

# Animal Welfare Policy

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## *Philosophy*

The Dunn County Fair believes that every animal participating in activities of the fair shall at all times be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare.

## *Policy for Care and Management of Animals*

The care, custody, and control of the animals brought to the fair is the responsibility of the owner and/or exhibitor. The fair will at no time have care, custody, and/or control of any animals whether or not exhibited, which are brought onto the fair grounds. However, in an emergency or other compelling circumstances, the fair's authorized personnel will take charge of the animal and direct the resolution of the problem.

Fair personnel, in conjunction with the official fair vet, reserve the right to require that animals identified as unsuitable for public display and/or in distress, be removed to a location designated by the fair and/or removed from the fair grounds.

## *Procedure for Care and Management of Animals*

In the case of an emergency, the official fair vet, working with the fair board, would be the lead individual in directing the resolution of a problem in the livestock and horse areas. If the contracted veterinarian were not available, the fair would contact the other vet clinic located in Menomonie as a back-up.

## *Policy for Escaped Animals*

In the event an animal escapes from its designated confinement, every effort should be made by the owner/exhibitor and fair personnel to confine it as quickly as possible.

## *Procedure for Escaped Animals*

In the event an animal escapes, an attempt to contain the animal should be made by the owners and/or exhibitors since they have the most experience with that animal. If the animal escapes the fairgrounds area, the President should contact the grounds security, police department and sheriff's department. In the event the animal escapes after the fair closes, grounds security will attempt to contain the animal and notify the police and sheriff's department if necessary. The fair board will assist with the containment while security will secure the perimeter and handle crowd control.

## *Policy for Handling Exotic Animal Exhibits*

Regulatory authority for exotic animal exhibits fall under the auspices of the USDA and/or Wisconsin DATCP. In the event an issue arises with such an exhibit and/or display at the fair, the issue will be dealt with by one or both of the above parties.

## *Procedure for Handling Exotic Animal Exhibits*

The fair will require that all exotic and performing animal acts will follow the Animal Health Rules and Regulations and obtain the necessary permits. A copy of the permit must be attached to the contract before it will be validated. In the event any incident arises involving an exotic or performing animal act, the fair president will contact the appropriate representatives to handle the incident.

## *Policy for Injured/Dead Animals*

If an animal on the fairgrounds is injured or dies, the designated veterinarian will be immediately notified to coordinate a prompt, expeditious, and appropriate response. In the event that emergency measures are necessary

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before the veterinarian arrives, authorized fair personnel will ensure that the animal is properly moved to a designated location for evaluation as quickly as possible.

## *Procedure for Injured/Dead Animals*

A stall/area in the livestock and horse areas shall be reserved for the treatment and/or evaluation of injured or sick animals. A sled/trailer will be available for moving an animal to the designated location if necessary. In the event an animal dies while on the fairgrounds, fair personnel and the veterinarian will assist the exhibitor and coordinate animal disposal. The fair will maintain an Incident Report on all animal injuries and/or deaths.

Animal Disposal Procedure: Animal should be loaded onto a sled/trailer and covered with a tarp for removal from public area to a designated location.

## *Policy for Evacuation of Animals*

In the event an emergency is declared and an evacuation of the livestock barns is necessary due to emergency conditions, fair staff, in conjunction with the fair security, city police and sheriff's deputies, will take the appropriate steps.

## *Procedure for Evacuation of Animals*

In the event of severe weather conditions, it has been determined that the animals are as safe in the barns as anywhere. In the event of an emergency, the fair will work with security, police department and the sheriff's department to evaluate the situation. If the decision is made to evacuate as a result of an emergency, the deputies will take command of the evacuation.

In the event a mass evacuation of animals is necessary, the sheriff's department and police department should be contacted as to the possibility of moving animals with trailers and other local resources. As a last resort, animals are to be turned loose and herded toward the infield of the grandstand if possible. Radio contact will be made with security to close all fair grounds gates.

## *Policy for Preventing and Responding to a Suspected Animal or Zoonotic Disease Outbreak*

Should a communicable disease be suspected, the veterinarian contracted by the fair will be responsible for addressing the issue and notifying the appropriate individuals.

## *Procedures for Preventing and Responding to a Suspected Animal or Zoonotic Disease Outbreak*

The fair requires a valid Official Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (OCVI) on all animals entering the fair grounds. The superintendents verify these certificates and visually examine animals as they enter the grounds. The official vet also makes daily observations of animals in the barn throughout the duration of the fair. If a communicable disease is suspected, the contracted veterinarian will notify the appropriate individuals.

## *Policy for Quality Assurance*

It is the policy of the fair that all animals are certified as not having received any prohibited substances. There have been no known incidences of show animals from which any drug residues have been detected.

## *Procedure for Quality Assurance*

The fair will cooperate closely with packers who purchase animals and with any State or Federal investigation in the event any prohibited substance is detected in any animal previously exhibited at the fair.

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## *Policy for Handling Animal Rights Issues*

### *For all fair personnel:*

All inquiries from the public, news media, or representatives of animal interest groups regarding the care or management of animals should be referred to the fair president.

### *For exhibitors:*

If approached by representatives of animal interest groups, exhibitors should politely refer them to the fair board. Under no circumstances should any exhibitor engage in a debate of animal rights issues or opinions. Avoidance of any confrontations should be foremost. In the event a demonstration should occur, it is the policy of the fair to allow reasonable access to its grounds and to designate free speech expression zone as allowed by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. The designated free expression zone provided by the fair, is provided to allow for free speech activity but at the same time protect the interest of patrons attending the events on the fair grounds.

Any other activity or demonstration that creates a problem for fair patrons, exhibitors, or livestock is to be managed by the police. The fair grounds are considered private property; therefore any person or persons engaged in activities not in the best interest of the fair may be ejected from the grounds.

## *Procedure for Handling Animal Rights Issues*

The fair has designated the area located in the parking area, on the hill, as the "Area of Free Speech".

If a disruptive activity should occur:

The president should be notified. Security should call the police department (if the situation warrants) and fair security staff should keep the situation under observation and control until the police arrive.

If it is determined that they are disrupting the fair program by distributing literature outside their designated area, harassing fair-goers or exhibitors, or picketing, we legally have the right to have them removed from the grounds. This should be done by the police department.

All media questions concerning the event should be directed to the president. No one else is authorized to address the situation.

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