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Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair

EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT and PROJECT ANIMAL CERTIFICATION/CARE FORM

➲ This completed/signed form must be submitted to the Clinton County MSU Extension office by July 19th in order to be eligible to show. ***Exhibitors should list all animal entries on one form***.

Exhibitor Name: _____

Club/Chapter: _____

If MARKET animal(s): supply tag/tattoo/brand number of each animal to be exhibited. If other than market animal, supply registration number or tattoo (if applicable) and fair class of each animal to be exhibited. The Michigan Department of Agriculture requires exhibitors with market animals to own their animals.

Type of Animal	Identification	Address Where Animal was Housed Prior to Fair

ETHICAL & HUMANE CARE & TREATMENT OF ANIMALS: We verify that the project animals listed above have been under my daily care at the address listed since the initial tagging or project registration date and understand that, with the exception of market animals, we are not required to be the legal owner of the animal being shown.

Project animals must be cared for in accordance with commonly accepted feeding, handling, and health practices and the animals pen/stall cleaned and bedded as necessary to properly care for the animal.

We certify that inhumane care, fitting, showing and/or handling practices or devices will not be used. Furthermore, surgery, injection, or application of foreign material under and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour or conformation of the animal is illegal. The use of showing and/or handing practices (such as striking animals to cause swelling) or devices (such as insertion of foreign material into the animal of electrical contrivance, etc) or other such practices are not acceptable. This treatment is prohibited and violations will result in disqualification of the animal and exhibitor.

DRUG & MEDICATION USE: The exhibitor and parent named below certify that the project animals identified above will not have been administered any substance not approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administrations (FDA), the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) and/or the Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair for slaughter, breeding stock, and/or exhibition animals. This includes, but it not limited to, diuretics, steroids, repartitioning agents, tranquilizers and analgesics. The use of tranquilizers, sedatives, or depressants that alter the physical or physiological state of an animal is prohibited. Exceptions to this would be treatment provided by a licensed, certified veterinarian for a recognized disease or injury. The illegal administration of approved drugs and compounds is also prohibited.

Furthermore, we 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 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. None of the cattle, sheep, goats, or other ruminants has been fed any feed containing protein derived from mammalian tissue, e.g. meat and bone meal, not in compliance with 21CFT589.2000. **(OVER)**

TESTING: Furthermore, we acknowledge and accept the fact that all animals entered at the Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair may be subject to blood, urine and tissue tests, and that the Fair reserves the right to disqualify an animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals or feed additives as described above and in the Clinton County Fair Book and policy handbooks.

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 with the animal(s); voiding of the sale if the animal has been sold in the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale and the disbarment of the exhibitor from exhibiting at the Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair for a period of three (3) years. Other animals will not be moved up in placing.

ANIMAL CARE AT THE FAIR:
We understand that we are required to feed and water all project animals daily by 9:00 am and to have the animals stalls/pens cleaned by that time. In addition, we agree to keep the designated stalls/pens clean and well-bedded at all times and that all project animals will be offered water as necessary to help the animal deal with the heat. In case of failure to do so, the Department Chairperson will issue a warning, and, if the situation is not corrected, the Fair Board may ask that the exhibit be removed and any premiums/awards be forfeited.

Proper care (feeding, handling, etc.) of project animals and maintenance (cleanliness, neatness, etc.) of assigned housing space at the Fair is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor and will be monitored by the appropriate specie Department Chairperson at the Fair.

ANIMAL HEALTH EMERGENCY: In the event that an animal health emergency is announced for one or more specie of animal being exhibited by me, I understand that the Fair Board Animal Health Committee, with the assistance of the appropriate Department Chairperson, will make arrangements for animal care and to meet any and all guidelines established by the state. In this event, our animal(s) will be treated by a veterinarian identified by the Fair, will be fed as determined by the Animal Health Committee, and will receive any and all medications as deemed necessary by the State Veterinarian.

CERTIFICATION AND INDEMNIFICATION: We agree to allow the designated tester/veterinarian to draw any and all samples deemed appropriate from our animal(s). In addition, 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.

We acknowledge and accept the fact that the Fair Board Animal Health Committee and the specie Department Chairperson may authorize the examination of any animal for identification purposes and/or health related concerns in our absence, including obtaining the temperature of the animal in question. I understand that reasonable attempts will be made to contact me if the Fair First Responder Vet feels that my animal should be treated for minor injury, medical program or serious illness. If the situation is urgent and I cannot be reached, Fair Management has my permission to authorize treatment on my behalf and **I understand that I am responsible for charges incurred at the Fair for veterinary services provided for the care of the animal(s) I am showing.**

We, exhibitor and parent/guardian, certify that we have read, acknowledge, accept and will abide by all the animal care, housing and maintenance rules as set forth in the Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair Premium Book and the appropriate specie handbooks.

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Exhibitor's Signature: _____ ***Date:*** _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ ***Date:*** _____