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**LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS,  
PLEASE REVIEW:  
THE PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE  
ASSOCIATION  
SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS**

(Adopted by PDCA in March 1970; Revised March 1971, Feb 1977, Feb 1986, Feb 1992, and Feb 1993)

The showing of registered dairy cattle is an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. Additionally, it is an important part of the program of the various dairy breed associations to stimulate and sustain interest in breeding registered dairy cattle. This relates to both spectators and exhibitors. In this connection, The Purebred Dairy Cattle association believes that it is in the best interest of the breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity and to present a wholesome and progressive image of their cattle in the show ring. It recognizes that there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle which are necessary in the course of moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy condition so that they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal appearance and condition. Conversely, it recognizes certain practices in the cataloging, handling and presentation of cattle in the show ring which are unacceptable.

The following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable and defined as being fraudulent and/or unethical in the showing of registered dairy cattle:

1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milk status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally, with an irritant or counter-irritant, or other substance to artificially improve the performance.
3. Surgery or insertion of foreign material under the skin, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
4. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.
5. Setting teats or manipulating a teat to alter its normal position such as to unnaturally hold it plumb or to alter its length.

The following practices and procedures are considered to detract from the image of the show ring when carried

to excess and will be given slight to serious discrimination in placing animals within class.

1. Excessive manipulation of hair.
2. Use of artificial hair except for false switches.
3. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of showmen.
4. Improper fitting practices such as over filling and over bagging.

Practices which should be encouraged to enhance the image of the show:

1. Establish uniform dress code for exhibitors in the show ring.
2. Recognize good herdsmanship and exhibits in the barn. In keeping with the basic philosophy of the PDCA, ethics are an individual responsibility of the owner of each animal shown.

Violations of these policies are subject to the disciplinary provisions of the appropriate dairy breed association and/or show management.

**Any violations will forfeit premiums.**

**Maryland Department of Agriculture:  
LIVESTOCK General Fair and Show  
Requirements**

**ATTENTION EXHIBITORS:** The information listed below is a general guide for animal projects. **It is YOUR responsibility to check the Maryland Department of Agriculture website to find UPDATED requirements for the animal species you are working with:**  
[http://www.mda.state.md.us/animal\\_health/fair\\_show/index.php](http://www.mda.state.md.us/animal_health/fair_show/index.php)

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Animal Health Section strives to safeguard Maryland's animal industries at our Fairs and Shows. With an increased potential of disease transmission occurring when large numbers of animals gather for exhibition, MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland Fairs and Shows. As an exhibitor you can help reduce the potential risk of introduction and spread of infectious and/or contagious diseases by following the species specific health requirements as specified below.

**General Requirements**

Exhibitors shall ensure that the animals they present at fairs/shows are in good health. Any animals

showing signs of contagious or infectious disease are not permitted to enter or remain at the exhibition. All exhibitors must adhere to the MDA Animal Health Rejection Policy.

Self Certification is required for all species. The Self Certification documents shall be filled out by the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter prior to loading and presented upon request to the designated fair/show representative(s) or MDA Animal Health Official.

1. All Maryland entries must be accompanied by an approved Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show; except Equine, Poultry, and Rabbits.
2. All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. An APPROVED copy of the certificate must be forwarded by the State of Origin to the Animal Health Section. The interstate (CVI) is valid for 30 days from the date of inspection.
3. Each animal must be properly identified on the intrastate or interstate CVI.
4. All animals will be inspected for general health upon arrival. Those showing clinical signs of ANY contagious or infectious disease must be removed from the show or fair. In such cases, the health certificate may be modified, suspended, or revoked.
5. The CVI for Maryland exhibitors must be filled out, completed and signed by an accredited veterinarian within 60 days of the first exhibition. The approved intrastate CVI is valid for the entire show season, providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
6. Where immunization is recommended or required it must be done in conformity with standard procedures and practices consistent with the development of immunity PRIOR to the show or fair.

#### **Livestock Exhibitors**

1. All livestock for exhibition shall be inspected by an accredited veterinarian within (60) days of the first exhibition. It is the veterinarian's responsibility to have knowledge of the current animal health requirements prior to inspection of animals and completion of the current MDA Intrastate CVI form. The MDA intrastate CVI is valid for the entire show season.
2. All Out-of-State livestock for exhibition in Maryland shall meet MDA Animal Health

import requirements for the appropriate species and any additional Maryland exhibitor requirements. Obtain an Interstate CVI from an accredited veterinarian. The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of inspection.

3. Livestock Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health will be filled out by the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter prior to loading and will be presented upon request to the designated fair/show representative(s) or MDA Animal Health Official at each show attended.

#### **Cattle, Goats, and Camelids**

1. In addition to general requirements above, all cattle must be individually identified by ear tag, tattoo, or registration number.
2. All goats, regardless of age or sex must be from flocks registered in the scrapie control program and so identified by a) USDA approved tags, b) a legible registration tattoo, or c) an approved premise tattoo, before going to a fair or show.
  - a. **TUBERCULOSIS**—Cattle, goats, and camelids originating in Maryland from herds not under quarantine or restriction are not required to be tested for tuberculosis for shows in Maryland.
  - b. **BRUCELLOSIS**—Cattle, goats, and camelids originating in Maryland from herds not under quarantine or restriction are not required to be tested for brucellosis for shows in Maryland.
  - c. **IMMUNIZATION**—Cattle; Bovine Respiratory Complex to include: Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine viral Diarrhea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis, and Parainfluenza - Required  
Leptospirosis - Recommended

#### **Swine**

1. In addition to General requirements above, all swine must be individually identified by ear tag, tattoo, or registration number.
  - a. **IMMUNIZATION**—Leptospirosis – Recommended

#### **Sheep**

1. All sheep, regardless of age or sex, must be from flocks registered in the scrapie control program and so identified by a) USDA

approved tags, b) a legible registration tattoo, or c) an approved premise tattoo, before going to a Maryland fair or show.

2. In addition to the general requirements for individual sheep, the entire flock must be inspected for the presence of contagious or infectious diseases by an accredited veterinarian.

#### **Equine Exhibitors**

1. All equine for exhibition shall be accompanied by a valid Coggins Test (within 12 months).
2. Equine Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health is required for each equine entering a fair/show-type event where multiple livestock species are present. The form must be available for inspection if requested. Those participating in equine-only shows and events are exempt from this requirement; however, it is good practice to thoroughly double check the health and skin condition of the animal before departing for the event. The form provides an easy checklist to do this. Exhibitors may not bring an animal having apparent or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease to a show.

#### **Poultry Exhibitors**

1. All poultry exhibitors must have valid proof of a registered Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number.
2. All exhibitors must show proof that poultry (**pigeons and waterfowl excluded**) originated from a Pullorum-typhoid free flock or have all individual poultry entries tested negative for Pullorum-typhoid not more than **90 days** before the exhibition. Blood samples for official tests shall be drawn by an authorized agent, authorized testing agent or state inspector and tested by an authorized state or federally recognized laboratory. Official test for Pullorum-typhoid shall be the standard tube agglutination test, the micro agglutination test, the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay ELISA test, and the stained antigen rapid whole – blood test. Proof is to be documented on MDA-E20, VS Form 9-2, VS Form 9-3 or comparable form. Testing must be completed before arrival at exhibition.
3. All poultry (**pigeons excluded**) must originate from a flock that is a participant in the Maryland Avian Influenza-Monitored Flock Program, or the exhibitor must have a minimum of **10 birds** (or the complete flock if

fewer than 10), randomly tested negative for avian influenza by an official test. Official tests for avian influenza are the agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID), the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or the real-time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). Samples must be tested by an authorized state or federally recognized laboratory. **For waterfowl, Cloacal swab samples must be collected for testing.** The samples should only be collected by MDA Animal Health staff, an accredited veterinarian or a state-certified poultry technician. Negative Avian Influenza test results reported on the MDA Avian Influenza Testing Report will be effective for **90 days** from the date of issuance. A flock wherein at least 30 birds or complete flock tested negative for AI will qualify to register as a MD Avian Influenza-Monitored Flock and will need to be retested every 90 days to maintain that status, provided no untested poultry was commingled during that period. All poultry entries shall be accompanied by the MDA AI Test Report Form MDA 12-06-08, MDA-E20 or USDA VS Form 9-3.

4. All poultry exhibitors shall complete a Poultry Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health.

#### **Rabbit Exhibitors**

1. All Rabbits for exhibition shall complete a Rabbit Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health.

#### **Questions**

If you have any questions or are unsure of any of these animal health requirements for Maryland fairs and shows, please contact your MDA Regional Health Offices during normal business hours.

\*Maryland Law provides penalties for violations of Animal Health Law and Regulations.

\*Livestock failing to meet Health Requirements will be denied entry or removed from the exhibition.

**MDA Headquarters:** 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway,  
Annapolis, MD 21401 (410)-841-5810

**Frederick Animal Health Lab:** 1840 Rosemont Ave.,  
Frederick, MD 21702 (301)-600-1548

**Salisbury Animal Health Lab:** 27722 Nanticoke Rd.,  
Salisbury, MD 21801 (410)-543-6610

**DEPARTMENT AA  
LIVESTOCK  
(Open)**

**RULES**

1. All purebred animals for exhibition must be owned and registered in the exhibitor's name.
2. To be eligible to receive any awards, exhibitors must (a) exhibit an approved animal, (b) keep animal clean and attractive at all times during the Fair. Superintendents reserve the right of ruling on these provisions.
3. All entries are subject to the health regulations of the Maryland Department of Animal Health.
4. Entries to Fair Ground must be accompanied by proper health certificates and registration papers, and self certification papers.
5. No more than 2 animals may be entered in any class by the same exhibitor.
6. In the event that livestock classes of similar nature, do not have sufficient entries to warrant individual competition, these classes may be combined. Exhibitors will receive cash awards for the class originally entered.
7. Fitting and Showing classes will be limited to 4-H and FFA members.
  - a. Fitting of Animals
    - i. Body Condition. Includes quality of the hide and general condition of animal. Over-conditioned and under-conditioned animals should receive slight to serious discrimination.
    - ii. Grooming. Includes cleanliness of animal; proper clipping; smooth, well-polished horns; well trimmed feet and a glossy coat of hair. Improperly groomed animals should receive slight to serious discrimination.
  - b. Performance In Show Ring
    - i. Performance of animals. Animals should stop, start and post in satisfactory manner.
    - ii. Ability to show animals other than own. Good showmen are at ease when handling any properly trained animal.
    - iii. Alertness of showman. Doing the right thing at the right time is important. Follow judge's instructions.)
    - iv. Sportsmanship of showman. Includes courtesy.
    - v. Personal appearance of showman. A neat personal appearance helps to round out the picture of a good showman.
    - vi. Established uniform dress: When showing in 4-H and FFA Shows -- Dairy, Dairy Goat, Dairy Steers: white or khaki slacks or skirt, white shirt and green or black tie. Meat Goat, Beef, Sheep, Swine - khaki or white slacks or skirt; white shirt and green or black tie
8. Exhibitors must be neatly dressed when showing animals.
9. Livestock exhibitors may stay overnight dependent upon prior approval from parents and Livestock Chairperson.
10. Each livestock exhibitor is responsible for bringing own straw or shavings and cleaning their stalls before leaving the fairgrounds.
11. All open class exhibitors staying overnight with their livestock at the fairgrounds must complete and return the following: a Maryland 4-H Behavioral Expectations form and a Permission to Stay Overnight form. These forms must be completed and returned with your entry to the fair. Be sure to keep one copy of each of these forms and return the other copies.

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**Section I –  
DAIRY (Open)  
Judged: Friday, July 15, 2011  
5:00pm**

**RULES**

1. Entry forms must be mailed on or before June 10, 2011.
2. Exhibitors are required to enter their dairy animals from 10:00am-12:00pm, Friday, July 15, 2011. Animals will be released at the conclusion of the Dairy Show.
3. Each exhibitor is responsible for bringing own straw or shavings and cleaning their stalls before leaving fairgrounds.

**FITTING AND SHOWING CLASSES**

Fitting and Showing Classes will be limited to 4-H and FFA members. Age determined as of January 1, 2011.

15021. Fitting & Showing, Senior Division (14-18yrs.) - Ribbon
15022. Fitting & Showing, Intermediate Division (11-13 yrs) - Ribbon
15023. Fitting & Showing, Junior Division (8 to 10 years) - Ribbon

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15024. Fitting & Showing, Novice Division (1<sup>st</sup> yr. showing, 8 years or older) – Ribbon

Fitting & Showing, Champion - Rosette  
Fitting & Showing, Reserve Champion – Rosette

**CLASS**

15001. Heifer Spring Calf – Born 3/1/11 through 4/30/11
  15002. Heifer Winter Calf – Born 12/1/10 through 2/28/11
  15003. Heifer Fall Calf – Born 9/1/10 through 11/30/10
  15004. Heifer Summer Yearling – Born 6/1/10 through 8/31/10
  15005. Heifer Spring Yearling – Born 3/1/10 through 5/31/10
  15006. Heifer Winter Yearling – Born 12/1/09 through 2/28/10
  15007. Heifer Fall Yearling – Born 9/1/09 through 11/30/09
- Junior Champion - Rosette  
Reserve Junior Champion – Rosette
15008. Cow, Jr., 2yr. old - Born 3/1/09 through 8/31/09
  15009. Cow, Sr., 2yr. old - Born 9/1/08 through 2/28/09
  15010. Cow, Jr., 3yr. old - Born 3/1/08 through 8/31/08
  15011. Cow, Sr., 3yr. old - Born 9/1/07 through 2/28/08

15012. Cow, 4 yr. old or older - Born before 8/31/07  
15013. Dry Cow Class - Must have freshened at least once.

Senior Champion – Rosette  
Senior Reserve Champion - Rosette  
Grand Champion - Trophy  
Reserve Grand Champion – Rosette

**Section II -  
DAIRY STEERS (Open)  
Judged: Saturday, July 10, 2010  
10:00am**

RULES

1. Entry forms must be mailed on or before June 10, 2011.
2. Exhibitors are required to enter their dairy steers on Friday, July 15, 2010 from 10:00am-12:00pm or Saturday, July 16, 2010 from 7am-8:30am. Dairy Steers will be released 9:00pm, Saturday, July 16, 2011.
3. Each exhibitor is responsible for bringing their own straw or shavings, and cleaning their stalls before leaving fairgrounds.

FITTING AND SHOWING CLASSES

Fitting & Showing Classes will be limited to 4-H and FFA members. Age determined as of January 1, 2011.

25021. Senior Fitting & Showing (14-18 yrs.) - Ribbon  
25022. Intermediate Fitting & Showing (11-13 yrs.)- Ribbon  
25023. Junior Fitting & Showing (8-10yrs.) - Ribbon  
25024. Novice Fitting & Showing, 1<sup>st</sup> yr. Showing, 8 yrs or older) – Ribbon

Champion Fitting & Showing - Rosette  
Reserve Champion Fitting & Showing - Rosette

RULES

1. Calf must be born on or after Jan. 1, 2011.
2. Calf will weigh no more than 700 lbs. by show day.
3. Animals will be weighed the day of the show and placed into the appropriate classes.
4. Steers will be judged as finished and ready for market.

CLASS

25001. Feeder Calves  
25002. Lightweight Steers, 12 months of age or less  
25003. Heavyweight Steers, 13 months to 24 months

Champion - Trophy  
Reserve Champion – Rosette

**Section III -  
BEEF CATTLE (Open)**  
**Judged: Saturday, July 16, 2011**  
**Following Dairy Steer Show**

RULES

1. Entry forms must be mailed on or before June 10, 2011.
2. Exhibitors are required to enter their beef cattle on Friday, July 15, 2011 from 10:00am-12 noon or Saturday, July 16, 2011 from 7am-8:30am. Beef cattle will be released 9:00pm Saturday, July 16, 2011.
3. Each exhibitor is responsible for bringing own straw and shavings and cleaning their stalls before leaving fairgrounds.

FITTING AND SHOWING CLASSES

Fitting and Showing Classes will be limited to 4-H and FFA members. Age determined as of Jan. 1, 2011.

35021. Senior Fitting & Showing (14-18yrs.) - Ribbon  
35022. Intermediate Fitting & Showing (11-13 yrs) - Ribbon  
35023. Junior Fitting & Showing (8-10yrs.) - Ribbon  
35024. Novice Fitting & Showing, first year showing, 8 yrs or older – Rosette

Champion Fitting & Showing - Rosette  
Reserve Champion Fitting & Showing - Rosette

CLASS

35001. Junior heifer calves - Born on/or after 1/1/11. (If this heifer is shown in Class 1, it will not be eligible to be shown in Feeder Calf Class - 7).  
35002. Senior heifer calf - Born 9/1/10 through 12/31/10  
35003. Summer Yearling - Born 5/1/10 through 8/31/10  
35004. Junior Yearling – Born 1/1/10 through 4/30/10  
35005. Senior Yearling - Born 9/1/09 through 12/31/09

Champion - Rosette/Trophy  
Reserve Champion – Rosette

CALVES

RULES

1. Calf must be born on/or after Jan. 1, 2011.
2. Calf will weigh no more than 700 lbs. by show day.
3. This class will be open to any breed; dairy beef included, steers or heifers only.

CLASS

35006. Feeder Calves

STEERS

RULES

1. Steers will be judged as finished and ready for market.
2. Animals will be weighed the day of the show and placed into the appropriate classes.

CLASS

35007. Market steers - steers will be divided into classes by weight.

Champion - Trophy  
Reserve Champion – Rosette

**Section IV -  
MARKET HOGS (Open)**

**Judged: Wednesday, July 13, 2011**  
**4:00pm**

RULES

1. Ownership of market hogs must be obtained by June 1, 2011.
2. Weight classes to be determined at the Fair.
3. Each exhibitor will be limited to three hogs for the show and two in any one weight class.
4. Entry forms must be mailed on or before June 10, 2011.
5. Exhibitors are required to enter their hogs from 10:00am-12 noon, Wednesday, July 13, 2011. Hogs will be released at 9:00pm, Wednesday, July 13, 2011.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing own straw or shavings and cleaning their stall before leaving fairgrounds.

FITTING AND SHOWING CLASSES

Fitting & Showing classes will be limited to 4-H & FFA members. Age determined as of Jan. 1, 2011.

45021. Senior Fitting & Showing (14-18yrs) - Ribbon  
45022. Intermediate Fitting & Showing (11-13 yrs) - Ribbon  
45023. Junior Fitting & Showing (8-10 yrs) - Ribbon  
45024. Novice Fitting & Showing (1<sup>st</sup> yr showing, 8 yrs or older) - Ribbon

Champion Fitting & Showing – Rosette  
Reserve Champion Fitting & Showing - Rosette

CLASS

45001. Market Hogs - Hogs will be divided into classes by weight

Champion - Trophy  
Reserve Champion - Rosette

## Section V- GOATS (Open)

**NOTE: DUE TO FUNDING CUTS TO COUNTY FAIRS, THERE WILL NOT BE A DAIRY GOAT SHOW THIS YEAR**

### MEAT GOAT SHOW

**Judged: Thursday, July 14, 2011**

**1:30 pm**

Animals will be weighed the day of the show and placed into appropriate classes.

#### RULES

1. No show milk out!
2. Established uniform: White or khaki slacks or shirt, white shirt and green tie for 4-H and FFA fitting and showing classes.
3. Each exhibitor is responsible for bringing their own straw or shavings, and cleaning their stall before leaving fairgrounds.
4. Each exhibitor will be limited to six (6) goats for the show.
5. Entry forms must be mailed on or before June 10, 2011.
6. Exhibitors are required to enter their goats from 8:00 am -10:00am, Thursday, July 14, 2011. Animals will be released 9:00pm the same day.

#### FITTING AND SHOWING CLASSES

Fitting and Showing classes will be limited to 4-H and FFA members. Age determined as of Jan. 1, 2011.

75021. Fitting & Showing, Senior (14-18 yrs) - Ribbon  
75022. Fitting & Showing, Intermediate (11-13 yrs)- Ribbon  
75023. Fitting & Showing, Junior Division (8-10yrs) - Ribbon  
75024. Fitting & Showing, Novice Division, first year showing, 8 yrs or older - Ribbon

Fitting & Showing, Champion- Rosette

Fitting & Showing, Reserve Champion – Rosette

#### BREEDING CLASSES

Boer (purebreds with registration papers)  
Crosses (percentages)

#### CLASS

Junior Does

75001. 0-3 months

75002. 3-6 months

75003. 6-12 months

75004. 12-24 months

Junior Champion Doe - Rosette

Reserve Junior Champion Doe - Rosette

Senior Does – does that have freshened or are in milk

75005. Milkers under 2

75006. 2-3 years

75007. 3-4 years

75008. 4-5 years

75009. 5 years and over

Senior Champion Doe – Rosette

Reserve Champion Doe - Rosette

**NOTE: BUCKLING CLASSES REMOVED DUE TO FUNDING CUTS**

Grand Champion Boer – Trophy

Grand Champion Cross -- Trophy

#### CLASS

75014. Market Goats - Goats will be divided into classes by weight.

Grand Champion Goat - Trophy

Reserve Champion Goat – Rosette

#### **PYGMY GOATS:**

#### CLASS

75015. doe 0-6 months

75016. doe 6-12 months

75017. doe 1-2 years

75018. doe 2-3 years

75019. doe 3 years and older

75020. wether 0-6 months

75021. wether 6-12 months

75022. wether 1-2 years

75023. wether 3 years and older

75024. buck 0-6 months

75025. buck 6-2 months

75026. buck 1 years and older

Grand Champion Pygmy Goat – Rosette

Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat – Rosette

## Section VI - SHEEP

(Open)

Judged: Saturday, July 16, 2011  
2:00pm

### RULES

1. Entry forms must be mailed on or before June 4, 2010.
2. Exhibitors are required to enter their sheep on Saturday, July 16, 2011 from 7:00am-8:30am. Sheep will be released at 9:00pm Saturday, July 16, 2011.
3. Each exhibitor is responsible for bringing their own straw or shavings, and cleaning their stalls before leaving fairgrounds.

### FITTING AND SHOWING CLASSES

Fitting & Showing classes will be limited to 4-H and FFA members. Age determined as of January 1, 2011.

65021. Fitting & Showing, Senior Division (14-18 yrs) Ribbon
65022. Fitting & Showing, Intermediate Division (11-13 yrs) - Ribbon
65023. Fitting & Showing, Junior Division (8-10 yrs) Ribbon
65024. Fitting & Showing, Novice Division (1<sup>st</sup> yr. showing, 8 yrs or older) - Ribbon

Fitting & Showing, Champion - Rosette  
Fitting & Showing, Reserve Champion - Rosette

### BREED SHEEP

65001. Junior Ram Lamb - Born on/or after 1/1/11
65002. Senior Ram Lamb - Born 9/1/10 through 12/31/10
65003. Ram 1 year and under 2 years

Champion Ram - Rosette

65004. Junior Ewe Lamb - Born on or after 1/1/11
65005. Senior Ewe Lamb - Born 9/1/10 through 12/31/10
65006. Yearling Ewe 1 year and under 2 years

Champion Ewe - Rosette

### MARKET LAMBS

65007. Market Lamb - Lambs will be divided into classes by weight. Weighed the day of the show.

Champion - Trophy  
Reserve Champion - Rosette

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## DEPARTMENT BB

SMALL PETS

(Open)

### RULES

1. One entry per class, with the exception of class 7 which will permit up to three entries, one bird per cage. Each entry must be a different breed.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animals while on the grounds.
3. Any animal showing signs of disease will be refused entry.
4. Any animal not considered domesticated - otherwise known as wild - may not be shown.
5. Pets will be judged on conformation, health, and condition. Conformation judging will compare the animal's structure and muscling to the ideal type for the respective species.
6. Cats and dogs must have proof of rabies shots.
7. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected.
8. Any youth with an entry for class 1 rabbit may enter the pet class in the rabbit show but they must fill out the appropriate entry form by June 10, 2011.

### CLASSES:

1. Rabbit, pen of 1, male or female, any breed
2. Cat, any breed (must have proof of rabies shots)
3. Hamster
4. Guinea Pig
5. Gerbil
6. Dog (must have proof of rabies shots)
7. Poultry. (Up to 3 different breeds permitted to be entered, one breed per entry.) **Check MDA requirements for poultry testing.**
8. Miscellaneous, please specify.



**Livestock Exhibitor’s Self Certification of Animal Health**

I, the undersigned, hereby verify the following:

(Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)

1. I am the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter (circle as applicable) of the animal(s) identified on the current, valid, “Certificate of Veterinary Inspection” (CVI) document.
2. I understand that animals showing any signs of, or having recent exposure to, contagious or infectious disease are not permitted to enter the fair/show premises. These conditions include but are not limited to the following:
  - SKIN: Visible evidence of skin infections such as ringworm, warts, mange, lice, and club lamb fungus.
  - HEAD: Discharge from the eyes or nose or evidence of soremouth, pinkeye, atrophic rhinitis, caseous lymphadenitis.
  - RESPIRATORY: Infectious respiratory disease (pneumonia)
  - INTESTINAL: Diarrhea
  - FEET: Contagious hoof infections such as footrot. Exhibition of lame animals is discouraged.
  - OTHER: Recent exposure to, or clinical signs of, any contagious or infectious disease conditions that would exclude livestock from exhibition.
3. I have read and understand the above guidelines.
4. I have visually examined the animals I am presenting for exhibit.
5. I agree not to present for exhibition animals showing any signs of contagious or infectious disease.

Date of inspection: \_\_\_\_\_ Number inspected \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Event \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)

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