

CHESHIRE FAIR JULY 29-AUGUST 2, 2009

LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Gate 1 (main entrance) will be open 24 hours per day. Gate 3 will be open at 6 AM every day.
2. Entries are open to everyone in all departments except where otherwise stated.
3. Written entries shall state-
 - (a) name, complete mailing address and social security number of exhibitor;
 - (b) department and class entered;
 - (c) description of animals to match exact class entered.
4. The CFA will not be responsible for an accident or damage that may occur to persons or property while on the fairgrounds or on the road leading to the fairgrounds. All stock entered for premiums must be under the care and control of the exhibitor at his/her own risk during the Fair.
5. The Cheshire Fair Association, Inc. assumes no responsibility for injuries caused by any animal during the Fair.
6. The Association reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any class, as space in barns and tents is limited.
7. The Cheshire Fair Assoc. reserves the right to prorate or defer premium payments, as necessary, should funds not be available to grant immediate payment.
8. Exhibitors may show as many animals as they wish in any class or division, unless otherwise stated, but are limited to two cash prizes.
9. Please read all rules and regulations listed in each department. Any knowing violation of these rules and the rules of each department will disqualify the exhibitor from premium awards.
10. All decisions of judges shall be final.
11. **Initial sawdust will be provided. All other bedding is the responsibility of owner**

CHESHIRE FAIR ANIMAL CARE POLICIES Established 1992 - Revised 2000

1. Absolutely no domestic animals, including dogs, cats, birds, reptiles or other animals will be allowed onto fairgrounds with spectators with the exception of trained/certified guide dogs. The Cheshire Fair Association, in recognition of animal rights, establishes the following policies pertaining to animals on exhibition or residence on the property of the Cheshire Fairgrounds:
2. Animals are expected to be of sound health when brought onto the grounds. A designated veterinarian may be present during the Cheshire Fair event and at other designated events and shall be allowed to examine any animal deemed in questionable health by Cheshire Fair staff and or its directors.
3. Animals will be kept in a clean and healthy environment while on exhibit or while in residence on the grounds. **NO INHUMANE TREATMENT OF ANY ANIMAL WILL BE TOLERATED ON THE GROUNDS.** Mistreated animals will be removed at owner's expense.
4. Due to liability, owners may be asked to remove any animal that is deemed in questionable health or a threat to the well being of other animals or humans, at the discretion of the superintendent and or the directors of the Cheshire Fair Association.
5. All canines and other animals brought onto the fairgrounds will have proof of current rabies vaccination. All shall display a current rabies tag if required. Canines and or other animals will be kept in designated exhibition areas or tied. All canines will be leashed and under the owners control at all times. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL A CANINE OR OTHER ANIMAL BE ALLOWED TO RUN FREE ON THE CHESHIRE FAIR ASSOCIATION PROPERTY.**
6. Any animal that bites or causes harm to any human and or animal while on the Cheshire Fair grounds will be the responsibility of the owner. Said animal may be requested to be quarantined and/or removed from the grounds, at the discretion of Cheshire Fair authorities.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MARKETS & FOOD Division of Animal Industry – Dr. Stephen K. Crawford, State Veterinarian Health Regulations for 2009 New Hampshire Fairs and Shows.

SEC. I. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:** All cattle, sheep, goats, swine, equine, camelids (llamas & alpacas), poultry and ratites entering the State of New Hampshire from other states must be accompanied by a "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection" signed by an Accredited Veterinarian. This Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall indicate the health status of the animals, poultry and other species involved, including results of any required tests and a statement that the animals are not known to be afflicted with any infectious or contagious disease. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, which has been issued for a New Hampshire fair/show, will remain in force for the entire 2009 show season.

SEC. II. **Permanent Identification:** All cattle, sheep, goats, swine, camelids, cervidae and ratites must be individually identified by permanent metal or plastic ear tag, legible tattoo or microchip (providing a reader is available).

SEC. III. **Permit for Entry:** Ratites, Camelids, Swine and/or Poultry: Prior permit must be obtained and the number must appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Permits may be obtained by calling: (603) 271-2404 Mon - Fri between the hours of 8:00am - 4:00 p.m.

A. **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

1. All animals must be in proper physical condition, be properly identified and free of visual evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease at time of arrival. Specific diseases and conditions that will disqualify an animal for entry are identified for each species in the following sections of the rules. Animals of any species with open or draining wounds should not be approved for entry.
2. Reminder: All sheep of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo, or electronic implant consistent with the requirements of the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program. Information on approved tags, tattoos and electronic implants is available from the NH Dept of Agriculture, Markets, and Food at 603 271-2404 or from USDA APHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508 865-1421.

3. All livestock must have proper identification. For animals identified by microchip, readers should be available at the fairgrounds.

4. SEE INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SPECIES LISTED BELOW.

- B. **RABIES RECOMMENDATIONS:** The State Veterinarian recommends that all domestic animals should be immunized for rabies at least 30 days before attending the fairs. Domestic animals that do not have a licensed rabies immunization available may be immunized "extra-label". They can still receive the rabies shot, but it is not recognized as an immunized animal. It is highly recommended that all animals displayed at the fairs be restrained in a manner that would not allow the public to be bitten or exposed to saliva. Rabies vaccines for show participants should be administered by a licensed veterinarian so as to assure the efficacious handling and administration of the vaccine.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *It shall be the responsibility of show superintendents to eject each animal showing indications of contagious disease.*

C. **CATTLE:**

(1) **New Hampshire Animals** - See Sec. II, Permanent Identification required. All cattle must originate from non-quarantined Tuberculosis negative herds and Brucellosis negative herds under state supervision; no further papers required.

(2) **Out-of-State Animals** - See Sec. I and II. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and Permanent Identification required. All cattle originating from Tuberculosis accredited-free and Brucellosis classified-free states and Canadian provinces may enter the state of New Hampshire without testing. Cattle not originating from Tuberculosis accredited-free and Brucellosis classified-free states and Canadian provinces must meet the following requirements:

- All cattle must originate from Tuberculosis negative and Brucellosis negative, non-quarantined herds and must have been tested within 30 days for Brucellosis and within 60 days to Tuberculosis prior to entry for the first show of the current season.
- Cattle under 18 months of age which are official vaccinates may enter New Hampshire without a Brucellosis test, but the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must show a record of such vaccination.
- Calves under 179 days of age from Tuberculin negative herds under supervision tested within one year may enter the state without a test, if properly identified as progeny of a tuberculin tested dam.

D. **STEERS, SPAYED HEIFERS & OXEN** must meet the same requirements as stated above for Tuberculosis. No Brucellosis requirement.

IMPORTANT: *It shall be the responsibility of show superintendents to eject each animal showing indications of contagious disease.*

E. **SHEEP:**

(1) **New Hampshire Animals** - See Sec. II, Permanent Identification required. All sheep must originate from a non-quarantined flock and animals must not have been exposed to scrapie, scabies or any other contagious or infectious disease, and shall not be the direct progeny (first generation) of any animal diagnosed as having scrapie.

(2) **Out-of-State Animals** - See Sec. I & II. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection & Permanent Identification required. All sheep must originate from an inspected, non-quarantined flock; the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall state that the animals have not been exposed to scrapie, scabies or any other contagious or infectious disease; & the animal shall not be the progeny of a sire or dam that was infected with scrapie.

(3) **Sheep Enrolled in the Voluntary Scrapie Program** - In order to lower the risk of scrapie transmission, sheep flocks that are enrolled in the scrapie eradication program should follow the following guidelines:

- Be kept separate from non-enrolled sheep by a vacant pen, a barn alley, or a solid physical barrier (such as metal, wood, canvas) sufficient to prevent any physical contact between enrolled and non-enrolled sheep.
- Limit contacts in the show or sales ring to minimize risk of scrapie transmission. These contacts take place between animals off the flock's premises and not during or immediately after lambing. Limited contacts do not include commingling, which means the grouping of animals together with free physical contact.
- Prevent contact with lambing animals at exhibits or sales. Lambing increases the exposure potential.

F. **HORSES:**

(1) **NH Animals** - A negative USDA-approved Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test (i.e. Coggins or ELISA) within the previous twelve months is recommended.

(2) **Out-of-State Animals** - See Sec. I. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required. All equines entering the State of New Hampshire must be accompanied by a valid negative A.G.I.D. or ELISA (Coggins) test for Equine Infectious Anemia conducted within six months prior to entry. Entry permit not required.

NOTE: *It is highly recommended that Show Management examine health certificates and EIA test papers for all horses. It is also recommended that all horses have EEE, tetanus, and equine herpes virus vaccines no less than 14 days and no more than one year prior to the date of the fair in addition to the rabies vaccine.*

G. **POULTRY:**

(1) **New Hampshire Poultry** - All poultry over 5 months of age must have been tested within one year for, and found negative to Salmonella Pullorum and avian influenza, identified by official leg band and must be progeny of Pullorum clean stock and free of all infectious and contagious diseases and exposure thereto.

(2) **Out-of-State Poultry** - See Sec. I, II and III. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or NPIP VS Form 9-3 and Permit required. All poultry over 5 months of age must have been tested within one year for, and found negative to Salmonella Pullorum and avian influenza and be identified by official leg band. All poultry under 5 months must be progeny of Pullorum clean stock and free of all infectious and contagious diseases and exposure thereto.

K. **BIO-SECURITY:**

When exhibiting animals at the fairs or shows, bring your own shovels, forks, brooms and wheel barrows for your personal use and do not allow them to be used by others. Disinfect all of the hand tools, including the wheel barrels, feed tubs and your boots and shoes before going back to the farm. Consider isolating all animals returning to your farm from the animals left at home for a period of time to minimize transmission of diseases that may have been picked up at the show.

Do not allow the public to walk in the feed areas and do not allow manure contamination of the feed or feeding areas.

There are many diseases, such as Johnes, E. Coli, Salmonella, etc., that can be spread at fairs and brought back to the farm. Prevent the spread of organisms.