

Preventing Zoonotic Diseases at Fairs and Animal Exhibits: Checklist of Key Tasks and Contacts for Fair Management

Section A: Animal Exhibit / Venue Inspections Prior to Fair Opening

Entrance

Exhibit Layout

- One-way entrance
- Stroller and bag storage area

Safety Messaging (circle languages)

Signs placed at or nearby entrance:

- Animals can carry germs that can make people sick.*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other
- Young children (under 5 years old), adults 65+, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems are more likely to get sick from animal germs.*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other
- Do not enter if you or someone you are with is feeling sick with cough, sneezing, or fever.*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other
- No food, drinks, toys, pacifiers, cups, baby bottles, or strollers in animal areas*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other
- No hand-to-mouth activities in animal areas (e.g., no drinking, eating, bottles, pacifiers, smoking, chewing gum)*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other
- Children under 5 years old should be monitored at all times to prevent hand-to-mouth activity while in animal areas.*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other
- Disease prevention infographic signs (for visitors with limited literacy)

Notes:



Inside

Exhibit Layout

- Sturdy and secure barriers (i.e., fences and cages) around animal exhibits
- Hand sanitizing stations – total number: _____
- Handwashing stations – total number: _____
 - Running water, liquid soap, and paper towel dispensers
 - Trash receptacles located nearby
 - Accessible to all visitors (including children, adults, and people with disabilities); accommodate different heights, sizes, and assistance devices

Safety Messaging (circle languages)

Signs placed throughout exhibit:

- No hand-to-mouth activities in animal areas (e.g., no drinking, eating, bottles, pacifiers, smoking, chewing gum)*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other
- Do not let children sit or play on the ground in animal areas.*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other
- Children who can't walk should be carried.*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other
- Avoid touching or grabbing railings, fences, hay or bedding, and other objects in or near the animal stalls.*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other

Petting Zoos

- Do not kiss or try to kiss animals.*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other
- Disease prevention infographic signs (for visitors with limited literacy)

Notes:



Animal Care & Management

- Automated waterers functioning properly
 - Hoses or other water dispensers in public places labeled “Not for human consumption”
 - Floor drains clear of debris and standing water
 - Straw / shavings / other material from animal pens not present in public walkways
 - Animal pens in good repair; all gates secure
 - Fair veterinarian evaluation verifies all animals well and healthy
 - All animals (mammals) that have direct interaction with people are vaccinated against rabies
 - Verified documentation of appropriate rabies vaccination for all animals
 - Animal enclosures free of accumulated manure
 - Receptacles for manure, bedding, uneaten food, and other organic wastes from animal enclosures outside exhibit area
- *Petting Zoos*
- Animal feed dispensed in containers that will not be confused as human food (e.g., no ice cream cones)

Notes:



Exit

Exhibit Layout

- One-way exit
- Food vendors and eating areas (e.g., picnic benches) **NOT** in exit area
- Handwashing stations – total number: _____
 - Running water, liquid soap, and paper towel dispensers
 - Trash receptacles located nearby
 - Accessible to all visitors (including children, adults, and people with disabilities); accommodate different heights, sizes, and assistance devices

Safety Messaging (circle languages)

Signs placed at exit:

- Wash hands with soap and water after visiting animal areas (even if you didn't touch any animals).*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other
- Wash hands with soap and water before you eat, drink, or put anything in your mouth.*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other
- Help children thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water.*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other
- *Petting Zoos*
 - Wash your hands after touching, petting, or feeding animals.*
 - Language(s): English / Spanish / Other
- Disease prevention infographic signs (for visitors with limited literacy)

Notes:



Section B: Ongoing Inspections While Fair is Open to the Public

Date:

- Handwashing stations functional and stocked:
 - Water supply
 - Liquid soap
 - Paper towels

- Animal enclosures free of accumulated manure

- Receptacles for manure, bedding, uneaten food, and other organic wastes from animal enclosures emptied at least daily

Notes:



Section C: Contact Information for Key Agencies and Personnel

Fair Veterinarian

- Name:
- Phone:
- Email:

Local Public Health Department Staff

- Name:
- Title:
- Phone:
- Email:
- Responsibilities:

- Name:
- Title:
- Phone:
- Email:
- Responsibilities:

Animal Bite Reports

- Name:
- Title:
- Agency:
- Phone:
- Email:

