

## GENERAL ANIMAL SCIENCE INFORMATION

### ★ Vet Checks:

• **SWINE Entry** All swine must arrive at the fairgrounds and be vet checked by **3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Anyone who cannot arrive by 3:00 p.m. should make prior arrangements with Andy Owens, Swine Superintendent (832-2182). All Market animals will be weighed in by club beginning at 4:30 p.m. The swine superintendent will contact leaders with the club order prior to fair.

• Swine Photos will be taken Tuesday morning from 8:30 a.m. until completed. 4-H members need to be available at their pen for weigh-in photos. (Remember, no photo – no sale! These photo's are required as part of your participation in the market auction program.)

### ★ Other Swine Information:

- There **must** be a sheet of plywood no larger than 44 inches by 94 inches under bedding in each hog pen furnished by exhibitor. Pens are also to be wired to prevent them from coming apart.
- Water dumping along Food Row is prohibited by the Health Department.** Water from the swine barn will be dumped in swine wash area or the dump area outside the horse barn.
- No extension cords or unnecessary electrical cords should be used to hang lights or other decorations.

### ★ Livestock Unloading Points: Entry day, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Swine .....Livestock Pavilion, South End (Vet Check/Haul-in 7 a.m.- 3 p.m., Weigh starts at 4:30 p.m.)  
Goats & Sheep .....River Arena, West End (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon & 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)  
Beef, Dairy & Horse.....Lower Arena, North End of Umpqua Park (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon & 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

Remember that all animals entering the Fairgrounds must be checked by a veterinarian at time of entry and **before** they are penned or stalled. Health inspections are 8 a.m. – noon and 3-7 pm on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, for all animals except swine & dogs. **Any animals penned or stalled prior to the inspection will be sent home automatically. Sheep may not be unloaded prior to vet check or they will be sent home.** Please reinforce this policy with your club members. Vaccination certificates for horses, dogs and llamas are required by division superintendents on entry day.

### ★ Rabbits, Cavies & Poultry:

Enter the Fairgrounds through the Portland Street entrance at the back of the Fairgrounds on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 am-noon and 3 - 7 p.m. The Small Animal Superintendent will call clubs with a suggested entry time. **Small animals are exhibited all week.** They will be released Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am. Poultry will be dipped prior to being placed in barn. Poultry will be blood tested for Pullorum (see Fairbook).

★ **Stall & Pen Assignments** will be posted by Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Bedding guidelines - see Fairbook!!!

★ **NO ANIMALS ON THE FAIRGROUNDS PRIOR TO 6 AM ON ENTRY DAY!**

★ If your club has decreased the number of animals coming to Fair after registration, please contact the division superintendent so stall assignments can be adjusted before Monday. Those clubs that have not contacted the superintendent and have more stall space than needed will be docked herdsmanship points.

### ★ Decorations:

Due to Fire Marshall regulations, decorations must not block the view through the barns or stall area. (Horse Clubs should refer to Horse Barn Rules for more info.)

### ★ Dog care members:

Register for county Fair on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Exhibit Building. Do not bring your dog to the fairgrounds on Monday. Dog entry passes will be given to exhibitors at registration with directions of where and what time dogs can enter the fairgrounds.

**Please Note:** 4-H dog members must confine their dogs to the show area their dogs to the show area when on the grounds (see the Dog Care section in the fairbook). Dogs being shown in the 4-H division may stay in the 4-H/FFA camper area during Friday night (August 7<sup>th</sup>) with Dog Superintendent approval (see Dog Overnight Request in fair letter).

### ★ Oregon State Fair:

This is an opportunity for those wanting to exhibit beyond the county level. Please read the state fair section of the Fairbook to see if any youth in your club qualify and/or would be interested. All exhibitors are responsible for appropriate deadlines.

### ★ Equipment:

Club members should put their names on their equipment and have a place to keep their equipment. Individual tack boxes or a club box is fine. Thirty inches long by 18 inches wide and 15 inches deep is as large as can be handled and stored easily. Two boxes this size or smaller are better than one larger box. A shallow tray with compartments is good. Records and papers can be secured to the underside of the lid.

### ★ Delivery Information:

Contact Douglas County Farmer's Co-Op or your local feed store for information regarding deliveries during Fair Week. Each person is responsible for their own arrangements.

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**DRESS CODE:** 4-H members are visual representatives of the 4-H program. Therefore, appropriate dress is required for members and leaders when on duty in livestock barns. Appropriate dress for duty in barns would be jeans (preferred) and closed-toed shoes for safety. Horse members see "Horse Barn Rules".

### HORSE

Long sleeves, boots, belts (if there are belt loops) are required in all classes. Boots are required whenever member is mounted in the arena, in the horse barn, and all areas where horses are present. The ASTM F1163 approved headgear with SEI certification and labeling is required to be worn and properly fastened when mounted on an equine or in a cart, buggy or wagon being pulled by one or more horses.

### LIVESTOCK

Dress Code will be enforced for conformation, showmanship classes and the auction. Exhibitor should be neat and clean with hair combed and shirts tucked in: no shorts, no tank tops, no gum, no open toed shoes, no hats! FFA members are to wear official dress. Small animal exhibitors are to wear long sleeved shirts. 4-H Club T-shirts are acceptable, however, T-shirts with other writing or logos WILL NOT be permitted. Members not following dress code will be asked to change clothes prior to entering the show ring and/or auction ring. Be on the safe side--bring an extra set of dress clothes for showing and the auction.

Exhibitors who sell market animals are encouraged to bring a change of clothes specifically to be worn at the Show/Auction. Violation of the dress code may cause forfeiture of Fair premiums.

### GROOMING CHUTES/STANDS:

Please check grooming chutes and stands for safety. They should be in sturdy condition, free from sharp edges, etc. Placement of the chutes and stands at the Fairgrounds is to be done so that foot traffic and spectators are not inconvenienced or put in an unsafe situation. Space for beef and dairy chutes will be limited to that area east of the beef/dairy show ring. Chutes are to be set-up to provide safe access for animals and owner. At this time it is suggested that club members share chutes. **REMINDER:** Animals are **NOT** to be left unattended in the grooming chutes or stands. ID cards should be placed on equipment (cards available at the 4-H Fair Office).

### TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

An E-Slip for a member's steer **MUST** be presented at Fair to the Brand Inspector. The E-Slip is to be completed on the date the member takes possession of the steer (on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>). It is to be completed by the person from whom the steer is purchased. One copy of the E-Slip was to be sent to the Department of Agriculture in Salem within 72 hours of ownership change.

E-Slips are obtained from a Brand Inspector for a small fee. This covers the Brand Inspection and Beef Check-Off fee. Each time the animal changes ownership \$1.50 is collected for the Federal Beef Check -Off Program. (4-H members have \$1.50 deducted from their sale check at the County Fair). For more information contact the local Brand Inspector.

### Animal Science Records:

4-H'ers cannot exhibit or show in any fair class or sell Market Animals at the Auction unless they submit a complete set of 4-H records by 8 pm Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, registration and entry day. See Record Book Reminder under General 4-H County Fair Information for record assembly directions.

**Production Records** are required for exhibitors of animals in production classes. One copy of these records must be included in the 4-H'ers record book. A second copy of Production Records must be turned in to the division superintendent on entry day, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Feed & Growth Records** are required for market animals. One copy of these records must be included in the 4-H'ers record book. A second copy of the Feed & Growth Records must be turned in to the overall livestock superintendent, Dixie Williams, by the Exhibitors meeting, 8 a.m. Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Parking on Entry Day:

Please refrain from leaving trucks and trailers unattended on the Fairgrounds entry day. Do not park your vehicle where it will block others or leave the vehicle in the Lower Arena. Remove livestock hauling vehicles by 8 pm Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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### Beef Awards Consideration Form:

Several beef awards require the proof of the dam and sire's breeds. Please indicate this information on the Fair pre-registration form (animal breed column). Also be sure to enter date of birth on Production Animals. **To be eligible for specific Breed Awards, please pick up the Cattle Breed Award Form from the 4-H Office or Beef Superintendent and return it by Wednesday at 10 am as indicated on the form.**

### Livestock Judging Contest:

Eight adult group leaders are needed for the Judging Contest on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the 4-H office if your club has volunteers!

### Unruly Animals:

The 4-H superintendent has the authority to disqualify any animal that is unruly or is not controllable by the 4-H member.

**This rule will be strictly enforced.** The process used at County Fair is as follows:

- The superintendent will talk with the 4-H member and leader regarding any potential problems.
- The animal may be transported to the barn at the discretion of the superintendent(s).
- If a concern exists, the division superintendent(s), overall livestock superintendent, 4-H Program Assistant and 4-H agent will discuss collectively.
- Animal will be monitored throughout the fair by the superintendent and the superintendent may send the animal home at any time.
- If an animal is deemed unruly, it will be released. Exhibit release forms must be signed by overall livestock superintendent, 4-H Program Assistant or 4-H agent.

### Horses:

Refer to Fairbook Vet Guidelines. All horses must have a current vaccination certificate for Vet check on Monday.

### Sawdust and Bedding Guidelines:

Please refer to the Fairbook. **“Sawdust bedding will be provided by the Fairgrounds for all barns. Sawdust is to be used moderately. The amount used will be monitored and regulated by superintendents. Straw will be provided by exhibitors. Any deviation from these guidelines may result in loss of premiums and/or disqualification from the Fair.”**

### Animal Care and Fitting Guidelines:

Many of you have asked or will ask what guidelines will be followed regarding fitting and care of animals during fair. While at the fair, 4-H exhibitors are expected to care for, groom and exhibit their own animals except for normal care given during barn duty when members may coordinate and cooperate to ensure proper husbandry. However, because of the educational nature of the fair, it is appropriate for parents, leaders and/or other persons to give verbal assistance in the preparation of livestock for show. Additionally, 4-H members in good standing in Douglas County may assist each other. Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the barn or division superintendent, Extension Agent or 4-H fair rules. Of course, safety is of primary concern and common sense actions/interventions by adults are allowed, when appropriate.

### Animal Release Policy:

**Animals released by fair/fair management will not be allowed to return to the Fairgrounds.** Veterinarian release requests must be made on site and with the knowledge of the fair management. Animal Release Forms are available from the 4-H Office. Those 4-H animals released will not be eligible for the present years State Fair competition. This policy is subject to exception only by the overall fair management team.

### Barn Hours:

To ensure that 4-H youth have proper supervision, 4-H youth **are not** to be in any of the animal barns after camper/dorm curfew (10 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday) or in the animal barns prior to 5 a.m. each morning.

# 4-H HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST

## Leader's Guide

Herdsmanship should focus on teamwork, showing pride in exhibits, learning to pick-up and take care of area, proper care and treatment of the animal (feed, water, animal & pens clean, animal health, etc.). Herdsmanship is more than a contest--it should be a fun "educational" activity in which kids challenge one another within their club to make their club look good and "feel" good. The purpose of this contest is to develop knowledge and skill in proper care, handling, and stabling of livestock on public exhibition.

Hold a club discussion on care and feeding of animals at Fair. Outline Herdsmanship requirements and make plans to meet these requirements. See the fairbook for more information. Fair decorations need not be elaborate or expensive. Simple, neat and economical decorating should be encouraged. Decorations do not count for or against your score as long as they are neat and clean. There are no points on decorations (see guidelines & Horse Barn Rules).

### SUGGESTIONS FOR ORGANIZING YOUR GROUP

The Herdsmanship Contest is a club activity. The leader should act as an advisor in helping the members organize and carry out their work. Leaders should not become a boss and should not do the work for the members.

The rules of the contest should be explained carefully and the importance of each member's part. The club members should decide how they want to tie or pen their animals, what they want to do in the way of a club sign or decorations, and how the feed and equipment should be stored. They should work out a schedule for caring for the animals that will be fair to all members. In most cases each member should feed their own animals and do the cleaning of the pen or stalls. They should do all of the fitting and preparation for show and should be responsible for their own equipment.

### EQUIPMENT

Club members should put their names on their equipment. Tack ID Cards are available for Identification during Fair week. Members need a place to keep their equipment. Individual tack boxes or a club box is fine. A shallow tray with compartments is good. Records and papers can be secured to the underside of the lid. Those with swine must bring a sheet of plywood no larger than 44 inches by 94 inches for flooring in the pens to help prevent rooting.

### STALL CARDS

Stall cards will be available at division area registration tables. Cards can be obtained in advance at the 4-H Office.

### ANIMALS

#### Clean and Comfortable

Manure should be removed regularly. Animals should have sufficient bedding to keep them clean and make them comfortable. Refer to the Fairbook for bedding guidelines as per your project area. Freedom from flies and other pests is important. Remove water bucket after animal drinks (except for horses - they need water at all times) to prevent wet bedding. Swine self-watering units are to be maintained to prevent wet pens also.

#### Regularly fed and cared for

The animals should be fed and cared for at regular times. It is especially important that animals be watered regularly and that cows in milk be milked on time. A pen will be available for milking during the fair.

## **Animals to be Securely and Safely Tied or Penned**

**This is a must!** Animals should be securely penned or tied at all times. Cattle should be tied short and low or cross-tied. Animals with horns should be tied so that they cannot hook another animal. All beef and dairy cattle are required to have a neck rope in addition to a halter. Dairy cattle should be grouped at one end of the club display. Horses should not be haltered, but a halter and lead should be hung outside the stall. Swine pens are to be securely wired. Pen gates are to be tied top and bottom.

### **BARNs**

Alleys, stalls and pens should be cleaned regularly. Alleys are to be neat and orderly, stalls and pens well bedded. The use of excessive bedding should be discouraged.

Feed and Equipment - Grain should be stored so an animal cannot get to it if one should get loose. Equipment such as forks should be hung or placed where there is no danger of injury. Club members will be required to provide their own feed buckets, water buckets, trough, feed and other equipment. Such equipment should be kept clean and neat. Tack boxes are desirable and should be kept neat. Sweeping that causes excessive dust, is strongly discouraged.

### **CLUB MEMBERS**

Appearance - Club members should appear neat and clean. Hands and faces should be clean, hair combed and clothes reasonably clean. Clothes should be suitable for wear at a livestock show. No sandals or open-toed shoes in barns or when handling livestock. Boots are to be worn when in the stall with a horse or when working with a horse.

Cooperation - Club members should learn to work together and to help each other do a better job. Cooperation with their leaders, the Fair Management, and with other clubs are all important.

Courtesy, Conduct and Friendliness - Club members should be courteous to each other and to all others. Their manner of speech and general conduct should be a credit to 4-H Club Work. They should be friendly and ready to tell Fair visitors about their animals and 4-H projects.

All Work Done By Club Members - There is great potential for learning if club members do their own work. If a club member needs help grooming an animal, the parent or leader might hold the animal, but the club members should do the work of fitting. (Club members should complete fitting and clipping prior to arriving at Fair.)

### **BASIS FOR SCORING 4-H HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST**

Club members.....	20
Appearance	
Cooperation, courtesy, conduct, friendliness	
All work done by appropriate age club members	
Animals.....	40
Clean and comfortable	
Regularly fed and cared for	
Securely and safely tied or penned	
Barns.....	40
Alleys, stalls, pens	
Feed and equipment	
Stall cards	
POSSIBLE SCORE.....	100