

# AMHERST FAIR

## LIVESTOCK ANIMAL CARE AGREEMENT

**Exhibitor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Every Member Showing Livestock (cattle, swine, sheep, or goats) Must Turn in A Signed Copy Of This Form with Fair Entry Forms for The AMHERST FAIR.**

As active 4-H and FFA members, we need to be concerned about the image that we present to the general community, especially during the Fairs. Due to the Fairs' visibility, requirements concerning the cleanliness and care of all Livestock animals need to be observed.

This agreement needs to be signed by all members showing Livestock at the Amherst Fair. One parent's signature is also required. This form is to be turned in with Fair entry forms for each Fair. No one will be allowed to show animals at the Fair without this signed agreement.

- Animals should be washed for the first time prior to unloading at the fairgrounds. They are on display as soon as the public can see them, so need to be clean on arrival.
- Please check with your barn superintendent or assistants prior to unloading for visual inspection of all species and/or handing in pink Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for swine. Any animals with questionable health issues need to be held back for the official fair veterinarian to inspect.
- All animals will be given FRESH water and food at least 2 times a day, once before 9am and once after 4 pm. In addition, the animal pens need to be checked throughout the day for feed, water, and overall cleanliness while the barns are open to the public. If this is impossible for you, you must find someone else to take care of your animals. If you cannot do this, we ask that you do not show animals at the Amherst and Rosholt Fairs.
- A warning system will be in place to document the time the superintendent notes actionable neglect. A BLUE sticker with time noted will be affixed to a stall (swine, sheep, or goats) or tack area (cattle or alpacas) for a pen that needs attention. A YELLOW sticker with time noted will be affixed if an animal needs attention. Once the matter has been resolved, the superintendent can remove the sticker.
- If an exhibitor fails to respond to the warning stickers within 2 hours, the barn superintendent will attempt to phone the exhibitor one time. If he or she does not respond in a timely manner to take care of the animals, or neglect them a second time, he or she will be asked to remove ALL of his or her animals from the fairground premises. The only exception will be for swine that can move only to a terminal market. They will not be sold in the Market Animal Sale.
- Once you are requested to remove your animals, which may happen either in person or with a phone call, you forfeit ALL premiums in the livestock animal categories, whichever categories your animals were exhibited.
- The final decision on removal of the animals will be made by a group of at least 3 people, all of whom are on the Amherst Fair Board.
- All pens are to be cleaned at the end of the Fair when the animals are released. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of the animal class premiums.

We would appreciate everyone's cooperation in this matter. We want to continue to present a positive image of 4-H and FFA to those attending the Fairs.

Member signature \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number where I can be reached during the Fair. \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_