

WHATCOM COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

GOAT & SHEEP HEALTH CHECK STANDARDS



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 — wash hands, avoid animal-to-animal nose contact, and limit cross-contact between trailers.

GOAT & SHEEP HEALTH CHECK LIST

Check each animal carefully for the following:

Respiratory / Illness Signs

- ☐ Coughing
- ☐ Labored or rapid breathing
- ☐ Nasal discharge
- ☐ Eye discharge
- ☐ Fever appearance (hot to touch, droopy, lethargic)

Behavior / Condition

- ☐ Depression, separation from group
- ☐ Lethargy or not alert
- ☐ Off feed or not drinking
- ☐ Weakness or reluctance to stand/move
- ☐ Thin body condition / sudden weight loss

Mobility

- ☐ Lameness
- ☐ Stiff or painful movement
- ☐ Swollen joints
- ☐ Hoof rot (odor, discharge, soft hoof tissue)
- ☐ Overgrown or cracked hooves

Skin / External

- ☐ Skin lesions, sores, or scabs
- ☐ Abscesses or swellings (especially jaw/neck area — possible CL)
- ☐ Hair/wool loss patches
- ☐ Excessive scratching or rubbing
- ☐ Signs of mites, lice, or ringworm

Mouth / Head

- ☐ Sores or scabs on lips, gums, or nose (possible Soremouth/Orf)
- ☐ Excessive drooling
- ☐ Swollen jaw (“bottle jaw”)

Digestive

- ☐ Diarrhea or manure staining
- ☐ Signs of bloat (distended left side, discomfort)
- ☐ Dehydration (sunken eyes, skin tenting)

Reproductive / Urinary (if applicable)

- ☐ Vaginal discharge (not normal for situation)
- ☐ Straining to urinate (especially wethers — possible urinary calculi)

Other Concerning Signs

- ☐ Neurological signs (staggering, circling, tremors)
- ☐ Any open wounds or infections
- ☐ Swellings that are hot or painful
- ☐ Sudden illness in multiple animals from same location (ask exhibitor)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION


- ☐ Scrapies ID

⚠ IF ANY SIGNS ABOVE ARE PRESENT:

DO NOT UNLOAD THE ANIMAL.

Immediately contact the WCYF Fair Manager:

Janel Black or Olivia with Kulshan Vet if she is present

 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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