

GROOMING & FITTING GUIDELINES

EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY: It is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to follow all the rules contained herein. Extent of knowledge on the part of the Exhibitor with regard to the animal being subject to any prohibited act is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that a person or persons unknown subjected the animal to any prohibited act.

FITTING/GROOMING AND ANIMAL CARE: Fitting, grooming and care of all junior livestock entries is to be performed solely by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry. Exhibitors may be assisted only by their immediate family (which includes Parents, Permanent Legal Guardians when documentation of guardianship is provided to ASF, siblings, aunts, uncles, and grandparents); the exhibitor's County Extension Agent and/or FFA Instructor and fellow exhibitors who have an entry in the ASF Junior Livestock Show. The exhibitor must be present at all times during fitting when assistance is being provided. At no time shall an exhibitor provide payment in any form to anyone assisting in the grooming of an animal. Painting of switches, tail heads, topknots, and boning of legs are permissible.

OPEN & JUNIOR SHOW PROHIBITED ACTS - The following are Prohibited Acts:

- The injection, use, or administration of any drug to the animal that is prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State or Local Law.
- The injection or internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid, to an animal for the purpose of deception, including concealing, enhancing, or transforming the true conformation, configuration, color, breed, condition or age or by making the animal appear more sound than would otherwise appear.
- Being found in possession of stomach pumping equipment, drench tubes, or any other device that can be used to administer any substance to an animal per os (by esophagus). Treatment of severely sick or dehydrated animals must be pre-approved by ASF Personnel and administered by an ASF approved veterinarian.
- The administration, use or application of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system.
- The administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal. Attaching to the hide foreign objects including hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber for the purpose of deception.
- Any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of bovine, sheep, swine or goat for deception.
- Violations of the Wholesome Meat Act. (Available at www.asfg.net)
- Violations of the International Association of Fairs & Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics. (Available at www.asfg.net)
- Violations of the Arkansas State Fair Ownership requirements or Care and Custody rules listed in this exhibitor handbook. This includes the manipulation of documents or providing false statement as to affect ownership of an animal and its eligibility to be exhibited at Arkansas State Fair.
- No hair coloring of any type will be allowed to be used on any exhibit above the flank of the animal except tailheads, switches, and poles.
- Added hair or other material, natural or man-made (excluding false-switches) may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit. Altering of hooves using unnatural products is not allowed.
- Any attempt to change the composition or appearance of any animal in an unnatural manner will result in disqualification.
- Paints and glues ARE allowed when used in a manner that does not conflict with specific show rules. Boning legs is allowed.
- Trim chutes must be used ONLY in the Grooming Areas. All exhibitors must purchase a permit at the Livestock Sales Office in Cattle Barn #4 for a Trim Chute Permit. Permits are \$25.00 for each chute. Chutes without permits or in an area not designated for grooming will be confiscated and may be picked up at the Security Office at Gate 11 for a nonrefundable fee of \$50.
- No grooming of sheep is allowed in the Goat Center.
- All goat grooming must be done in the Goat Center area and no tents are allowed near tie outs.

