

# WHATCOM COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

## SMALL HOUSEHOLD ANIMAL HEALTH CHECK FORM

*(Dogs, Cats, Rabbits & Similar Animals)*

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

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

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

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### 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 — wash hands between animals and avoid direct contact between animals.

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### SMALL ANIMAL HEALTH CHECK LIST

Check each animal carefully for the following:

#### General Illness Signs

- Lethargy, depression, or unusual behavior
- Not alert or unresponsive
- Fever appearance (hot ears, nose, or body)
- Not eating or drinking

#### Respiratory

- Coughing or sneezing
- Labored or rapid breathing
- Nasal discharge
- Eye discharge, redness, or swelling

#### Digestive

- Diarrhea
- Vomiting (dogs/cats)
- Soiled fur around tail area

## **Skin / Coat / Fur**

- Hair loss
- Bald patches, scabs, or crusty lesions
- Signs of ringworm (circular hair loss lesions)
- Fleas, mites, or ticks
- Excessive scratching

## **Mobility**

- Lameness
- Difficulty standing or walking
- Swollen joints

## **Mouth / Face**

- Excessive drooling
- Swelling of face or jaw
- Sores in mouth or on lips

## **Rabbits — Additional Checks**

- Wetness around nose or front paws
- Head tilt or loss of balance
- Matted fur or urine scald
- Overgrown teeth

## **Other Concerning Signs**

- Aggressive or abnormal behavior
- Seizures or neurological signs
- Open wounds or infections
- Recent illness in household (ask exhibitor)

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## **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

- Proof of required vaccinations (such as rabies for dogs/cats if required by fair rules)
- Proper identification per fair rules

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**⚠ IF ANY SIGNS ABOVE ARE PRESENT:**

**DO NOT UNLOAD THE ANIMAL.**

**Immediately contact the WCYF Fair Manager:**

**Janel Black or Olivia from Kulshan Vet**  
 **360-303-4171**

**DIVISION:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YEAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH CHECK PERFORMED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MANAGER APPROVAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

