

RULES, NOTICES, REGULATIONS, ETC.

READ CAREFULLY

All entries for each department must be accompanied by entry blank completely filled out.

Please make entries early in all departments except Arts & Crafts and Floraculture, as it makes our work easier and makes mistakes less likely to occur.

The VERMONT STATE FAIR MANAGEMENT will take every precaution to insure the safety of stock or articles entered or shown after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by or arising from any animal or article or exhibition, and the exhibitor shall indemnify the Vermont State Fair and Management thereof against all legal and other proceedings in regard thereto.

Persons exhibiting thoroughbred animals will be required to furnish the Judges satisfactory evidence of purity of blood before being allowed to compete for premiums. The herd book of several breeds shall be such evidence.

NO PERSON, other than the JUDGES AND CLERKS, will be permitted in the ring while the stock is being judged.

No article or animal will be permitted to compete for more than one premium, except in the case of herd or flock premium, or unless otherwise stated in the conditions of that department.

If it should be discovered that any competitor for a premium, by himself or agent, has made or caused to be made any incorrect statement in reference to any article or animal, or has interfered with the judges to defeat the object of the Society, or violate its rules and regulations, he shall be excluded from the competition.

Grain will be on the grounds for sale at reasonable prices.

Life members of the Society will be furnished with a ticket of admission free of charge. These tickets will admit the member and one guest, with his conveyance. They are not transferable and will be forfeited if presented by other than the member.

Each department will be under the control of its Superintendent. The general moving and keeping of articles must be under his control and direction.

Checks not cashed within 30 days from any Department will be considered as a donation to the Rutland County Agricultural Society Inc.

ATTENTION ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

There are no specific health regulations for Vermont animals exhibited at Vermont Fairs. The following health practices are recommended.

Rabies: Proof of rabies vaccination is recommended for all animals exhibited. Only healthy animals that have been vaccinated against rabies should be allowed on the fair grounds. Rabies vaccine is approved for dogs, cats, ferrets, cattle, sheep and horses. Rabies vaccine may be given to other species upon recommendation by a veterinarian in an attempt to protect the animal from an unobserved exposure to rabies. Initial rabies vaccination should be given at least 30 days prior to arrival at the fair grounds. Booster vaccinations should be given yearly except for dogs, cats, and some sheep (depends on vaccine used for sheep). Proof of vaccination signed by a veterinarian must be submitted to the Superintendent upon arrival.

Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA): All Vermont horses should be tested for EIA ("coggins or elisa test") within the previous 4 years. We have found EIA in older horses not tested within the past 10 years. Horse owners may not want to compete in events unless all horses have been tested for EIA within 12 months. For the Vermont State Fair all equine animals must have a negative EIA certificate dated within the present calendar year.

Out-of-State Animals: All imported domestic animals except dogs, cats, and horses require import permits from the Department of Agriculture, Food & Markets. Call 802-828-2421.

All imported domestic animals except dogs, cats, and horses require a certificate of veterinary inspection within 30 days of entering the state.

An exhibition permit which can replace the requirement for an import permit and the certificate of veterinary inspection may be obtained from the Department of Agriculture at 802-828-2421. This exhibition permit is good for the show season for most animals.

Changes in the import rules allow cattle to enter Vermont from states classified as free from tuberculosis and brucellosis without testing for these diseases.