

# 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

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