

2026 Virginia Beef Expo Junior Beef Roundup

Entries Due: Thursday, April 9th at 5:00 pm

Judge: Jed Sidwell, Illinois

SUPERINTENDENTS:

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GENERAL RULES:

1. **Entries must be made online by Thursday, April 9th at 5:00 pm** Access entry information at <http://jrbeefroundup.fairentry.com/>
2. **Entry fees are \$35/head - There is no entry fee for Showmanship.**
3. **The preferred method of payment for entry fees is online via credit card using the FairEntry system** at the time of entry submission. Entry fees may be paid via check, if necessary, but must be received by Monday, April 13th. **Checks should be made payable to the VA Beef Expo with "VJBR" noted in the memo section**
4. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED and No Day of Entries accepted.
5. The Virginia Junior Beef Roundup is open to all Virginia 4-H and Virginia FFA youth which meet one of the following eligibility criteria:
 - a. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by September 30, 2026
 - b. Exhibitors must not have had their 19th birthday by January 1, 2026
 - c. **Exhibitors showing non-registered steers or commercial heifers must follow the 4-H age guidelines listed above.**
- 5a. **Exhibitors older than 19 years as of January 1, 2026 are only eligible to show Registered Steers, Registered Breeding Heifers or Registered Bred and Owned Bulls AND must be a member in good standing with their respective breed organization. There will be a separate showmanship class for exhibitors that fall into this age category**
6. Each beef entry must be owned and entered in the exhibitor's name Ownership of Registered Breeding Cattle may be joint with an immediate family member (parent, step-parent, or sibling), provided the Exhibitor's Name is present on the certificate. No Farm Names, even the family farm, are allowed. For cattle with joint ownership, entries may only be made in the name of one exhibitor and may not be changed once entries are submitted and approved.
7. All Registered Cattle must be registered in or transferred into the name of the exhibitor by April 9th, 2026. Date of Issue by the Association, not date of sale, will be used to determine eligibility.
8. Registration Certificate for all Registered Cattle will need to be uploaded in FairyEntry at the time of entry submission.
9. Exhibitors must show their own entries unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, or permission is given by the show superintendent. Substitute show persons must be eligible 4-H or FFA member with Junior Beef Roundup entries checked in for the 2026 show.
10. All entries must be halter broken and manageable by the exhibitor. Any animal that the show superintendents consider to be a hazard to exhibitors, spectators, or others will be excused from the show and will be ineligible for class placement.

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11. All animals are subject to be used for educational purposes (stockmen's contest, judging classes, etc.) upon request by show staff/superintendents. Upon entry, exhibitors agree to providing animals for these purposes upon request.
12. **Stalling will be available in the barns, but exhibitors will also have the option to tie to and work off of your trailers.** Exhibitors will be asked during the entry process to indicate their intention to stall in the barns or at their trailer. This information will be used to determine adequate barn space and bedding requirements. ***Trailer parking will only be allowed in designated areas and there will be a maximum tent size specified and allowed by the Rockingham County Fairgrounds.
13. Stalling will be pre-assigned for those wishing to stall in the barns. Please check-in prior to unloading cattle and equipment. Please be sure to indicate during the entry process your desire to have stalling in the barn. Stalling in the barn is limited and will only be available once all VA Beef Expo Sale Cattle are removed and pens disassembled.
14. No butt fans allowed in the barns.
15. Blocking chutes will be allowed in designated areas of the barns **ONLY**.
16. Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner and adhere to quality assurance guidelines.
17. Fitting of all cattle is allowed, per the stipulations below, with the exception of **showmanship, which is a clean, dry show**. The Junior Beef Roundup reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting shall include (but not limited to) the following:

NEW FOR 2026: Fitting is permitted, including the use of paints, paint products and colored adhesives. **The following fitting techniques are prohibited:**

- The addition of twine, hair, or other like substances, including false tail heads, false switches and false polls.
- Painting that alters the animals natural color pattern(s) – for example: white/light colored areas cannot be covered with darker paints, color adhesives or vice versa.
- The cutting, tearing, or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue to alter the shape of the animal.
- The injection of any gas, solid, or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation of the animal.

In the case of severely sick or severely dehydrated animals, the exhibitor may have fluids or electrolytes administered by the licensed official show veterinarian with the approval of the show superintendent. This exception is not applicable on show day or weigh-in/check-in day.

The Virginia Junior Beef Roundup Show Superintendents reserve the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner or any exhibitor who has participated in unethical fitting practices or exhibits an animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner.

18. The National Show Ring Code of Ethics shall govern the Junior Beef Roundup. The National Show Ring Code of Ethics is listed on the last page of the Rules.

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HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

All animals entered in the show must meet the following requirements:

1. Be officially identified with an “840” RFID button issued by a state or federal animal health program or a metal ear tag (a bangs vaccination or silver metal tag) and entered on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI – aka “Health Papers”) issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the show.
2. CVI shall list each animal’s official identification number (see above), age, sex, breed, Brucellosis vaccination status, and any test results and dates of tests.
3. Animals **MUST** be free of infectious and contagious diseases, including **Ringworm, Warts, and Pinkeye.** Animals currently being treated for any of the listed conditions that are visibly responding to treatment must have a written statement to that effect added to the CVI by the issuing veterinarian.
4. The above CVI’s accompanying each animal will be inspected by VA Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (VDACS) personnel at the arrival on the fairgrounds or at a time designated by the show superintendents. Failure to provide proper documentation &/or identification for animals may result in disqualification of entries. Any animal without a CVI will not be eligible to show. Any animal with a CVI, but without proper identification will be required to be tagged on-site. If the owner refuses to allow the animal to be tagged, then that animal will be ineligible to show. All decisions of the show superintendents are final.

SHOWMANSHIP

1. **All exhibitors entering cattle in the VA Junior Beef Roundup will be automatically entered in Showmanship.** Scratches to showmanship must be made by 10:30 am on Friday, April 17th. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to remove their name from the showmanship list.
2. Classes will be judged on showmanship only. **Animals must be clean, dry, and unfitted.**
3. Exhibitor must show an animal that is entered in his/her name in the Junior Beef Roundup Showmanship Classes.
4. Classes with a large number of participants may be divided into smaller preliminary classes.
5. Classes with a small number of participants may be combined with other classes in the same division.
6. A separate age division will be established for those exhibitors that are not 4-H/FFA eligible (i.e. exhibitors that have already reached their 19th birthday by January 1, 2026) and are showing registered cattle in a breed that allows membership for youth over the age of 19.
7. Classes within division are broken by age to ensure correct entry. Show management reserves the right to combine/change classes based on show numbers.

Divisions:

- a) *Collegiate Division*- Exhibitors that are 19 - 21 years of age on January 1 of current year and ***showing registered breeding cattle only.***
- b) *Senior Division* – Exhibitors who are 16-19 years of age. Exhibitor must be 16 years of age as of September 30, 2026. Exhibitor cannot have reached their 19th birthday as of January 1, 2026 to compete in this division.

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- c) *Intermediate Division* – Exhibitors 13-15 years of age on September 30, 2026.
- d) *Junior Division* – Exhibitors who are 9 – 12 years of age on September 30, 2026.
- e) *Novice Division* - for exhibitors showing for the first time at the Junior Beef Roundup, and who are 9 – 12 years of age on September 30, 2026.

PROSPECT STEER RULES

1. All steers must be owned by the exhibitor and under exhibitor's care by April 9, 2026.
2. Entries in this class should consist of steers intended for junior market steer shows in the spring, summer and fall of 2026. Steers should be born after January 1, 2025.
3. Registered or crossbred steers of any beef breed are eligible.
4. All steers must be weaned and healed from castration.
5. Classes will be made up after entries are received. Steers will be assigned to class heats within breed class by weight. Numbers within class heats will be as nearly equal as possible. Class weight breaks will be made at the discretion of show officials.
6. Steers are eligible to show in only one of the classes listed below. Steers showing in breed classes must conform to breed registration rules listed in breeding cattle rules. Registration certificates must be uploaded during the entry process and presented upon check-in and the animal must be registered in the name of the exhibitor by April 9, 2026.
7. **A minimum of 5 registered steers ENTERED during the entry process is required to hold a breed class.** Breeds not meeting the five-head requirement will be shown together in either the British-Influence Division (cattle of British-breed descent including, but not limited to, Angus, Hereford, Purebred Shorthorn) or the Continental-Influence Division (cattle of Continental-breed descent including, but not limited to, Charolais, Chianina, Maine-Anjou, Simmental). Shorthorn-Plus cattle will be shown in the Continental-Influence Division unless the registration paper clearly indicates British-Influence on both the sire and dam side of the pedigree.
8. All class winners will compete for respective Breed Champion and Reserve, and Breed Champions and Reserves will compete for an Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion steer.
9. Fitting of steers is allowed, but it must be done in an ethical manner following the guidelines set forth in the General Rules.

Steers Classes

- 001. Registered Steers
- 002. Crossbred Steers

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PROSPECT MARKET HEIFER RULES –

1. All heifers must be owned by the exhibitor and under exhibitor's care by April 9, 2026.
2. Entries in this class should consist of heifers intended for junior market heifer shows in the spring, summer and fall of 2026. Heifers should be born after January 1, 2025.
3. Classes will be made up after entries are received. Heifers will be assigned to class heats by weight. There will not be breed divisions for Prospect Market Heifers, all heifers will show together with classes broken by weight, regardless of breed. Numbers within class heats will be as nearly equal as possible. Class weight breaks will be made at the discretion of show officials.
4. Prospect Market Heifers may only show in this division. They are not eligible to show as Commercial/Crossbred Breeding Heifers OR Registered Breeding Heifers.
5. All class winners will compete for the Champion Prospect Market Heifer and Reserve Champion Prospect Market Heifer. The Champion and Reserve Prospect Market Heifer will NOT compete against the steer division winners for Supreme Steer.
6. Fitting of prospect market heifers is allowed, but it must be done in an ethical manner following the guidelines set forth in the General Rules.

Prospect Market Heifer Classes

003. Prospect Market Heifers

BREEDING CATTLE RULES

1. Heifers/bulls should be personally managed by the owner from the time of purchase.
2. **All** cattle must be owned (commercial and registered) by April 9, 2026.
 - a. Registered cattle must be officially registered in the name of the exhibitor by April 9, 2026. Date of Issue by the respective breed association will be the date used to determine eligibility and must be on or before April 9, 2026.
 - b. Each beef entry must be owned and entered in the exhibitor's name Ownership of Registered Breeding Cattle may be joint with an immediate family member (parent, step-parent, or sibling), provided **the Exhibitor's Name is present on the certificate. No Farm Names, even the family farm, are allowed. For cattle with joint ownership, entries may only be made in the name of one exhibitor and may not be changed once entries are submitted and approved.**
 - i. A letter or official pending paper work from the national breed association stating that paper work was received in advance of the April 9, 2026 date will fulfill these requirements. Registration papers must be uploaded during the entry process, and presented for inspection at check in. Electronic papers may be presented at check-in provided that all required information (Animal Name, Animal Birthdate, Animal Tattoo, Owner Name, Date of Ownership/Transfer/Sale Date, and the associations date of issue) is shown.
 - ii. Registered animals must be checked in during the required check-in time. At this time, tattoos (or other official identification) will be checked against the registration papers. Registered animals with tattoos (or other official

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- identification) that **do not** match registration papers ***will be disqualified***.
- iii. Registered cattle that have been exhibited previously AND have registration papers stamped with the official stamp of their respective breed association, or an official VA Youth Livestock Program stamp, may present only the stamped registration paper during check-in – these animals would not need to be brought to check-in. The show administration reserves the right to spot-check any entry for compatibility of tattoo to registration paper.
 - iv. All calves shown in cow/calf classes **must be officially registered** in the name of the exhibitor by April 3, 2026.
- c. All commercial heifers must be owned by April 9, 2026.
3. A section is being offered for “All Other Breeds” (AOB) which is for registered cattle of a breed other than the breed shows listed. The cattle must be registered with a national breed registry to show in this section.
 4. **Percentage cattle bearing a registration certificate from a breed association, but ineligible to show in that respective breed’s national or regional shows, must be shown in the commercial heifer show.**
 5. **A minimum of 10 heifers is required to hold a breed show.** If a breed does not meet the minimum requirement, those heifers will show in the section for “All Other Breeds” (AOB).
 6. A bred-and-owned division will be offered for all registered breeds. A heifer may only show in either the Bred & Owned or Owned division for their respective breed, provided the below requirements are met for both divisions to exist within that respective breed.
 - a. A minimum of 10 head is required to fulfill each division – Owned and Bred & Owned. If less than 10 Bred & Owned heifers are entered, then a class of Bred & Owned heifers will be offered at the end of that breed’s show. If 10 Bred & Owned heifers are entered, but less than 10 Owned heifers are entered for the same breed, then both divisions (owned and bred & owned) will be combined for one show.
 - b. Exhibitors in the bred-and-owned categories must be the breeder and the first and continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time of service. "First Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the dam at the time the calf is born. "Continuous Owner" is defined as the recorded owner of the animal without history of transfer
 - c. Cattle will be designated as Bred & Owned during the entry process
 7. **All Bred and Owned Bulls born between January 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025 must be shown and moved with a nose ring or nose lead in place. Only bulls qualifying as Bred and Owned are eligible for show. Bred and Owned Bulls must be born between January 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026.**
 8. Show management reserves the right to combine and/or split classes within a division.
 9. Fitting of breeding heifers/bulls is allowed, but it must be done in an ethical manner following the guidelines set forth in the General Rules.
 10. All Grand and Reserve Champion females (Registered and Commercial) must show to compete for Supreme Champion Female awards.

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11. All Grand and Reserve Champion Bulls must show to compete for Supreme Champion Bull awards.

REGISTERED BREEDING ANIMAL SHOWS

0100. Angus

0200. Hereford

0300. Simmental

Cattle that are a Purebred (7/8 or greater) Simmental and recorded by the American Simmental Association are eligible for this division.

0400. Percentage Simmental

*Cattle that are 1/2, 5/8 or 3/4 Simmental and recorded by the American Simmental Association are eligible for this division. **Simmental cattle less than 1/2 will be shown as commercial heifers.***

0500. All Other Breeds (AOB)

Any registered cattle from a breed other than those listed above may show in this section. Any breed having at least 10 head entered will qualify for a separate breed show. To qualify for the AOB division, a heifer must be eligible to show in her respective breed's regional or national show.

Percentage requirements for common AOB entries are listed below:

Mainetainer

All animals must be registered with the American Maine-Anjou Association and must be 25% to 62.5% Maine Anjou to be eligible to show. Mainetainer cattle have green registration papers.

Red Angus

All animals must be registered with the Red Angus Association of America and must be Fullblood or Purebred (7/8 Red Angus or greater).

Shorthorn

Purebred/Fullblood Shorthorn entries must show a blood concentration of 15/16 or 93.75% or higher, as indicated on the registration paper and recorded by the American Shorthorn Association.

ShorthornPlus

Shorthorn Plus cattle have green registration papers, and must show no less than 1/4 and up to 7/8 blood concentration on the registration paper and recorded by the American Shorthorn Association to qualify.

REGISTERED BREEDING ANIMAL CLASSES

BRED AND OWNED STATUS WILL BE INDICATED FOR EACH ANIMAL DURING THE ENTRY PROCESS

- xxx1. Cow/Calf Pair – Calf born between October 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026 *Calf must be Bred-and-Owned by exhibitor.*
- xxx2. Junior Heifer Calf ~ Calved January 1 – March 31, 2026
- xxx3. Late Senior Heifer Calf ~ Calved November 1 – December 31, 2025
- xxx4. Early Senior Heifer Calf ~ Calved September 1 – October 31, 2025
- xxx5. Late Intermediate Heifer ~ Calved July 1 – August 31, 2025
- xxx6. Early Intermediate Heifer ~ Calved May 1 – June 30, 2025
- xxx7. Late Junior Yearling Heifer ~ Calved March 1 – April 30, 2025
- xxx8. Early Junior Yearling Heifer ~ Calved January 1 – February 28, 2025
- xxx9. Late Senior Yearling Heifer ~ Calved November 1 – December 31, 2024
- xx10. Early Senior Yearling Heifer ~ Calved September 1 – October 31, 2024
- xx11. Bred and Owned Bulls Calved January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 – **Bulls must be Bred & Owned by exhibitor**

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COMMERCIAL/CROSSBRED – REPLACEMENT HEIFERS

1. Heifers that are unregistered, grade or crossbred are eligible to show.
2. Heifers must be born after September 1, 2024.
3. All commercial heifers must be owned by April 9, 2026
4. Classes will be broken according to weight. Class weight breaks will be made at the discretion of show officials.
5. Class winners will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Heifer honors
6. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Commercial Heifers must compete for Supreme Heifer at the conclusion of the shows.
7. Fitting of commercial replacement heifers is allowed, but it must be done in an ethical manner following the guidelines set forth in the General Rules.

ENTRIES

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2. **The preferred method of payment for entry fees is online via credit card using the FairEntry system** at the time of entry submission. Entry fees may be paid via check, if necessary, but checks must be received by Monday, April 13th. Checks must be made payable to the VA Beef Expo with VJBR in the memo line and mailed to: Katherine Carter, Extension Youth Animal Science Specialist, 175 West Campus Drive, 380 Litton Reaves, Blacksburg, VA 24061.
3. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED and No Day Of Entries will be accepted
4. Exhibitors are to review their personal information and make sure all the information is correct in the entry system. **Please verify accuracy of exhibitor birthdate in entry system for use in showmanship class determination.**
5. Animal identification will be required of all animals that are entered into the system. **All animals must have a visual tag that can be easily identifiable.**
6. Please make sure you identify the breed of your animals when prompted and/or enter them in the correct breed show. This will determine which division/show you will be placed in.
7. Registered steer shows (with a minimum of 5 head/breed entered) will consist of: Angus Steers, Hereford Steers, Simmental Steers, and Percentage Simmental Steers. Breeds not meeting the five head entered threshold will show in either the British-Influenced or Continental-Influenced Divisions as described above. Exhibitors must include animal tag/tattoo, registration number, and animal birthdate on entry form.
8. Registered breeding cattle entries: Enter class from list provided. Include animal tag/tattoo, registration number, animal's registered name, and animal birthdate on entry form. You will be required to indicate whether the animal is Bred and Owned. Breed shows include Angus,

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Hereford, Simmental, and Percentage Simmental. If breed is not listed, enter All Other Breeds Division and indicate breed on entry. Any breed entered in AOB that has at least 10 head entered will qualify for a separate breed show.

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FAIRENTRY SYSTEM

We are utilizing FairEntry to capture entries in 2026. This system is tied to 4-HOnline. Please see the tips below for more information on how to best utilize the system.

If you are a 4-H Member:

1. Sign-in using your 4-HOnline Family information.
 - a. **CLICK ON THE GREEN "SIGN IN TO 4-HOnline" BUTTON FIRST!**
 - b. If you forgot your password, there is a link to reset it.
 - c. If you reset your password, please remember to reset it in 4HOnline. Please contact Katherine Carter (carterke@vt.edu), with any questions.
2. Please choose your family member (exhibitor). Only one child can be entered at a time.
3. Be sure to enter **ALL EXHIBITORS** within the family prior to clicking submit.
 - a. Once you click submit, your entries are locked until they are approved. Additional family member entries cannot be accepted until they have been approved.
4. Once all family members and exhibitors have been entered, make sure you click submit to finalize your entries. Entries are not final until you have clicked submit.

If you are a FFA member:

1. You will need to create a new account under FairEntry or use one you've previously established when using FairEntry for entering animals.
 - a. Please use a valid email account, as you will be receiving confirmation messages about your entries.
2. Once you have completed the entry process, make sure you click submit to finalize your entries. Entries are not final until you have clicked submit.

You will receive a confirmation email with your entries and invoice. Please make sure that you complete the following to finalize your entry into the VA Junior Beef Roundup:

1. **Pay via credit card by selecting that payment option or**
2. Pay with check and enclose a \$35/head registration fee (check payable to VA BEEF EXPO)
 - a. If paying by check, please Mail printed entry form and **payment payable to VA BEEF EXPO** to the following address:

ATTN: Katherine Carter
Junior Beef Roundup
175 West Campus Drive
380 Litton Reaves Hall (MC 0306)
Blacksburg, VA 24061-0306



Tips for Exhibitors making Online Entries:

- Recommended browsers: Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Older versions of Internet Explorer may cause unexpected results.
- Register all entries for each exhibitor in the family before proceeding to the Payment section.
- Be sure to click the "Submit" button when you have completed your entries. Entries are not final until they have been submitted.
- Check your email inbox for a confirmation email with a list of your entries and any related fees.
- You will receive a second email when your entries have been approved by your fair.

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IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions)

CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

shall govern Junior Beef Roundup:

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
 - a. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

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- b. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.