

# ANIMAL EXHIBITION RECOMMENDATIONS



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## EXHIBITOR BASICS

- **ONLY HEALTHY ANIMALS MAY BE EXHIBITED.**
  - Do not attend events if members of your herd/flock/colony are sick.
- Maintain a Veterinary Client-Patient Relationship with a veterinarian who can help you with routine care, health planning, USDA testing & travel documents and treatment of animal illnesses.
  - Vaccination certificates and official Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must be done **BEFORE** the event.
- Avoid stressors for the animals before travel dates.
- Limit transport stress as much as possible.
- Avoid changes in diet within 14 days of exhibition or travel and during the event.
- Limit visitors to your facility who could bring in germs from other places.
- Clean and disinfect clothing/footwear before visiting events and farms as well as caring for your own animals.
- Quarantine sick animals and discuss with your veterinarian.

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## BE PREPARED!

### BEFORE

- Have all vaccinations, deworming and health care completed at least 2 weeks prior to the event.
- Make sure all official ID is in place, matches what is on the CVI and rabies certificate, if applicable.
- Monitor animal appetite, condition and health 30 days prior to the event to make sure they are healthy enough to be exhibited.
- Clean & disinfect all equipment before packing it for transport.

### DURING

- Don't share equipment.
- Wash hands and footwear frequently, especially before touching your own animals.
- Avoid sick/unwell animals.
- Bring water from home or filter water for animals.
- Remove sick or unwell animals from the exhibit and seek treatment promptly.
- Watch for drainage from manure piles and milk dumps, they can transfer disease into exhibition areas.

### AFTER

- Clean & disinfect all equipment before packing it for transport.
- Quarantine exhibit animals from animals left at home for 30 days prior to mixing them together and monitor for signs of illness/disease.
  - Report illness/disease symptoms to your veterinarian quickly and seek appropriate care.
  - Handle unwell animals last when doing chores.