will be expected to meet the following standards:  
  
Stall/pen – safe & free of hazards, ample bedding, clean & well cared for, water buckets clean & filled, feed available, well positioned feed & water equipment.  
  
Animal – well groomed, good physical condition, feet clean and trimmed, free of parasites & pests, health & medical conditions well attended to, well cared for overall.  
  
Supply area – clean & neat, trash removed, personal items stored neatly.
8. Exhibitor's that do not meet these standards must immediately correct any deficiencies. This means you must stop what you are doing and correct any problems (even if you are showing). Failure to comply will result in parents being asked to take the animal and child home immediately.
9. When the fair closes at 6:00 pm Sunday all tent areas must be completely cleaned. .
10. In the event an animal is sick or injured and the owner cannot be located, a Tent Chaperone or the Tent Coordinator is authorized to call a veterinarian to attend to the animal at the owner's expense. Each exhibitor is required to provide the name and phone number of their veterinarian and the name and phone number of the animal owner. The Tent Chaperone will notify the Fair Veterinarian and 4-H staff immediately.
11. 4-H members or their representatives may not sell animals at Farm Fair. Only project animals may be exhibited.
12. Each exhibitor and parent is expected to follow the *4-H Code of Conduct*. Non-adherence could result in being asked to leave the tent and not being permitted to show the remainder of Farm Fair. The *Code of Conduct* is posted at the entrance and exit of each tent. It is also printed on the reverse side of the NJ 4-H Event Permission Form, which must be signed by the 4-H member and their parent. Any conduct that is unsafe for either people or animals will not be allowed and may result in disciplinary action.

13. Appropriate clothing must be worn by all exhibitors and chaperones. No tank tops, halter tops, short shorts or exposed midriffs are allowed. Closed toe shoes must be worn at all times. Wearing club or 4-H T-shirts is encouraged. When exhibiting, wear clean, proper attire as stated under division rules.
14. The animal health guidelines are requirements of The Burlington County Farm Fair Association. This list is updated annually. Be sure to check for your animal's requirements. Exhibitors must present the required health forms and up to date project book to the Tent Coordinator
15. 4-H Clubs that use the show tents are responsible for clean up following their event. This includes show and spectator area.
16. All participating adults must complete and turn in to the 4-H office a NJ 4-H Release/Agreement Form for Adults.
17. The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program, the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Judges, the Show Committee, and/or Burlington County Farm Fair Association will not be responsible for loss or damage of property and/or injury to animal or exhibitor.

**Tent Coordinators**

Goat – **Ana Pereira**

Horse -- **Elizabeth Titus**

Poultry --**Danielle Brenner**

Small Animal -- **George Fries**

Member in Good Standing Criteria:

- Must submit a record book (project book up to date at time of event)
- Attend a minimum of 70% of club meetings
- Do a public presentation at the club level or higher
- Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service project at club, county, regional or state level

### Guidelines for Child Protection

- At least 2 adults present and available at all times
- If an adult must speak to any youth separately from the group, the contact must be in the sight of other adults.
- Appointed 4-H volunteers shall have separate sleeping arrangements from the sleeping arrangements for youth.
- Privacy of youth must be respected while maintaining line of sight guideline.
- Inappropriate use of cameras or digital devices is prohibited. (No photos taken to embarrass, shame, ridicule, or in any way disrespect the privacy of others.)
- No “cliques” or secret gangs or groups.
- No hazing. (A term used to describe various [rituals](#) and other activities involving [harassment](#), [abuse](#) or [humiliation](#) used as a way of [initiating](#) a person into a [group](#).)
- No bullying. (Bullying consists of three basic types of [abuse](#) – [emotional](#), [verbal](#), and [physical](#). It typically involves subtle methods of [coercion](#) such as [intimidation](#).)
- Youth who are assigned responsibilities must be monitored by an appointed 4-H volunteer.
- As an appointed volunteer, you represent 4-H, a premier international youth development organization, and also, Rutgers, The State University. You are expected to act in a courteous, respectful manner and model positive behavior.

### Reporting Child Abuse in New Jersey

In New Jersey, anyone with reasonable cause to believe a child is being abused should immediately call the Child Abuse Hotline. If the child is in immediate danger, call 911 as well as 1-877 NJ ABUSE. (1-877- 652-2873) You can call anonymously and do not need proof to report an allegation of child abuse. The Hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.