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## HORSE SHOWS

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There are many different horse shows at the fair. The show put on by the fair Competitive Exhibits is the **Halter Exhibition**. This show is entered through the fair office using a fair Livestock entry form and turned in on Entry Day at the Largen Barn.

**4-H Horse Show** is for 4-H members only; sign-up is through the 4-H office.

Other shows held at the fair include:

- A.S.Q.H.A Quarter Horse Show;
- Great Alaska Pony Club Game Day;
- Interior Horseman's Association Open Show

Check the Exhibitor's Guide for show schedules and stall reservation deadlines for all shows.

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## EQUINE SAFETY RULES

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1. Proper head gear & foot wear required.
2. No riding double.
3. Handle horse in a safe manner.
4. Safety & courtesy required.
5. Animals must have proper care.
6. Stallions (1 year & older) will be under direct supervision of an adult (18 years or older).
7. Lead your horse outside arena areas.

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## BARN & STALL RULES

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1. No unauthorized motorized vehicles.
2. No smoking in the barn or stall areas.
3. No advertising on stalls or pens.
4. No personal padlocks on stalls.
5. No storage of feed outside stalls.
6. Stalls must be kept clean (see animal care).
7. Use only pick & rake to clean stall.
8. Do not leave horse in stall with tack on.
9. No dogs allowed in barn or stall areas.
10. Horses must be stabled in the approved area.

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## ANIMAL PICK-UP

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**All animals must be picked up at 7 a.m. on Sunday, August 11.** The superintendent or stall manager must sign the exhibitor out before animals will be released from the fair. Failure to do so puts a hardship on the volunteer superintendents as well as on your animal(s). The Borough Animal Control may be called and you may have to pay fines to retrieve your animal, so please be prompt. Thank you for your courtesy.

It is recommended that all animals on exhibit at the fair be isolated for at least 5 days to prevent any infectious diseases from being introduced to other animals you may have.

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## QUESTIONS

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If you have any questions, feel free to ask any of the superintendents on duty. Both the Largen Barn (451-5551) & Delta Barn (451-5544) are staffed every day of the fair from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.

If you are unable to reach the superintendent, the Fair Office is here to help. Call us between the hours of 9 am & 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Fairtime hours are 11 am - 7 pm. **(907) 452-3750** or e-mail [exhibits@tvfsfa.org](mailto:exhibits@tvfsfa.org).

*The Tanana Valley State Fair seeks to highlight and enhance appreciation for Interior Alaska by showcasing competitive & commercial exhibits. The Fair educates and entertains all participants by providing opportunities to share a rich variety of individual and community endeavors. The Fair encourages and welcomes involvement by all.*

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## DIVISIONS 4 & 5 EXHIBITOR'S HANDBOOK

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*Welcome to the world of Competitive Exhibits! As an exhibitor at the fair, you are entering into a long standing tradition of education & competition that began in the Tanana Valley in 1924.*

*Your primary source of information about entering an exhibit is through the Exhibitors Guide, available online or at the Fair Office. This handbook will provide you with some additional information as well.*

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## ETHICS POLICY FOR THE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

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*Every person with a live animal has a moral obligation to conduct themselves with the highest standards of honor and dignity toward said animals and all people involved. These ethics are to be used as guidelines for the fair treatment of animals while on the property of the Tanana Valley State Fair Association.*

Exhibitors, owners or responsible persons in possession of animals on the Tanana Valley State Fair Association property shall at all times conduct themselves honestly and display good sportsmanship.

The Tanana Valley State Fair Association requires all exhibitors, owners, trainers, or responsible persons to be responsible for the care and management of their animals to keep them healthy, clean and safe.

All exhibitors are required to sign their Livestock Entry Forms stating that they have read the above Ethics Policy for the Treatment of Animals as well as the General Livestock Rules listed in the Exhibitor's Guide.

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## ENTRY RULES

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- Know your entry days, delivery days & pick-up days.
- **Get your Fair I.D. number & entry forms** from the Office. Pick up & fill out Entry forms at home.
- **Use a different Livestock Entry Form for each species and each division you are entering.** Note entry restrictions listed in the Exhibitor's Guide.
- **Fill out a stall card** for each pen, cage or stall you will need.
- **Sign up for 2 barn duty slots—per barn where you have entries..**

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## EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Purchase either daily or season passes for entrance onto the Fairgrounds to tend animals.
- Provide your own feed.
- Provide bedding if other than wood shavings are desired. Wood shavings will be provided by the Fair.
- Deposit manure in designated areas only.
- Keep animals, pen areas, equipment & aisle spaces clean at all times.
- Keep all animals within posted areas for livestock.
- Attend to animals when exercising, or otherwise not inside their designated stall or pen.
- Leave your assigned pen/stall clean.

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## BARN DUTY

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Every exhibitor must sign up for Barn Duty. Two-hour time slots will be assigned by the superintendents on entry day. Please be available in the barns at your agreed upon time.

Barn duty requires you to:

- check in and out with the on-duty superintendent;
- pick up trash in & around barn;

- sweep or rake the barn & show ring;
- water plants in and around the barns & show area;
- check all animals in the barn or your area to see if they have water depending on the barn your doing duty;
- other duties assigned by the superintendent.

On days such as entry and pick-up days, additional help will be needed. Your participation will be appreciated.

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## ANIMAL CARE

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Everyone with an animal in Division 4 is required to care for their animals between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. If work or another approved reason makes this impossible, make arrangements with the division superintendent.

Morning duties include:

- care for your animals;
- clean your exhibit area;
- sweep & pick up trash in the aisles around your area;
- each exhibitor should check on their animals at least three times daily making sure they are fed & watered;
- always check on your animal in the evening to make sure it has water for the night.

If it is determined by the superintendent or show manager that the Ethics Policy or other rules have not been followed, or your animal has not received proper care, the exhibitor will be given a verbal warning, followed by a written notice if the practice continues. Continued abuse may result in forfeiture of premiums, suspension from any further activity or eviction from the grounds. These penalties will be decided upon by the Livestock Committee.

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## GROOMING & WASHING

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Grooming is allowed on the grounds although we encourage only touch-ups - do your main clipping & washing before you arrive at the fair.

The wash racks are located on the south side of the horse barns.

Application of hoof and horn preparation should be done outside the barn so as not to stain the sidewalks and floors of the barns.

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## VET CHECK

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The state vet & other authorized individuals will be on the grounds during delivery times to vet-in your animals. You must check in with one of them before stalling your animal.

Horses, rabbits & poultry will be checked by the superintendent or show manager. If there is a questionable situation, the state vet will be called to make the final decision.

The USDA encourages livestock owners to report any unusual animal health symptoms to their local ag officials. USDA continues to safeguard American Agriculture from foreign animal diseases like foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). Continued vigilance ensures that an incursion of a foreign animal disease would be identified quickly. The US & Canada are currently FMD free. Any changes in the US disease status would be posted on the APHIS website ([www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov)).

All swine are required to show proof of appropriate course of erysipelas vaccination. Please see the Exhibitor's Guide for details.

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## MARKET LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

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All market animals will be weighed at the fair after delivery. Check the Exhibitor's Guide for the official weigh-in time. This will be your official weight for the auction. The scale is certified by the State of Alaska.

All 4-H & FFA market livestock exhibitors must attend the mandatory barn meeting - check the Exhibitor's Guide for date & time.

On Market day, 4-H/FFA Market exhibitors will be needed in the barn all day. At 6 p.m. the Delta Barn will be closed for photographs.