

32. 2018 WSF ANIMAL CARE STATEMENT: Wyoming State Fair has developed an Animal Care Committee with representatives from: Wyoming State Fair, Wyoming Department of Agriculture; and Wyoming Livestock Board. The committee is charged with determining proper care is given to all species of livestock while they are on the Wyoming State Fair grounds as well as upholding high standards of animal husbandry and ethical practices of exhibiting animals (as addressed in Wyoming Statute 11-30-114).

The Animal Care Committee shall be comprised of the Wyoming State Fair Director or their designee; the Director of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture or their designee; the Wyoming State Veterinarian or their designee; and the Superintendent for each species specific division of the Wyoming State Fair. The division Superintendent will be a non-voting member in cases where they (as an individual) bring matters of concern or violation before the committee.

The Animal Care committee shall be convened for matters of concern raised by Wyoming State Fair Officials (Superintendents; Staff; or Judges) or individual members of the Animal Care Committee. The Animal Care Committee may determine the need to contact Wyoming Livestock Board Law Enforcement Division personnel regarding potential violations of statute. Wyoming Livestock Board Enforcement Division personnel may be present on the Fair Grounds at any time to identify or to investigate alleged violations of statute.

Every exhibitor, in consideration of their entry being accepted by the Wyoming State Fair, agrees to submit any animal so entered to inspection by the Animal Care Committee. The exhibitor further agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests designated and requested by the Animal Care Committee. The exhibitor agrees that protests to conclusions and decisions reached by the Animal Care Committee shall be subject to the Wyoming State Fair protest process, and that further testing may be done to confirm the initial conclusion(s) and decision(s) of the Animal Care Committee. A unanimous decision by the Animal Care Committee is necessary for disqualification. Selection of confirmatory testing method(s) will be at the discretion and professional opinion of the Animal Care Committee. The animal in question will not be disqualified until confirmatory tests are complete. Cost(s) of confirmatory test(s) will be borne by the exhibitor of the animal in question if the results are positive (disqualification), and borne by the Wyoming State Fair if the results are negative. Refer to Rule #9 (DISQUALIFICATION),

page 24 of the Wyoming State Fair Premium Book in the JUDGES AND JUDGING section.

33. STATE STATUTE, TITLE 11:

AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS

CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

11-30-114. Tampering with or drugging of livestock prohibited; definitions; penalty.

(a) No person shall tamper with or sabotage any livestock which has been registered, entered or exhibited in any exhibition in this state.

(b) No person shall administer, dispense, distribute, manufacture, sell or use any drug to or for livestock which has been registered, entered or exhibited in any exhibition in this state unless the drug is approved for such use by the United States Food and Drug Administration or the United States Department of Agriculture. However, nothing shall prevent any person from using a drug on livestock owned by him if either federal agency has approved an application submitted for investigational use in accordance with the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

(c) Any person who violates this section shall be punished as provided by W.S. 11-1-103.

(d) As used in this section:

(i) "Drug" means as defined by W.S. 35-7-110(a)(x);

(ii) "Exhibition" means a show or sale of livestock at a fair

or elsewhere in this state that is sponsored by or under the authority of the state or any political subdivision, local government, or any agricultural, horticultural or livestock society, association or corporation;

(iii) "Livestock" means any animal generally used for food or in the production of food, including, but not limited to, horses, mules and asses, cattle, sheep, goats, poultry, swine, rabbits or llamas;

(iv) "Sabotage" means to intentionally tamper with any livestock belonging to or owned by another person that has been registered, entered or exhibited in any exhibition or raised for the apparent purpose of being entered in an exhibition;

(v) "Tamper" shall not include any action taken or activity performed or administered by a licensed veterinarian or in accordance with instructions of a licensed veterinarian if the action or activity was undertaken for accepted medical purposes or any action taken as part of accepted grooming, commercial or medical practices, but shall include any of the following:

(A) Treatment of livestock in such a manner that food derived from the livestock would be considered adulterated under the Wyoming Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, W.S. 35-7-109 et seq.;

(B) The injection, use or administration of any drug that is prohibited by any federal, state or local law or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by any federal, state or local law;

(C) The injection or other internal administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid or liquid, to any livestock for the purposes of deception including concealing, enhancing or transforming the true conformation, configuration, color, breed, condition or age of the livestock or making the livestock appear more sound than the livestock would otherwise appear;

(D) The use or administration for cosmetic purposes of steroids, illegal growth stimulants or internal artificial filling, including paraffin, silicone injection, or any other substance;

(E) The use or application of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system of the livestock;

(F) The use or administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes;

(G) The manipulation or removal of tissue, by surgery or otherwise, so as to change, transform or enhance the true conformation or configuration of the livestock. Nothing in this subparagraph shall prohibit generally accepted management practices including but not limited to the dehorning, castration or spaying, corrective shoeing or trimming of any livestock;

(H) Subjecting the livestock to inhumane conditions or procedures for the purpose of concealing, enhancing or transforming the true conformation, configuration, condition or age of the livestock or making the livestock appear more sound than the livestock would otherwise appear;

(J) Substituting any different livestock for the livestock registered or entered in the exhibition without the permission of a responsible official of the exhibition.

34. 2018 WSF TAIL DOCK POLICY: Sheep presented for exhibit at Wyoming State Fair shall have no evidence of rectal prolapse, nor evidence of surgical tail removal. Following visual examination by the Animal Care Committee, evidence of either of these conditions is cause for immediate disqualification without recourse. Sheep presented for exhibit at Wyoming State Fair that are visually examined by the Animal Care Committee and determined to lack visible tail length may be evaluated by palpation for the presence of tail vertebrae. If no tail vertebrae are found it is cause for immediate disqualification without recourse. Disqualified sheep shall be released and removed from the exhibit area. Determinations and decisions of disqualification by the Animal Care Committee are final and subject to confirmatory testing as specified in the Animal Care Statement section of the WSF Premium Book.

In years previous, increased frequency of surgical removal of sheep tails and instances of extreme tail docking of sheep led the Wyoming Board of Agriculture to take decisive action by implementing a Tail Dock Rule at the Wyoming State Fair which required the presence of three full coccygeal vertebrae on sheep exhibited at the Wyoming State Fair.

At this time, the Wyoming Board of Agriculture feels significant progress has been made by members of the show sheep industry in addressing the concerns of surgical tail removal and extreme tail docking of sheep, and therefore chose to adopt this rule.

If at any time the Wyoming Board of Agriculture determines that members of the show sheep industry are reverting to the practice of extreme tail docking or the surgical removal of tails of sheep, the Board of Agriculture will direct the Wyoming State Fair to re-instate the rule requiring the presence of three full coccygeal vertebrae on sheep.

Wyoming State Fair and the Wyoming Department of Agriculture encourage exhibitors to practice the highest standards in animal agriculture. Therefore, all sheep shown at the Wyoming State Fair should be docked in a manner that does not compromise the animal's health and well being.

35. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS: Absolutely no cruelty to or abuse of animals will be tolerated. Immediate disqualifications of the exhibitor and exhibit may result from confirmed abuse or cruelty.

ETHICS: All exhibitors exhibiting animals must comply with the national show ring code of ethics (rule #31), United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act (from USDA) and Wyoming State Fair residue avoidance program, which can be requested in writing, from Wyoming State Fair management.

When a question arises concerning the health of any animal exhibited on the fairgrounds, the Show Superintendent shall consult with the State Fair Veterinarian and recommend an action to the Fair Management. Said animal may be dismissed or quarantined, if necessary.

All livestock brought to the Wyoming State Fair must be accompanied by a current brand inspection, when applicable.

8. **YOUTH ANIMAL CARE/FITTING POLICY:** Youth exhibitors must accompany, care for and exhibit their own livestock at the Wyoming State Fair. A Youth member is expected to take care of and groom/fit their own animal at the Wyoming State Fair. However, in the interest of safety and education, a Youth member may be assisted by another bona-fide Wyoming 4-H or FFA member.

Assistance is defined as a learning situation where the person doing the assisting is teaching the Youth member a technique in fitting or showing. This person is allowed only to show the Youth member the proper skill or techniques, and the Youth member is expected to perform the majority of each technique/skill required.

Violations of this rule must be reported to the Show Management before the animal enters the ring. A decision by the Show Committee will be made before the animal is allowed to enter the ring.

If a Youth member is found to be in violation of the fitting policy, he or she may be disqualified from competition in any Youth Division at the Wyoming State Fair, including Showman-ship Contests.