TUSCOLA COUNTY 4-H SMALL LIVESTOCK CLEANLINESS POLICY - 2017

ONE PER EXHIBITOR

EXHIBITOR'S EXPECTATIONS: BY 10:00 A.M. and AGAIN AT 6:00 P.M.

- Pen must be clean at both checks.
- Feed dishes need to be full at both checks. EXCEPTION: rabbits may be given regular feed at one meal and hay, hay cubes, or similar snack items at the other (but must have a food source of some sort at both checks).
- Water container must be clean and filled with fresh water at all times; the exhibitor is expected to ensure a constant supply of water in each pen throughout the day.

YELLOW TAG:

- Superintendents, 4-H Council officers, 4-H staff members, and/or designated Fair Board representatives will do barn checks at approximately 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. and periodically throughout the day.
- A yellow tag will automatically be issued if the pen, water or food dishes are found in an unsatisfactory condition at the morning and evening checks, and if water is found to be lacking at any time throughout the day. Yellow tags will be signed by two of the representatives described above.
- When a yellow tag is given, one attempt to contact the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian will be made using the phone number provided by the exhibitor on this form. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure an accurate number is available and that the phone is answered. Failure to receive the call does not invalidate the yellow tag.

RED TAG:

- A yellow-tagged pen will be re-checked two hours after being tagged.
- If the pen is still in an unsatisfactory condition, a red tag will be issued and signed by three of the representatives described above.
- One attempt will be made to notify the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian using the phone number provided below.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

- Situations do occur in which animals and pens require care outside of the morning and evening checks (for example, a goat might defecate into its water dish after a satisfactory morning check by the superintendent). In such cases, the superintendent or other representative will attempt a courtesy call to have the exhibitor fix the problem; the exhibitor will be given a timeline to remedy the problem. If the problem is resolved as agreed, no further action will be taken. If not, a yellow tag will be given as described above, with potential for a red tag being given if the problem remains unresolved.

FINES/PENALTIES:

- A $15 fine will be assessed when a red tag is issued.
- The fine will be deducted from the exhibitor's proceeds from the small animal sale or his/her premium check.
- Exhibits that have been red-tagged and do not receive appropriate care in a reasonable amount of time may be sent home at the discretion of a team consisting of the representatives described above. If the animal is sent home, all premiums and awards will be forfeited.
- Exhibitors who are repeatedly non-compliant may be prohibited from exhibiting in the small livestock area in next year's fair, at the discretion of the representatives listed above.

Circle each species being shown: **GOAT** **RABBIT** **CAVY** **POULTRY**

2017 Small Livestock Cleanliness Policy - As a 4-H/FFA Small Animal Exhibitor, I agree to maintain a clean pen and provide appropriate feed and water for my animal(s) from their arrival at the fairgrounds until their departure from the fairgrounds. As a 4-H/FFA Livestock Exhibitor, I agree to make sure I do my part to clean up the areas where my animals have been by noon on the last Sunday of Fair. I understand this policy cannot be modified in any way; my signature is proof of my agreement to follow these rules.

Signature of Exhibitor: _____

Printed Name of Exhibitor: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Exhibitor: _____

Contact phone number during fair week: _____