

# EQUINE EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT

I certify that all my animal projects are drug free by Federal Food and Drug Administration standards. I have followed all withdrawal periods for animal health products and substances used, practiced good animal husbandry, and my project has been ethically and humanely cared for. I acknowledge and accept the fact that my animals may be subject to drug and residue testing. Upon a positive confirmation, forfeiture of all prize money, sale and/or market value, premiums, trophies will be the penalty. My parents or guardians assume equal responsibility for following these and other prescribed guidelines set by the fair for these projects.

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Youth Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Animal Health Emergencies- Treatment Authorization and Cost Agreement

I understand that in extreme circumstances, treatment of my animals may be necessary. Fair officials will make at least two attempts to call me or my family using the numbers below for approval before authorizing treatment. If I/we (the exhibitor/family) cannot be reached after two attempts, treatment will be authorized, and I/we will be responsible for any cost incurred. Further, if excessive costs are incurred to the Youth Show as a result of a severe animal health situation/quarantine, ALL exhibitors in the affected specie(s) area(s) agree to divide costs equally. (In most cases, the Youth Show account will pay the initial costs, and bills will be sent to exhibitors reflecting expenses incurred. )

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4-H Youth Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Emergency Phone Contact #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone Contact #2: \_\_\_\_\_

We, the above signed exhibitor and parent/guardian, certify that we have read, acknowledge and will abide by all the rules as set forth by the Washtenaw 4-H Youth Show & Sale Conduct Policy, Youth Show Book, Animal Health Emergency Plan, and this Exhibitor Code of Conduct and Project Animal Certification/Care form as they pertain to the exhibition of each species.

(Detailed on Back)

**Drugs Equine is Currently Taking and Dosage:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date(s) of Recent Removal from Any/All Drugs:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **PROJECT ANIMAL CERTIFICATION:**

We certify that we will not have administered to the animal(s), nor has it received, any substance not approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and/or the County the exhibition is being held.

4-H & Youth Fair for slaughter/breeding stock/exhibition animals. This includes, but is not limited to, diuretics, steroids, repartitioning agents, tranquilizers and analgesics. We also certify that, with respect to any drug, chemical or feed additive approved by the FDA and/or USDA for slaughter animals that no illegal use of approved chemical/compounds has taken place and that the applicable withdrawal period as recognized by the FDA has expired prior to shipping out of market livestock on any and all approved chemicals/compounds administered.

We acknowledge and accept the fact that all animals entered at the County 4-H & Youth Fair may be subject to blood, urine and tissue tests, and that the Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animals, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals or feed additives as described above and in the County Fair Book and policy brochure. Disqualification will result in the placing(s) of the animal in question being voided; the forfeiture of any and all ribbons/trophies/special awards earned with the animal(s); the assessment of a fine against the total premiums due equal in the amount to the premium(s) earned with the animal(s); voiding of the sale(s) if the animal(s) has been sold in the 4-H Livestock Sale.

We will allow the designated tester/veterinarian to draw any and all samples deemed appropriate from our animal(s).

We will indemnify and hold harmless the Fair and all of its sponsors and assisting organizations and their employees and agents, against all legal or other proceedings in connection with said testing procedures. We will indemnify and hold harmless the Fair and its sponsors and assisting organizations against all claims of injury to the animal and any damage or injury to any person or property caused by the animal.

## **PROJECT ANIMAL CARE:**

We, the above signed exhibitor and parent/guardian, have read, acknowledge, accept and will abide by all the animal care, housing and maintenance rules as set forth in the County 4-H & Youth Fair Premium Book, the appropriate species rule books.

We acknowledge that the above mentioned animal(s) have been under my daily care since the initial tagging or project registration date.

Proper care (feeding, handling, etc.) of project animals and maintenance (cleanliness, neatness, etc.) of assigned fair housing, aisle and wash racks is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Project animals must be cared for in accordance with commonly accepted feeding/handling practices, and the animal's pen/stall cleaned and bedded as necessary on a daily basis. Proper care and maintenance of all animals and their assigned housing area will be monitored by the appropriate species Department Chairperson of the Fair.

**EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT:** We agree to conduct ourselves with honesty, integrity and good sportsmanship.

We will treat all fair and livestock show management personnel, fair officials, judges, and exhibitors with courtesy, cooperation and respect and shall not direct any abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Furthermore, we will not direct criticism or interference with fair and livestock show management personnel, fair officials, judges, and exhibitors in conducting the activities associated with the event. We understand that any conduct that is contrary to these items will be brought before the Fair Board for review and may result in the disqualification of individual people and animal(s) from the activities associated with the County Fair.

**ETHICAL AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS:** We acknowledge that inhumane fitting, showing and/or handling practices or devices shall not be used. Furthermore, surgery, injection or application of foreign material under and/or into the flesh of an animal to physiologically or physically change the natural contour or conformation of an animal is illegal. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, insertion of foreign material in the animal, or other such practices are not acceptable and will be prohibited. Violation of the above mentioned items could result in the disqualification of the animal and/or exhibitor.

We acknowledge and accept the fact that the Department Chairperson for a given animal species and County Fairboard Livestock personnel may authorize the examination of a given animal for identification purposes and/or health related concerns in our absence, including obtaining the temperature of the animal in question.