



LIVESTOCK & EQUINE

DIVISIONS 4 & 5 EXHIBITOR'S HANDBOOK

Welcome to the world of Competitive Exhibits! As an exhibitor at the fair, you are entering into a long standing tradition of education & competition that began in the Tanana Valley in 1924.

Your primary source of information about entering an exhibit is through the Exhibitors Guide, available online or at the Fair Office. This handbook will provide you with some additional information.

ENTRY RULES

- **Get your Fair I.D. number & Entry Forms from the Fair Office. Pick up & fill out entry forms at home.**
- **Know your entry day for forms and stall cards , delivery day/vet check day, & pick-up day.**
- **Use a different Livestock Entry Form for each species and each division you are entering. Note entry restrictions listed in the Exhibitor's Guide.**
- **Fill out a stall card for each pen, cage or stall you will need.**
- **Sign up for 2 barn duty slots.**

BARN DUTY

Every exhibitor must sign up for Barn Duty. Two-hour time slots will be assigned by the superintendents on entry day. Please be available in the barns at your agreed upon time.

Barn duty requires you to:

- check in and out with the on-duty superintendent;
- pick up trash in & around barn;
- sweep or rake the barn & show ring;
- water plants in and around the barns & show area;
- check all animals in the barn or your area to see if they have water depending on the barn your doing duty;
- other duties assigned by the superintendent.

On days such as entry and pick-up days, additional help will be needed. Your participation will be appreciated.

VET CHECK

The state vet & other authorized individuals will be on the grounds during delivery times to vet-in your animals. You must check in with one of them before stalling your animal.

Horses, rabbits & poultry will be checked by the superintendent or show manager. If there is a questionable situation, the state vet will be called to make the final decision.

The USDA encourages livestock owners to report any unusual animal health symptoms to their local ag officials. USDA continues to safeguard American Agriculture from foreign animal diseases like foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). Continued vigilance ensures that an incursion of a foreign animal disease would be identified quickly. The US & Canada are currently FMD free. Any changes in the US disease status would be posted on the APHIS website (www.aphis.usda.gov).

All swine a required to show proof of appropriate course of erysipelas vaccination. Please see the Exhibitor's Guide or call the Fair Office for details.

All equine require proof of negative EIA (Coggins test). This form will not be returned. The test must have been done within the current year.

EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Purchase either daily or season passes for entrance onto the Fairgrounds to tend animals.
- Provide your own feed.
- Provide bedding if other than wood shavings are desired. Wood shavings will be provided by the Fair.
- Deposit manure in designated areas only.
- Keep animals, pen areas, equipment & aisle spaces clean at all times.
- Keep all animals within posted areas for livestock.
- Attend to animals when exercising, or otherwise not inside their designated stall or pen.
- Leave your assigned pen/stall clean.

ETHICS POLICY FOR THE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

Every person with a live animal has a moral obligation to conduct themselves with the highest standards of honor and dignity toward said animals and all people involved. These ethics are to be used as guidelines for the fair treatment of animals while on the property of the Tanana Valley State Fair Association.

Exhibitors, owners or responsible persons in possession of animals on the Tanana Valley

State Fair Association property shall at all times conduct themselves honestly and display good sportsmanship.

The Tanana Valley State Fair Association requires all exhibitors, owners, trainers, or responsible persons to be responsible for the care and management of their animals to keep them healthy, clean and safe.

All exhibitors are required to sign their Livestock Entry Forms stating that they have read the above Ethics Policy for the Treatment of Animals as well as the General Livestock Rules listed in the Exhibitor's Guide.

ANIMAL CARE

Everyone with an animal in Division 4 is required to care for their animals between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. If work or another approved reason makes this impossible, make arrangements with the division superintendent.

Morning duties include:

- care for your animals;
- clean your exhibit area;
- sweep & pick up trash in the aisles around your area;
- each exhibitor should check on their animals at least three times daily making sure they are fed & watered;
- always check on your animal in the evening to make sure it has water for the night.

If it is determined by the superintendent or show manager that the Ethics Policy or other rules have not been followed, or your animal has not received proper care, the exhibitor will be given a verbal warning, followed by a written notice if the practice continues. Continued abuse may result in forfeiture of premiums, suspension from any further activity or eviction from the grounds. These penalties will be decided upon by the Livestock Committee.

BARN & STALL RULES

1. No unauthorized motorized vehicles.
2. No smoking in the barn or stall areas.
3. No advertising on stalls or pens.
4. No personal padlocks on stalls.
5. No storage of feed outside stalls.
6. Do not leave horse in stall with tack on.
7. No dogs allowed in barn or stall areas.
8. Horses must be stabled in the approved area.
9. Stalls are to be cleaned each day and left clean when the animal goes home. Cleaning means picking out manure and wet shavings. Bedding does not have to be taken down to rock or sand except when the animal is checked out of the Fairgrounds.
10. Manure must be deposited in the designated area only.

EQUINE SAFETY RULES

1. Use of arenas ends at 10:00 p.m.
2. Proper head gear & foot wear required.
3. No riding double.
4. Handle horse in a safe manner.
5. Safety & courtesy required.
6. Animals must have proper care.
7. Stallions (1 year & older) will be under direct supervision of an adult (18 years or older).
8. **Lead your horse outside arena areas.**

GROOMING & WASHING

Grooming is allowed on the grounds although we encourage only touch-ups - do your main clipping & washing before you arrive at the fair. The wash racks are located on the south side of the horse barns. Application of hoof and horn preparation should be done outside the barn so as not to stain the sidewalks and floors of the barns.

MARKET LIVESTOCK

EXHIBITORS

All market animals will be weighed at the fair after delivery. Check the Exhibitor's Guide for the official weigh-in time. This will be your official weight for the auction. The scale is certified by the State of Alaska.

All 4-H & FFA market livestock exhibitors must attend the mandatory barn meetings - check the Exhibitor's Guide for date & time.

On Market day, 4-H/FFA Market exhibitors will be needed in the barn all day. At 6 p.m. the Delta Barn will be closed for photographs.

HORSE SHOWS

There are many different horse shows at the fair. The show put on by the Fair Competitive Exhibits team is the **Halter Exhibition**. This show is entered through the Fair Office using a Fair Livestock entry form and turned in on Entry Day at the Largen Barn.

4-H Horse Show is for 4-H members only; sign-up is through the 4-H office.

Other shows held at the Fair include:

- A.S.Q.H.A Quarter Horse Show;
- Great Alaska Pony Club Game Day;
- Interior Horseman's Association Open Show

Check the Exhibitor's Guide for show schedules and stall reservation deadlines for all shows.



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ANIMAL PICK-UP

All animals must be picked up at 7 a.m. on the Sunday following the close of the Fair. The superintendent or stall manager must sign the exhibitor out before animals will be released from the fair. Failure to do so puts a hardship on the volunteer superintendents as well as on your animal(s). The Borough Animal Control may be called and you may have to pay fines to retrieve your animal, so please be prompt. Thank you for your courtesy.

It is recommended that all animals on exhibit at the fair be isolated for at least 5 days to prevent any infectious diseases from being introduced to other animals you may have.

SECURITY

You are encouraged to enter your best work. The Competitive Exhibits team (staff, superintendents, judges & volunteers) all recognize the value these hold & all effort is made to provide for their security.

Each building has a team of volunteers to watch over the exhibits & to make sure they are not handled or stolen, but because of the volume of entries we get each year, we cannot guarantee the safety of each exhibit.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, feel free to ask any of the superintendents on duty. Both the Largen Barn (451-5551) & Delta Barn (451-5544) are staffed every day of the fair from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.

If you are unable to reach the superintendent, the Fair Office is here to help. Call us anytime between the hours of 9 am & 5 pm, Monday through Friday, or e-mail ozzie@tanavalleyfair.org.