

## 2011 PREMIUM BOOK DEDICATION

The Cobleskill Agricultural Society Board of Directors would like to dedicate the 135<sup>th</sup> annual Premium Book to **BRUCE L. CATER AND SUSAN M. BALL**, both of whom will be greatly missed by all.

Born January 2, 1946 in Cobleskill, **Bruce L. Cater** was the son of Darwin and Ruth (Bogardus) Cater. He was a graduate of the former Cobleskill Central School.

Bruce worked as a self-employed farrier all of his life. For more than 30 years, he was involved extensively with the Cobleskill Agricultural Society and the Sunshine Fair. He was manager of many of the horse shows at the fairgrounds and at the fair, and a respected judge for many other County fairs as well as for many other area horse shows.

His hobbies included that of showing, training and riding horses, collecting guns and hunting. He was a member of the NRA and AQHA.

Bruce had many wonderful qualities for which he will be remembered, including his strong work ethic, having the “old school mentality”, being a wonderful family provider and always someone to look up to.

He is sorely missed by his wife, four sons, three brothers and five grandchildren.

### **SUSAN M. BALL 1954-2010**

Susan M. Ball was known in our community for being a farmer and co-owner of Schoharie Valley Farms with her husband Richard and their three children.

She was active in the community as a member of the Schoharie Valley Association, Schoharie County & NY State Farm Bureaus, NY State Agricultural Society, NY State Vegetable Growers Association, Schoharie Promotional Association, and the Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association.

Her memberships were numerous but it was her daily life that demonstrated her love for agriculture and its' beauty. Whether in the green house watering plants or covering mums in fear of frost long after the workers had gone home, Susan Ball always had time to talk to the customers. In the bakery, she didn't miss a beat with daily bakery orders and what was needed for the busy donut season ahead. Susan touched the lives of the employees by setting the example of work ethic combined with laughter. The only thing Susan Ball loved more than agriculture was her family. She was blessed with a talent to combine her two passions. If you had the good fortune to see Susan “behind the scenes”, you might see her picking beans with one or more of her grandchildren in a wagon.

Although, summer is one of the busiest times for the year in agriculture, Susan made sure that Schoharie Valley Farms supported the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair with an incredible educational display in the Fruits and Vegetable Building. This year please visit the Fruits and Vegetable display in the Hall of Ag to see that Susan M. Ball's legacy continues.

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### Important:

**WHEN TRAVELING FROM THE WEST, EXPECT DELAYS DUE TO BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.**

**Your Green Ribbon Fair educates fairgoers about soy-based products and the farmers who grow them.**



### 1. Premium Book

a. The 2011 premium book is available on our website, [www.sunshinefair.org](http://www.sunshinefair.org), from which entry forms can be downloaded and submitted to the Fair. The premium book is divided into sections so that one section may be opened at a time, with the appropriate entry blank displayed for that section. **On-Line entries are being accepted this year.**

#### Online Entry Process:

1. Go to our website [www.sunshinefair.org](http://www.sunshinefair.org) and click on the button for online entries. Go to your account or create a new user account and follow the directions listed. You will have to have a credit/debit card to make online entries. There is a **\$4.00 convenience fee** that will be charged to **each exhibitor**. The convenience fee is charged at the time when the exhibitor closes the shopping cart and submits the credit card information to the site.
2. After you have filled out the information, click "save account information" and print off your entry form for your records. You will receive an email confirming your entry.
3. You will still have to submit a copy of your animal health papers to the fair office.

A small number of premium books will be printed and will be available for pickup in the Fair Office for those who do not have computer capability. Please call the Fair Office at (518) 234-2123 to reserve a copy.

**b. Please remember to use a separate entry blank for each Department entered. They may be reproduced if necessary.**

**c. ALL OFF-LINE ENTRIES ARE DUE AT THE FAIR OFFICE BY 4:00 PM FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2011. ON-LINE ENTRIES ARE DUE BY 4:00 PM FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2011.**

**NOTE: Entries for Department 5, Fruits and Flowers & Department 8, Farm Produce will be displayed in the Hall of Agriculture in 2011.**

# COBLESKILL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

## RULES AND REGULATIONS - ADMISSION

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| Adult 9-Day Voting Membership Pass – Adult (13+) .....                                      | \$60.00                         |
| Senior 9-Day Voting Membership Pass - Sr. Citizens (62 & Over) .....                        | \$55.00                         |
| Five Day Pass.- .....   | Adults \$45.00, Seniors \$40.00 |
| Three Day Pass - .....  | Adults \$30.00, Seniors \$25.00 |
| Admission - Adults - Tuesday through Sunday .....   | 12.00                           |
| Admission - Seniors (62 & Over) Tuesday and Thursday through Sunday.....                    | 10.00                           |
| Children (12 & Under)..... <b>Free!</b> .....Parking..... <b>Free!</b> .....RV Parking..... | \$5.00                          |

**YOUTH AGES 18 & UNDER WILL BE ADMITTED FREE ON THURS., 8/4, UNTIL 6 PM FOR YOUNG AMERICAN DAY**

**SENIORS WILL BE ADMITTED FOR \$8.00 ON FRIDAY. 7/29 FOR SENIOR DAY**

**EXHIBIT BUILDINGS OPEN AT 10:30 AM EVERY DAY  
PROGRESSLAND AND GRANDSTAND WILL OPEN 10:30 EVERY DAY**

9-Day Voting Membership Passes will be on sale at the fair office until July 28 for the reduced rate of \$55.00 for adults (13+) and \$50.00 for seniors (62+), **children 12 & under will be admitted free.** AFTER JULY 28 9-Day Voting Membership Passes WILL BE \$60.00 FOR ADULTS (13+), and \$55.00 FOR SENIORS (62+). The reserved seat boxes in the Grandstand will be sold at public auction by the Fair Association on **Friday, July 15** at 7:30 P.M. One 9-Day Pass will be given for each box sold.

### EXHIBITOR TICKETS

In accordance with the bylaws of the Cobleskill Agricultural Society, Schoharie County resident exhibitors over 18 years of age have the option to purchase a \$55.00 **9-Day Voting Membership Pass**, or for those ages 62+, a \$50.00 senior **9-Day Voting Membership Pass** in lieu of the \$20.00 exhibitor ticket. Wherever a \$20 exhibitor ticket is specified, it shall also be understood to read a \$10 youth exhibitor ticket if the exhibitor is between 13 & 17 years old.

| <u>Department</u>   | <u>Entry Fee</u>  | <u>Tickets</u>   |
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| <u>Open</u><br>Rabbits and other non-animal open classes  | 10% or \$5.00 minimum   | <b>May</b> purchase one \$20 exhibitor ticket or \$10 youth exhibitor ticket   |
| <u>Dept. 6</u> Open Poultry Show  | 10% or \$5.00 minimum   | <b>Must</b> purchase one daily @ \$6.00  |
| <u>Dept. 12</u> (School Work )  | No entry fee  |  |
| <u>Horses</u><br>Draft (staying for Fair)<br>Draft (staying less than 9 Days)<br>4 Horses or Less | Total of entry<br><br>Total of Entry  | <b>May</b> purchase up to 9 daily at \$6 ea.<br><br><b>Must</b> purchase one exhibitor ticket @ \$20<br><b>May</b> purchase one exhibitor ticket at \$20 ea. and <b>May</b> purchase up to 4 daily tickets @ \$6.  |
| More than 4 Horses  | Total of Entry  | <b>Must</b> purchase one exhibitor ticket @ \$20<br><b>May</b> purchase up to two exhibitor tickets @ \$20. ea. and <b>May</b> purchase up to 4 daily tickets @ \$6 ea.  |
| Draft (day of the show)   | Total of entry<br>\$12 per stall per day  | <b>If entering day of show two people per horse will be admitted at no charge</b>  |
| English, Gymkhana, Pony, Western, Quarter Horse (daily)   | Total of Entry<br>\$12 per stall per day<br>\$2 timer fee per horse - Gymkhana only | <b>If pre-entering any daily show Must purchase one of the following:<br/>                     \$20 exhibitor ticket or \$6 daily ticket<br/>                     May purchase 2 – 4 daily at \$6 each<br/>                     If entering day of show two people per horse will be admitted at no charge</b> |

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| <u>Livestock</u><br>Dairy, Beef, Goats, Sheep | 10% or \$5.00 minimum | <b>Must</b> purchase one \$20 exhibitor ticket<br><b>May</b> purchase up to 4 daily at \$6 each |
| Goat One Day Show (Dairy or Meat)             | 10% or \$5.00 minimum | <b>Must</b> purchase one daily at \$6<br><b>May</b> purchase one additional daily at \$6        |
| Swine, Dairy & Beef staying for 9 days        | 10% or \$5.00 minimum | <b>Must</b> purchase one \$20 exhibitor ticket<br><b>May</b> purchase up to 9 daily at \$6 each |

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Schoharie County Residents who purchase a voting membership ticket and are 18 years of age or over will be considered members in accordance with the by-laws of the Cobleskill Agricultural Society. Members of the Society are invited to attend the annual meeting scheduled the first Saturday in December. The voting membership ticket entitles one person to whom issued admission to the grounds with motor vehicle at any and all times during the fair.
2. Tickets are not transferable.
3. Ticket stub or pass and ultra-violet hand stamp must be shown for re-admission. In the event of no stub or no pass with hand stamp, you will be required to pay for admission. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. Windshield stickers will be issued to livestock exhibitors to be displayed on their delivery vehicles. The windshield sticker is for the admission of the **vehicle only**, not for the admission of the occupants.
5. Children 12 and under admitted to the grounds free.
6. Any person attempting to make fraudulent use of a ticket will forfeit the ticket and all the rights and privileges to which the same entitles him or her.
7. Any person caught entering or attempting to enter the grounds wrongfully or fraudulently will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
8. Alcoholic beverages will be confined to designated areas. **The village open container law will be strictly enforced.**
9. Solicitations or campaigning will be limited to within rented area only. No solicitation or campaign activity that obstructs traffic flow will be allowed in walkways or on the grounds in general. Sale of raffle tickets is now forbidden by Section 288 of the Ag & Market's Law.
10. **NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS EXCEPT FOR SEEING EYE DOGS AND THOSE DOGS IN YOUTH PROJECTS, EXHIBITS OR SHOWS.**
11. The Fair Board has instituted a \$6.00 charge for all Helper's Tickets for volunteer organizations working at the Fair.
12. The Board of Directors of the Cobleskill Ag Society, to the best of their knowledge, deems the information in this book to be correct. Changes may occur after the publishing date.

## ENTRIES/JUDGES

1. The Cobleskill Agricultural Society reserves to itself the right to refuse or to cancel any entries, disqualify exhibitors, curtail or prohibit exhibition or entries, and to cancel awards of prizes as may be deemed necessary or expedient. All entries must be made and are received subject to this rule. All refunds of entry fees are subject to Board approval prior to opening day of the Fair.
2. Judging times are listed in this book under special rules for each department.
3. No person shall act as judge of any class of articles or animals in which any member of his family is a competitor.
4. Judges in each department will classify all exhibits and are requested to make their report to the fair office immediately after awards are made.
5. Judge will not award a prize where there is no merit. In case of no competition in a class, the Judge will award the premium according to the merit of the article or animal.
6. Most departments are open to everyone unless otherwise stated in department rules.
7. No judges will be allowed to exhibit in any department with which they are connected.
8. **The Society will not hold itself responsible for damages or loss to any person, animal or exhibit and all entries are made in accordance with this rule. It will take reasonable precaution for the preservation of stock and articles on exhibition during the Fair, after their arrival and arrangement on the grounds, but will not be responsible for loss by fire, theft, damage or accident, to person or property, or otherwise, that may occur.**
9. Exhibitors are requested to examine their entries at the time of making the entries so that if any mistakes have been made, they can be corrected.
10. Any exhibitor who shall make or cause to be made any false statement in regard to any animal or article exhibited, or who shall attempt to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties by letter, circular or otherwise, shall forfeit all claims to premiums so made.
11. No property is to be removed without showing property check.
12. Premium awards will be designated by cards and ribbons to wit: first premium, blue; second premium, red; third premium, yellow. Cards and ribbons, however, have no value as to the payment of premiums.
13. No stock allowed on the grounds prior to Wednesday before the fair, or after Monday following the fair. Livestock exhibitors will not be allowed to stay in the barns overnight.
14. **ALL animals on the fairgrounds are the responsibility of their owners and/or those who are exhibiting them and total removal of all "waste" or by-products created by said animals to the proper locations/disposal units is the responsibility of those who brought them on to the grounds.**
15. Any exhibitor may protest a part or whole of another exhibitor's exhibits, if he has reason to believe that they are irregular or do not conform to the rules of the Society, by serving a notice of such protest upon the Secretary of the Society in writing. All protests are to be served while the Fair is in progress, and to be decided by the Board of Management at any time prior to the date fixed for the payment of premiums. All entrance fees paid upon protested exhibits, which are not proven by the exhibitors to be qualified, are forfeited to the Society.
16. **Exhibits to be removed on the first Sunday following the fair. Superintendents will not release livestock or poultry except as in accordance with rules published in this premium book.**
17. There will be no collaboration with the judges while judging is in progress.

## PRIVILEGES

1. All matters in this department are under the supervision of Cobleskill Agricultural Society, P.O. Box 249, Cobleskill, NY 12043.
2. The Society reserves the right to cancel any permit, lease or privilege at any time, for any infraction of the rules of the Society, by those operating thereunder, and by such infraction and cancellation the holder shall forfeit all rights under said permit, lease of privileges, including moneys paid, and on notice shall at once surrender the grounds occupied by him.

## PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

1. The Society will pay all premiums by check, which will be mailed to exhibitors to whom premiums have been awarded within 30 days from the last day of the fair.
- 2. As the Society is required by law to make an early detailed report to the State Agricultural Department, all checks issued for premiums must be presented for payment on or before December 01, 2009. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. The list of awards is made out from the signed report of the Judges.
4. Any exhibit removed prior to close of Fair will forfeit any premium due.

## INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Society reserves to itself the sole and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters and questions arising from or connected with or incident to the fair. Complete rules for interstate health requirements for fair animals may be reviewed at the fair office.

**STATE OF NEW YORK, DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS  
PART 350 - STANDARDS FOR CONDUCT OF FAIRS**

Section:

350.1 Entry Fees maximums. Entry fees shall not exceed 10 percent of first premium, except in poultry department, where the fees shall not exceed 25 percent of first premium. However, a flat charge of two dollars per entry may be made in the cattle department in lieu of the 10 percent of first premium. Any deviation from this standard must receive the approval of the commissioner.

350.2 No fee for 4-H, F.F.A., junior fair or school department exhibits. No entry fee shall be charged for 4-H club, F.F.A. and junior fair exhibits entered for competition in their own classes, or for entries in the school department.

350.3 Prompt, full payment of premiums. All premiums advertised and awarded must be paid promptly and in full, without deduction in the guise of donations or otherwise, notwithstanding any statement to the contrary or in modification thereof announced or stated in the premium book.

350.4 No premium for unworthy exhibit. No premium should be awarded by any judge or paid by any society for an unworthy exhibit.

350.5 Premium amount to attract well-balanced exhibits. The amount of premium offered in the various departments should be such as to secure well-balanced exhibits, in the light of the types of agriculture carried on in the territory served by the fair.

350.6 No exhibits by judges in departments they oversee. No judges shall be permitted to enter exhibits in competition for premiums in the department with which they are connected.

350.7 Exhibits to be plainly labeled. All exhibits must be plainly labeled so that the full significance of the exhibits will be made clear.

350.8 Re-exhibition in domestic departments. No article shall be permitted to be exhibited in the domestic department if it has been previously exhibited therein, unless, by official action of the board of directors of any fair society, an exception is made to this requirement.

350.9 Ownership of exhibits entered in fairs and shows.

(a) All exhibits shall be entered in the name of the exhibit owner; provided, however, that any animal exhibit entered in a youth fair, youth exhibition, or 4-H show or exhibition may be entered in the name of the exhibitor.

(b) Exhibits shall have been owned by the exhibitor for a period of at least 30 days prior to entry of the exhibit; provided, however, that any animal exhibit entered in a youth fair, youth exhibition or 4-H show or exhibition shall have been in the care of the exhibitor for a period of at least 60 days prior to entry of the exhibit.

(c) The exhibitor, upon request, shall provide proof of ownership of any exhibit to the fair sponsor.

(d) The fair sponsor may limit the number of breeds shown by any exhibitor.

350.10 Rejection or refusal of an exhibit. Any fair society shall reserve the right to reject, or refuse and to order the removal of any exhibit which, in the opinion of its Board of Directors, is not eligible or worthy of showing or has not met the livestock health requirement.

350.11 Compliance with and enforcement of livestock health requirement. Each fair or exposition which receives money from the State pursuant to article 24 of the Agriculture and Markets Law shall comply with and enforce the livestock health requirements set forth in Part 351 of this Chapter.

**Part 351 - LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

**Animal Health Requirements are available for review at the Fair office during business hours**

**FAIR INSPECTION PROCEDURES**

County fair officials are responsible for reviewing all certificates of veterinary inspection (CVI) for compliance with state regulations and for verifying individual identification of exhibited animals presented on a valid CVI. (Currently, a CVI is required for cattle, sheep, goats, swine, deer, llamas, monkeys, elephants, camels, and miscellaneous ruminants.) The county fair official is responsible for rejecting any animal that does not meet the documentation requirements or is not properly identified. A rejection document must be issued for all rejections. The county fair official must sign or stamp all satisfactory CVIs, indicate the date inspected and check off animals that are present at the fair. Division of Animal Industry (DAI) veterinarians and veterinary technicians are responsible for conducting an animal health inspection of all animals at the fair with the exception of horses (see below). The initial inspection will be conducted at or shortly after the arrival of the animals. **Specific animal arrival and inspection schedules must be established and adhered to.** Daily walk-through inspections will be conducted by DAI personnel. Fair officials are responsible for bringing any animal health concerns to the attention of the DAI veterinarian or technician. Horse show personnel are responsible for reviewing EIA and rabies vaccination documentation for all horses entering the grounds for compliance with current regulations. The horse show report supplied by DAI must be completed and returned to DAI personnel. Any equine health concerns must be reported to DAI personnel.

**Note: State Fair Procedures:** CVI and animal health inspections will be conducted by DAI personnel. All horses will be inspected at the horse check station. State Fair personnel are required to assist the veterinarian and veterinary technician as requested to facilitate the inspection.

**ANIMAL HEALTH REJECTIONS**

All animal rejections for health reasons must be made by the DAI veterinarian. **Suspicion** of communicable disease is adequate grounds for rejection. **Confirmed diagnosis is not required** since timely removal of suspicious animals is necessary to protect the remaining animals. All decisions are final. Fair personnel will be notified of all rejections and are responsible for removal of the animals from the grounds immediately. The State Veterinarian retains the authority to order the removal of all animals originating from the same premises when a potentially serious communicable disease is suspected in any animals in the group. Vesicular diseases are of particular concern. Animals listed on the same CVI or originating from the same address are assumed to be from the same premises.

**PREPARATION FOR THE FAIR**

**CONTAGIOUS DISEASES:** All animals must be free from contagious disease. Examples of contagious diseases for which animals have been denied entry or rejected from fairs include the following: ringworm, warts, mange, sore mouth, respiratory infection and contagious hoof infections.

**ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:** Animals must be uniquely identified. Acceptable identification allows positive matching of the animal to all accompanying documents including papers with laboratory test results and vaccination statements. Animals requiring a CVI must be uniquely identified. Acceptable forms of unique identification include official eartag, registration tattoo, electronic identification or a sketch or photograph. **If a sketch or photograph is to be used for official identification of an animal, the sketch or photograph must contain the signature of the attending veterinarian and date.** An eartag with a handwritten or printed number that is not unique is not acceptable. If electronic ID is utilized as the sole form of identification, **the exhibitor is responsible for supplying a working electronic reader. If electronic ID cannot be read entry will be denied.** Horse sketches and descriptions should reference color pattern, hair whorls, chestnuts, scars and other markings. Llama drawings, as for horses, must positively identify the individual animal. A name or a statement of color without additional distinguishing features or man made identification is not acceptable identification. USDA approved scrapie identification is required for all sheep and goats.

**FOLLOW DRUG AND VACCINE WITHHOLDING TIMES:** In order to prevent the contamination of food products, labeled withholding times should be strictly adhered to in food producing animals that have been treated with any chemical (drug) or have had vaccine administered.

**PROOF OF VACCINATION:** A signed, written statement from the attending veterinarian is required as proof of vaccination. A valid animal health certificate that has the animal individually identified, vaccination(s) listed and is signed by the issuing veterinarian is acceptable proof of vaccination. The date of vaccination and the name of the products used must be listed on all certificates.

## REASONS FOR FAIR ENTRANCE DENIAL IN PAST YEARS

Testing requirements not fulfilled; no CVI presented or animals not listed on CVI; test time constraints not met; forged documents; mange, ringworm, warts, respiratory disease or other contagious disease; required vaccination(s) not administered; vaccination time constraints not met; inadequate proof of vaccination; lack of or incomplete identification; identification between documents varies for the same animal; invalid interstate charts. Disease status can change. Stay informed about developing animal health issues. Fair entrance requirements may need to be modified. Don't wait until the last moment to prepare your animal(s) for the fair. If you have any questions or comments about entrance requirements, you can contact your regional state veterinarian/veterinary technician or the NYS Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry, Albany, NY at **518-457-3502**.

## GENERAL PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- . No person shall bring or have present an animal on the fairgrounds during the fair which is not qualified under NYS regulations.
- . No person shall present an interstate or intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection that has been altered by anyone other than the issuing veterinarian or an authorized agent.
- . Animals demonstrating clinical signs or other evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases shall not be allowed on the fairgrounds during the fair.
- . Representatives of the Commissioner may deny admission to or require removal from the fair premises, or require the segregation of any animal showing signs of or exposed to any infectious, contagious or communicable disease. The Fair Board of Directors has the authority to reject unworthy or unsightly exhibits for reasons other than infectious, contagious or communicable disease. The state veterinarian or animal health inspector will bring questionable exhibits to the attention of the fair board.
- . All animals presented that originate from a location other than New York shall meet all New York State importation regulations appropriate to the species in addition to the fair animal health requirements.

## CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION

- . Cattle, sheep, goats, swine, llamas, deer, monkeys, misc. ruminants, camels and elephants require a valid CVI to enter the fairgrounds.]
- . The CVI must be issued by an accredited veterinarian.
- . All animals must be uniquely identified. All manmade ID must be recorded. Refer to Animal Identification section below for more information.
- . Only one species is allowed per certificate.
- . The type and duration of certificate required depends on the origin of the livestock.

### New York Origin Livestock:

- . A valid CVI (AI61) is required.
- . Each animal must be individually identified on the CVI.
- . The CVI must be issued on or after May 1 of the current year.

### Out of State Origin Livestock:

- . All animals entering New York State must satisfy import health and test requirements for that species and be accompanied by a valid interstate CVI.
- . The Interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. During the fair season (July 1 through Labor Day) valid CVI's can be used multiple times for entrance into fairs. The initial entrance into a fair must be within 30 days of issuance. In order for the CVI to be used for a later fair, it must be dated and initialed by a state official noting the location of the initial fair. A change in health status or eligibility of an animal necessitates the generation of a new CVI.

**NOTE:** All vaccine requirements must be met during the duration of the fair. CVIs with vaccinations out of date at the time of the fair are invalid and the animals will be rejected.

## ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

- . Animals requiring a CVI must be uniquely identified. Acceptable forms of unique identification include official eartag, legible registration tattoo or electronic identification (microchip). A sketch or photograph signed and dated by an accredited veterinarian is acceptable identification for llamas and alpacas.
- Note:** A complete written description is sufficient identification for horses entering New York accompanied by a CVI. The description must match the EIA test record. Horse sketches and descriptions should reference color pattern, hair whorls, chestnuts, scars and other markings as necessary to uniquely identify the horse. "Bay, no markings" is not an acceptable description for a CVI or EIA test record.
- . It is acceptable for a fair or organization (4H for example) to utilize a unique tag for identification of market class cattle and swine. This tag must include an individual number for each animal and must be approved prior to the fair.
- . If electronic ID is utilized as the sole form of identification, the exhibitor is responsible for supplying a working electronic reader. If electronic ID cannot be read entry will be denied.
- . Acceptable identification allows positive matching of the animal to all accompanying documents including papers with laboratory test results and vaccination statements.
- . Llama and alpaca drawings must positively identify the individual animal.
- . A name or a statement of color without additional distinguishing features or man made identification is not acceptable identification.
- . USDA approved scrapie identification is required for all sheep and goats.

## COBLESKILL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY REQUIRES THAT ALL ANIMALS BE VACCINATED FOR RABIES.

### RABIES VACCINATION

- . Current rabies vaccination is required for all species for which there is a USDA licensed vaccine available (cattle, horses, sheep, dog, cat, ferret) and that are 105 days or older on the date of admission to the fair.
- . An animal is currently vaccinated beginning 14 days following primary (initial) vaccination continuing for the period stated in the manufacturer's instructions.
- . Rabies vaccine label instructions allow vaccination as early as 84 days of age. This allows a one week window between 84 and 91 days of age (105 minus 14 days) where vaccine can be administered to meet the 105 day requirement.
- . If an animal reaches the minimum age for rabies vaccination during the fair season, the vaccination requirement must be met even if the animal was previously admitted to the fair when too young to vaccinate.

**NOTE:** Cobleskill Agricultural Society requires that all animals be vaccinated for rabies, including goats and swine. The New York State Fair also requires rabies vaccination for all livestock species entering the grounds.

### Acceptable Proof of Rabies Vaccination

- . Acceptable proof of rabies vaccination must include a signed written statement from the attending veterinarian or a valid certificate of veterinary inspection that has the vaccination listed and is signed by the attending veterinarian.
- . Acceptable proof of vaccination must include the name of the product used, the date of administration and the duration of immunity if longer than one year.
- . If the statement of rabies vaccination is included on and EIA test record, it must be signed separately in addition to the required EIA test record signature.
- . NOTE: Rabies titers are not acceptable proof of rabies protection and cannot be used to meet entry requirements.
- . Acceptable proof of vaccination for dogs is a valid vaccination certificate or a copy of the dog license that contains the rabies vaccination information.

### BVD-PI Testing

. All cattle and new world camelids (llamas, alpacas, guanacos and vicunas) exhibited at NY county fairs or the State Fair must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). This is a once in a lifetime test that must be reported on the required certificate of veterinary inspection. The issuing veterinarian is responsible for verifying the validity of the test, the identification of the animal and recording the test date on the CVI. If a previous test is not verifiable the test must be repeated.

### Cattle Testing:

- . Currently acceptable BVD tests for cattle less than 61 days old:
  - . Skin notch Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
  - . whole blood virus isolation
  - . whole blood PCR
- . Currently acceptable BVD tests for cattle 61 days of age and older:
  - . Skin notch Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
  - . Serum or milk Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE)
  - . Whole blood virus isolation
  - . Whole blood, serum or plasma PCR

Note: The NYS Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Cornell University can conduct PCR testing on pools of up to 10 cattle.

### Llama, Alpaca, Guanaco, Vicuna Testing

- . Currently Acceptable BVD tests:
  - . PCR
  - . Whole blood virus isolation

Note: The NYS Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Cornell University can pool llama, etc. samples for PCR testing as follows: Animals less than 61 days of age can be tested in pools of 2 animals, whole blood only. Animals 61 days of age and older can be tested in pools of 5 animals using whole blood, serum or plasma.

### Kidding and Lambing

- . Due to the concern about the spread of scrapie, any sheep or goats that are exhibited at a county fair that have recently given birth or have a vaginal discharge, will be ordered removed along with their offspring.
- . The causative agent for scrapie may be present in high concentration in fluid associated with birth and the risk of transmission is considered highest at that time.

### Commingling of Sheep and Cattle

- . Due to the potential spread of malignant catarrhal fever from sheep to cattle, it is recommended that cattle be kept separate from sheep.

### Commingling of Swine and Poultry

- . Due to the potential spread of influenza viruses it is recommended that swine and poultry be housed in separate locations.

### Isolation on Returning Home

- . The owner or custodian shall keep show animals biologically separate from the herd or flock for a period of at least two weeks after returning to the premises of origin.

**INDIVIDUAL SPECIES REQUIREMENTS** *If a species is not mentioned here, please check with NYS Department of Agriculture/Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3502 for specific fair entrance requirements.*

### Horses

- . Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is not required for New York origin horses. CVI is required for imported horses.
- . Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test is required for all horses 6 months of age or older. The horse must be accompanied by a valid negative EIA test record. The test must have been conducted during the current or previous calendar years for New York origin horses. For imported horses, the test must be conducted within 12 months of entry.
- . The EIA test certificate must include a complete description of the horse.
- . Current rabies vaccination is required for all horses 105 days of age or older (see above).

### Sheep

- . Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified with USDA approved individual scrapie program identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a USDA approved flock tattoo and individual animal ID number or 3) electronic ID if the sheep is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program (owner must supply a working electronic reader).
- . Current rabies vaccination is required for all sheep 105 days of age or older (see above).
- . The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing accredited veterinarian that the flock of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious or communicable diseases was found.
- . If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any sheep, the entire exhibit including the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

#### Goats

- . Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified with USDA approved individual scrapie program identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a legible registration tattoo or 3) a USDA approved herd tattoo and individual animal ID number or 4) electronic ID if the goat is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program and/or the electronic ID is recorded on the goats registration paper (owner must supply a working electronic reader).
- . The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing accredited veterinarian that the herd of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious or communicable diseases was found.
- . If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any goat, the entire exhibit including the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

#### Swine

- . Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified (see Animal Identification section above).

#### Llamas, Alpacas, Guanacos and Vicunas (New world camelids)

- . Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified (see Animal Identification section above).
- . All llamas, etc. must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). (See current acceptable tests above.) The date and results of the testing must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

#### Poultry

- . Poultry (with the exception of doves, pigeons and waterfowl) must be accompanied by 1) results of a negative pullorum typhoid test conducted with 90 days prior to exhibition OR 2) proof that the birds originated directly from a US pullorum-typhoid clean flock or equivalent flock.

#### Deer (Cervidae)

- . Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified (see Animal Identification section above).
- . Originate from a herd classified as accredited or qualified under USDA tuberculosis regulations.
- . A movement permit obtained from the Division of Animal Industry is required for all deer movements. All CWD and TB program requirements must be met before a permit will be issued.

#### Miscellaneous Ruminants/Camels

- . Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified (see Animal Identification section above).

#### Elephants

- . Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified (see Animal Identification section above).
- . All elephants presented for admission to a fair must be exhibited pursuant to a current USDA license.

#### Non-human Primates

- . Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified (see Animal Identification section above).
- . Proof of a negative tuberculosis test performed within 12 months of admission.

#### Birds

Out of state poultry must be accompanied by the NPIP flock certificate if the flock is NPIP certified. Otherwise a CVI is required. Poultry, with the exception of doves, pigeons and waterfowl, must test negative for pullorum with 30 days of importation if not from a NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Flock. Other birds must be accompanied by a CVI.

### **CLEANING AND DISINFECTION**

All premises on the fairgrounds housing animals must be cleaned and disinfected prior to the opening of the fair and between groups of animals when housing is rotated. (Section 50.2 of Agriculture and Markets regulations)

## **NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL FAIRS**

### **NEW YORK STATE SHOW PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION** **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Cobleskill Agricultural Society will be seeking applications from young men and women, that participate in the Sunshine Fair, for scholarships sponsored by the New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs and the New York State Show People's Association.

The scholarships are open to high school students and also students currently enrolled in undergraduate college programs.

Students must be active at the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair. All applicants from Schoharie County must submit their applications through the fair office no later than the second Friday in April 2012.

Applications must be obtained from the association website, [www.nyfairs.org/scholarship](http://www.nyfairs.org/scholarship).

For more information regarding the scholarship contact the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair Office at 518-234-2123.



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Sunday, July 24

- Entries (except foods and fresh flowers) with tags attached for the Country Living Building (Departments 10 & 12) will be received from 2:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Judging will be done on Tuesday, July 26, 2011.
- Entries for **Department 5 – CANNED GOODS** – with entry tag correctly placed, correctly named and plainly marked will be received in the **Hall of Agriculture** from 12:00 P.M. – 5 P.M. Canned Goods will be judged on Monday, July 25 at 9:00 A.M.

### Monday, July 25

Entries (except foods and fresh flowers) with tags attached for the Country Living Building (Departments 10 & 12) will be received from 2:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Judging will be done on Tuesday, July 26, 2011.

### Wednesday, July 27

- Food entries and Fresh Flowers **only** with tags attached for the Country Living Building (Departments 10 & 12) will be accepted from 2:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Judging will be done on Thursday, July 28, 2011.
- **Entries for Department 5 – FRUITS, NUTS & MAPLE PRODUCTS** – with entry tag correctly placed, correctly named and variety plainly marked will be received from 1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. in the **Hall of Agriculture**. Judging will be held on Thursday, July 28 at 9:00 A.M.
- Entries for **Department 8** with entry tag correctly placed, correctly named and plainly marked will be received from 1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. in the **Hall of Agriculture**. Judging will be held Thursday, July 28 at 9:00 A.M.

### **\*\*LATE ENTRIES\*\***

Late Entries (no more than 5) will be accepted ONLY for **Department 8, Section 4 – Vegetables, Classes 1 – 78** from 1:00 PM through 4:00 PM in the **Hall of Agriculture**. Judging of these entries will be held Thursday, July 28 at 9:00 A.M.

### Thursday, July 28

Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep, and Rabbit exhibits must be in place by 5:00 p.m.  
Dairy Goats participating in the Official One-Day Dairy Goat Milk Contest must be on the grounds by 5:00 p.m.

### Friday, July 29

|            |                             |                          |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 9:00 A.M.  | <b>Jr. Dept. Horse Show</b> | Bruce L. Cater Show Ring |
| 11:00 A.M. | <b>Harness Races</b>        | Grandstand               |
| 7:00 P.M.  | <b>Meet a Draft Horse</b>   | Superior Housing Arena   |

### Saturday, July 30

|            |  |                          |
|------------|--|--------------------------|
| 8:00 A.M.  | <b>Donkey and Mule Show</b>                  | Superior Housing Arena   |
| 8:30 A.M.  | <b>Western Horse Show</b>                    | Bruce L. Cater Show Ring |
| 10:00 A.M. | <b>Holstein &amp; Brown Swiss Dairy Show</b> | Dairy Show Barn          |
| 10:00 A.M. | <b>Open Class and Jr. Dept. Sheep Show</b>   | Sheep Barn               |
| 11:00 A.M. | <b>Human Braying Contest</b>                 | Superior Housing Arena   |
| (Approx.)  |  |                          |
| 7:00 P.M.  | <b>Meet a Draft Horse</b>                    | Bruce L. Cater Show Ring |

### Sunday, July 31

|            |  |                          |
|------------|--|--------------------------|
| 8:30 A.M.  | <b>Quarter Horse Show</b>                                    | Superior Housing Arena   |
| 10:00 A.M. | <b>Little Britches Dairy Showmanship</b>                     | Dairy Show Barn          |
| 10:00 A.M. | <b>Jersey, Ayrshire, Guernsey &amp; Shorthorn Dairy Show</b> | Dairy Show Barn          |
| 7:00 P.M.  | <b>Meet a Draft Horse</b>                                    | Bruce L. Cater Show Ring |

### Monday, August 1

Dairy Cattle may leave the grounds starting at 8:00 p.m. and must be gone by 10:00 p.m.

Sheep may leave the grounds starting at 9:00 p.m. and must be gone by 11:00 p.m.

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| 9:00 A.M.  | <b>Pony Show (Welsh, POA and Open)</b> | Superior Housing Arena   |
| 10:00 A.M. | <b>Cattle Awards Ceremony</b>          | Dairy Show Barn          |
| 7:00 P.M.  | <b>Meet a Draft Horse</b>              | Bruce L. Cater Show Ring |

### Tuesday, August 2

Beef, Goats, Llama and Oxen exhibits must be placed between noon and 2:00 p.m. No animals will be accepted before noon.

9:00 A.M.  
1:00 P.M. (Approx.)  
4:00 P.M.  
7:00 P.M.  
7:00 P.M.

**Draft Horse Halter Class Show**  
**Draft Horse Hitch Class Show**  
**NBHA Barrel Race**  
**First Milk Out for Dairy Goats**  
**Meet a Draft Horse**

Superior Housing Arena  
Superior Housing Arena  
Bruce L. Cater Show Ring  
Sheep Barn  
Superior Housing Arena

**Wednesday, August 3**

7:00 A.M.  
9:00 A.M.

**Dairy Goat Milk Contest Milk Out**  
**AMHR/ASPC/ASPR Miniature Horse Show and Hackney Show**  
**Open Class Rabbit Show**  
**Open Class Swine Show**  
**Dairy Goat Milk Contest Milk Out**  
**Meet a Draft Horse**

Sheep Barn  
Superior Housing Arena  
Sheep Barn  
Dairy Show Barn  
Sheep Barn  
Bruce L. Cater Show Ring

**Thursday, August 4**

8:30 A.M.  
All Day  
10:30 A.M.  
7:00 P.M.

**English Horse Show**  
**Bessie Bingo**  
**Baby Contest, 6-8 mos., 9-12 mos.**  
**Meet a Draft Horse**

Superior Housing Arena  
Dairy Show Barn  
Party Tent Theater  
Superior Housing Arena

**Friday, August 5**

9:00 A.M.  
9:00 A.M.  
9, 11 & 1:00  
10:30 A.M.  
12:00 P.M.  
5:00 P.M.  
7:00 P.M.

**Open Show Meat Goats in Place**  
**Gymkhana Horse Show**  
**Oxen Show**  
**Baby Contest, 1-2 yrs., 2-3 yrs.**  
**Open Class Meat & Fiber Goat Show**  
**Open Class Beef Show**  
**Meet a Draft Horse**

Bruce L. Cater Show Ring  
Superior Housing Arena  
Party Tent Theater  
Sheep Barn  
Dairy Show Barn  
Bruce L. Cater Show Ring

**Saturday, August 6**

7:00 A.M.  
8:30 A.M.  
9:00 A.M.  
10:00 A.M.  
4:00 P.M.  
7:00 P.M.

**Open Class Dairy Goats in Place**  
**Ranch Horse Competition**  
**Open Class Dairy Goat Show**  
**Open Class Poultry Show**  
**Master Showman Contest**  
**Meet a Draft Horse**

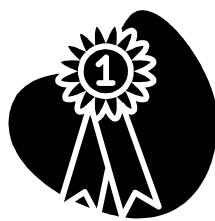
Bruce L. Cater Show Ring  
Sheep Barn  
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Dairy Show Barn and Pole Barn  
Bruce L. Cater Show Ring

**Sunday, August 7**

All animals may leave the grounds beginning at 8 am.

**See Department 11 for Junior Department Schedule of Events**

All dates, times and locations are subject to change at the discretion of the Cobleskill Sunshine Fair



## COUNTY FAIRS, WHY?

By Baxter Black

“Most people just don’t get it,” said Ron, bemoaning the urban politicians that continue to whittle away at funding for county fairs and the Ag Extension Service. “It’s all about the kids learning real life.”

To their misfortune, urban children have much less opportunity to connect with real life. They look at some farm kid working on his show steer every day for months. It is beyond their comprehension. “Why”, they think, ‘would anyone want to waste their time in such a mindless pursuit?’ and then they whip out their Game Boy and fall into a trance.

Thank goodness there are some politicians, corporations and influential associations that DO get it. As farmers and livestock raisers continue to decline in numbers, it is even more critical that parents, county agents, ag teachers, 4-H leaders, scientists and teachers instill in the next generations the realities of life that farming depends on. Does America want to become a net importer of food in fifty years?

I appreciate Mrs. Obama’s garden, Whole Foods specialty markets, organic and natural producers. They have a niche market. But who is going to feed the other 99% of our burgeoning population, much less a hungry third world?

Those kids, our kids, who are fitting steers, doing chores, picking apples, showing hogs, driving the grain truck, learning to weld riding pens, irrigating strawberries, managing a pasture, hosing the milk room, stacking hay and learning to read the sky are assimilating the mountain of knowledge that it takes to make dirt and rain into food.

Farm kids start learning the land and the livestock when they are old enough to carry a bucket; when they help with the daily chores they are practicing. It’s like taking piano lessons or tennis lessons except what farm kids learn has a much more profound objective; feeding us all.

Our culture expends a great deal of effort on future NBA stars, astronauts, environmental lawyers, doctors, and political science majors. But for every 100 rock stars, Rhodes Scholars and Heisman trophy winners our country produces, we better make sure we spend enough to train at least two future farmers, so the rest of them can eat. That is the essence of the county fair.

Beneath all the fun, auctions, and show ribbons, the serious business of learning how to make a living off the land continues like an underground river.

The list of ‘essential professions’ is a short one. That’s the reality of real life. Farm kids hold our future in their hands. They are in training to feed the world. And fair board members and county agents get it.

## A FAIR EDITORIAL

(Reprinted from the 139<sup>th</sup> Dutchess County Fair Premium Book)

(Reprinted from "Chenango Co. 4-H News" and taken from the July 1975 issue of the Chautauqua County Cloverleaf Express, indicating that in some respects, all County Fairs are alike.)

Every year we have many people during fair week who become upset, disappointed, frustrated, and in a few cases downright angry over some of the things that happen at the Fair.

May we make a suggestion? A possible solution lies in the fact that you probably come to the Fair in the wrong frame of mind. In short, your expectations are too high. If you come to the Fair as an exhibitor, leader, or parent expecting everything to be perfect, you are in for a real surprise.

This year, come to the fair:

- Knowing our exhibit areas will be overcrowded.
- Knowing everyone cannot have a fair pass.
- Knowing that your exhibit might receive a blue, but could also receive a white.
- Knowing you cannot park anywhere near your exhibit building.
- Knowing somebody will probably swipe some of your hay or eat your cookies.
- Knowing that with all the entries we have, mistakes are going to be made.
- Knowing it is going to be hot, humid, and it will probably rain.
- Knowing you are going to have to wait in line to be judged.
- Knowing that the 4-H Staff is human and cannot be "all things to all people".

If you know and are prepared for all these things - then what a great and enjoyable week you will have at the County Fair.

## **IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show ring Ethics", fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owners, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animals entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited in the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered in accordance with veterinarian prescription or label use only in compliance with all NYS rules and regulations.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoof's or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name or the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expositions* and any special notes to members.

11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules maybe released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.



**PREMIUM CHECKS MUST BE CASHED NO LATER THAN 1 DECEMBER 2011**