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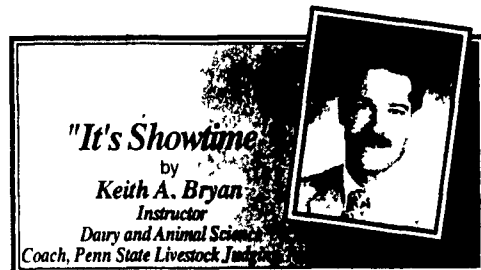
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NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW CODE OF CONDUCT (PART 3 OF 5) — THE CODE

Often the best thing about not saying anything is that it can't be repeated.

— Suzan L. Wiener

Editor's Note: Part three in this series will provide the reader with rules numbered 6 through 17 in the proposed National Livestock Show Code of Conduct.

Notice this is a listing of guidelines that all exhibitors must follow to enter livestock at organized competitive events. As the steering committee for the Pennsylvania Code of Ethics Program for Animal Exhibitions plans to implement a uniform set of guidelines for events specifically in Pennsylvania, it is important for participants to understand some of the local, regional, and especially national guidelines that will influence the final guidelines for Pennsylvania.

The original, unedited initial document will be provided in this series of articles. Responsible comment is invited and welcome.

This code of ethics applies to anyone exhibiting animals at livestock shows in the United States. It includes junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. All classes of livestock offered at the livestock event are included: cattle, (beef and dairy), goats, (Angora, Boer, dairy, meat, Cashmere), equine, (donkey, horses, mules), llamas and other specialty animals, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine, and any other livestock classes offered.

This "National Livestock Show Code of Conduct" will be enhanced with additional rules and regulations which individual fairs and livestock shows impose on the local, county, state, regional, and national levels.

The following practices or procedures are unacceptable and are defined as being deceptive, fraudulent, unethical, and inhumane in the care, fitting, preparation and showing of all classes of livestock. The use of any illegal drugs is considered a premeditated act! Furthermore, any information obtained in the practice of illegal alteration of an animal will be turned over to the proper authorities for criminal prosecution.

This is a one-strike-and-you-are-out policy! Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of conduct demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and will forfeit any premium, awards, or auction proceeds, and will be prohibited from further competition at shows in the United States, in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows, as well as being subject to criminal prosecution if proven guilty.

It is recognized there are certain practices in the proper care and management of animals that are necessary in the course of moving them to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound healthy state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition. Conversely, the following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable. The following is a listing of guidelines all exhibitors must follow to enter livestock at organized competitive events:

6) Treating an animal internally or externally, with any irritant, counterirritant, or other substance used to artificially change the conformation or appearance of an animal for show is considered unethical, inhumane, and is prohibited. This includes, but not limited to the use of graphite, powders, hemp, artificial hair coloring, common products such as fly spray, ointment, or liniment used to the point that it is irritating (unless required to reduce edema at time of calving) or similar type products. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of

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