Dear Fair Organizers and Fair Managers:

Each year, people throughout the county and across the state visit our fair(s) to see local exhibits and enjoy the festivities. A staple feature of our fairs is the opportunity to see and interact with animals at exhibits, shows, and competitions. These events are educational and entertaining, but they also present the possibility for infectious diseases to be shared between animals and humans. Diseases transmitted from animals to humans, or humans to animals, are called “zoönotic diseases”. Livestock and other animals commonly present at fairs can be the source for zoönotic disease pathogens that have the potential to cause severe, even fatal illness, especially among vulnerable people such as young children, older adults and seniors, and people with weakened immune systems.

To protect the health of both people and animals at our fair, the [Local Health Department] is eager to work with you to evaluate and reduce disease transmission risks at interactive animal exhibits. We have numerous resources, prepared by the California Department of Public Health, available to ensure that practical measures are in place, both prior to and after the fair opens, to reduce the risk of zoönotic diseases.

Resources include:

* Best practices for reducing zoönotic disease transmission
* Checklists and tip sheets for fair management and exhibitors to ensure practical safety measures are in place
* Sample messaging to inform fair staff and visitors about health and safety practices while visiting animal exhibits

The [Local Health Department] is available to meet and discuss health and safety protocols for fairs and animal exhibits. We look forward to collaborating with you to make fair season in [County] County a great success.

Thank you,

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