

WHATCOM COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

POULTRY HEALTH CHECK FORM

 **DO NOT RETURN AN ANIMAL WITHOUT FAIR MANAGER APPROVAL — NO MATTER HOW OBVIOUS THE ISSUE.**

Whenever possible, animals should be checked outside of the barn.

If any issues listed below are observed, **leave the animal in its original location** (ex: trailer) and do NOT unload.

ALL HEALTH CHECKS

1. Use **fresh disposable gloves** for each animal.
2. Checks must be performed by an **Adult Superintendent or Fair Volunteer age 18+**.
3. **One person per division** should complete all checks for consistency.
4. Practice **biosecurity** — avoid moving between species areas without washing hands or changing gloves.

POULTRY HEALTH CHECK LIST

Check each bird carefully for the following:

Respiratory / Illness Signs

- Sneezing, coughing, wheezing, or open-mouth breathing
- Nasal or eye discharge
- Swelling around eyes, face, comb, or wattles
- Discolored (blue/purple) comb or wattles

Behavior / Condition

- Depression, lethargy, not alert
- Weakness, inability to stand, paralysis
- Listing to one side, loss of balance
- Thin body condition / weight loss

Mobility

- Lameness
- Swollen joints or toes

Digestive

- Diarrhea or soiled vent feathers

Skin / Feathers

- External parasites (mites, lice)
- Feather loss not related to normal molt
- Scabs, unhealed wounds, pecking injuries

Other Concerning Signs

- Sudden death in birds from same group (ask exhibitor)
- Decreased appetite or water intake
- Any unusual swelling or growths

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- List of current vaccinations required for your division (if applicable)
- Proper identification as required by fair rules

⚠ IF ANY SIGNS ABOVE ARE PRESENT:

DO NOT UNLOAD THE ANIMAL.

Immediately contact the **WCYF Fair Manager** or Olivia with Kulshan Vet.

Janel Black

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DIVISION: _____ **YEAR:** _____

HEALTH CHECK PERFORMED BY: _____

MANAGER APPROVAL: _____

PLEASE PRINT! FORM MUST BE TURNED IN TO WCYF OFFICE AFTER CHECK IN

