



# ROYAL CORNWALL

## ... SHOW / 2023 ...

### Animal Welfare Plan

This plan has been written in accordance with the guiding principles of The Animal Welfare Act 2006 Section 9 (2).

#### THE FIVE FREEDOMS

- 1. Freedom from Hunger and Thirst** - by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.
- 2. Freedom from Discomfort** - by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
- 3. Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease** - by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.
- 4. Freedom to Express Normal Behaviour** - by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.
- 5. Freedom from Fear and Distress** - by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

<b>TITLE OF SHOW</b>	Royal Cornwall Show
Show Secretary	Christopher Riddle ARAgS
Attending Veterinary Surgeons	Members of the VetPartners group based in Cornwall
Date(s) of Show	8 – 10 June 2023
Date(s) Vet available	6 – 10 June 2023

<b>LICENSING &amp; REGULATIONS</b>	
APHA contact number	03000 200 301
Local Authority Trading Standards contact number	0300 1234 100

**ANIMAL ACCOMMODATION** Comprises exhibition halls for cattle and marquees / stables for other species.

**SPECIES ENTERED** Complete appropriate sections with approximate numbers  
Cattle  600    Sheep  1100    Pigs  210    Goats  160    Horses  1500    Other   
Poultry, Cage Birds, Small mammals etc. see separate Fur & Feather section

<b>WELFARE CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>
<b>Contact number for Veterinary information</b> Further details will be issued at the time of the show for emergency contacts.	01409 253418
Isolation facilities for sick or injured animal	Isolation boxes at rear of Cattle Halls
Provision of animal ambulance with necessary screens etc.	Horse Care Transportation
Provision for removal of casualty animals	Peake (GB) Ltd

<b>CATTLE</b>	
Stewards and officials:- Experience and training	All stewards have significant experience. New stewards paired with experience ones. Welfare plan explained at pre Show meeting.
Requirements for handling and control of cattle / livestock Competence of handlers	Rules 9, 17 & 19 apply
Transport:- Facilities for unloading and loading to prevent accident or injury	All animals are unloaded into the Cattle Halls. Showground has a secure fence to comply with AGO
Contingency plan for unruly and distressed animals	Seek immediate Veterinary advice, repatriate if necessary
Accommodation:- Suitability of penning with regard to size and construction, and prevention of injury and disease. Control of ventilation to prevent overheating and respiratory disease Provision of food and water at all times	Custom built cattle buildings  Air movement system installed  Stand pipes at end of all buildings Food supply owner's responsibility
Malpractices:- Tampering with udders to improve appearance or to prevent milk flow, by using gas, liquids and teat sealants. Overstocking of udders of dairy cattle by delaying milking Or by poor timetabling of classes	Rules 15 & 17 apply Show timetable reviewed at Prize Schedule Committee meetings to minimise waiting times
Arrangements for surveillance to discourage malpractices  Review Show rules to ensure they are sufficiently robust to deal with any transgressions	Stewards regularly patrol lines, and take heed of information passed on from exhibitors Rules reviewed after every show

<b>SHEEP &amp; GOATS</b>	
Unloading and loading facilities to prevent injury or escape	Animals unloaded into pens. Showground has a secure fence to comply with AGO
Accommodation:- Penning of suitable size and construction, provision for free air flow to prevent respiratory disease and overheating Outdoor pens, provision for protection from elements for animals shown in full fleece Provision of food and water available at all times	Marquee with removable side walls  N/A.  Stand pipes provided for each marquee. Food:- provision, owner's responsibility Stewards monitor availability
Ensure sheep tail docking regulation is observed	Rules 15 & 17 apply. Liaise with Trading Standards Inspectors
Shearing competitions:- Ensure competence of competitors Review rules to discourage causing injury	Sheep Shearing Association rules apply

<b>PIGS</b>	
Unloading and loading facilities to prevent injury or escape	Animals unloaded into pens. Showground has a secure fence to comply with AGO
Accommodation:- Penning of suitable size and construction, provision for free air flow to prevent respiratory disease and overheating Outdoor pens, provision for protection from elements e.g. strong sunlight Provision for water available at all times	Specialist penning provided.  Canvas roofing provided.  Stand pipes installed

<b>FUR, FEATHER &amp; DOG SHOWS</b>	
Poultry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 500 Pigeons <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 600 Cage Birds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 200 Rabbits <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 180 Dogs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 800 Other e.g. Tarantulas. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20	
Penning of suitable size and construction to prevent overcrowding	Custom built pens of varying sizes to suit occupants, on tables
Provision for free air flow to prevent respiratory disease and overheating	Marquees with removable side walls
Provision of food and water	All animals have both supplied at all times

<b>HORSES</b>	
Accommodation of suitable size and construction	Temporary custom built boxes available
Provision of separate boxes for Stallions	Separate Stallion boxes are provided
Abuse by misuse of sticks, whips and spurs	Affiliated Society and Show rules apply
Misuse of stimulants and tranquilizers	Rules 15 & 16 apply

<b>ANIMALS/ BIRDS FOR EXHIBITION OR DEMONSTRATION</b>	
Ensure that exhibitors are competent and have relevant experience	Show organisers have to be notified of the intention to exhibit such animals/birds
Ensure that the welfare needs of the animals/birds on display are met, and codes of practice e.g. separation distances of birds of prey are observed	All animals/birds kept under observation by vets and only competent falconers etc employed

<b>GENERAL PUBLIC</b>	
Warning of dangers of leaving dogs in cars	Notices posted at entrances to car parks Liaison with Cornwall Council Dog Wardens
Show policy of allowing dogs onto the Showground	Dogs (assistance dogs excepted) are not allowed into the livestock areas  All dogs are required to be on non-retractable leads

<b>Procedure for reporting and recording welfare incidents</b>	Incidents to be reported to the Secretary for further action
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The welfare requirements of animals attending this show, have been assessed, and, having considered the conditions above, this plan has been agreed with:-

Christopher Riddle ARAgS, Show Secretary, and

Show Veterinary Surgeons

A member of



Association of Show and Agricultural Organisations  
www.asao.co.uk

**Extracts from Show Prize Schedule regulations 2023 to demonstrate relevance of "Actions" listed above.**

### **Animal Welfare**

The Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association expects all exhibitors to observe best practice at all times.

### **Conditions of Admittance**

5.

It is a condition of entry that the Association's Veterinary Officers may, on their own authority, give such emergency treatment as they may consider appropriate in the event that the owner or his/her representative cannot be found. Exhibitors will be liable to pay for all drugs/treatment used by the Association's Veterinary Officers in the treatment of their animals.

### **Exhibitors and Their Stockpersons**

9.

All Exhibitors must have the physical ability, relevant experience and be competent to handle the animal they are in charge of at all times. Handlers must be properly trained in safe work methods and be in good health. Judges / Stewards are empowered to ask an exhibitor to leave a ring or any other area on the grounds of safety if they feel that the exhibitor is incapable of safely handling / riding the exhibit in question. Ponies should not be tied to the railings or left unattended at any time.

All riders should be of an appropriate size and weight for the horse/pony being ridden (anywhere within the Showground or exercise/warm up areas, day or night). The Association reserves the right to take further action against any competitor whose size or weight compromises the welfare of the horse/pony being ridden. This would be based on the recommendations of the Association's Veterinary Team.

All stock handlers, and especially children, should only handle animals where they have the necessary experience and strength to cope with that animal.

NO CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 7 YEARS IS ALLOWED INTO THE CATTLE JUDGING RINGS. For the Main Ring Parade a child must be 10 years and over to lead a calf up to 3 months and be accompanied by an adult. For all other cattle children must be 16 years and over. A sheep handler must be capable of handling the animal, at the Stewards discretion. All Bulls over 12 months of age must be accompanied by 2 people.

The administration of any pharmaceutical substance is prohibited except with the permission of one of the Association's Veterinary Officers.

### **Penalties**

11.

Every exhibitor shall indemnify the Association against all actions, claims, proceedings and demands by any person, company or other representative body of whatsoever nature in respect of any matter, directly or indirectly connected with the bringing onto the Association's Showground of any animal which may have been suffering from any contagious or infectious disease or which develops such a disease whilst on the Showground and in addition the exhibitor shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by the Association in connection with any such claim. The Association's Veterinary Officers are authorised to refuse permission for any animal to be admitted to, or to have removed from, the Showground any animals affected with contagious or infectious disease

or with disease which, in their opinion, was likely to prove dangerous to other animals. The owner or stockperson in charge of such animal may obtain, if desired, a certificate in writing from the Association's Veterinary Officer, stating the nature of such disease or infection. Concealment of disease will render the exhibitor liable to disqualification in accordance with regulation 9.

The Stewards, on the recommendation of the Association's Veterinary Officers shall have the power to remove from the Showground any unruly, vicious, deformed or diseased animals, and also the stock, implements or miscellaneous articles belonging to any exhibitor who refuses to comply with the instructions given to them by the Stewards without any responsibility attaching to them or to the Association in consequence of such removal.

### **Tampering and Malpractice**

15.

Any artificial contrivance or device of any description found on or proved to have been used on an animal at any time whilst that animal is in the Showground, either for preventing the flow of milk or for any other improper purpose, will disqualify that animal from being awarded a prize, and any prize awarded prior to discovery will be forfeited. The Instigator or The Owner of the said animal may be prohibited from again entering Stock for any of the Association's Shows, for such period as the Council may see fit. For the purpose of this Regulation, the term 'improper practice' shall be held to include setting of teats, and generally any other practice including tampering of their own or any other animal by the exhibitor or any other person which results in the animals being shown other than in a natural state, and the Association reserves the right to have all animals inspected by the Association's Veterinary Officers, either prior to, during, or after judging.

The overstocking of udders is to be strongly discouraged and exhibitors are liable to inspection by the Association's Veterinary Officers.

The Association will not tolerate the administration to show exhibits (entered either for competition or sale/demonstration) of tranquillisers or other drugs which may in any way affect the performance of the animal in question to have the effect of making it behave in the show ring in a manner which is not natural. The Association reserves the right to take any necessary samples. Any Person or Exhibitor (or his representative) who is found to have administered or permitted the administration of any such tranquilliser or drugs to any Show exhibit will be reported to the Committee, and dealt with at their discretion. In addition the matter will be referred to the appropriate Breed Society or Organisation.

### **HORSES**

16.

No horse should be left unattended other than when securely contained within a horse vehicle or stable.

Equine Influenza vaccinations are a compulsory requirement for all equines (horses, ponies, donkeys) attending the Royal Cornwall Show and random spot checks of passports are likely to be undertaken. The requirement for the first 3 vaccinations is as follows: the first 2 vaccinations 21 - 92 days apart, a third booster between 150-215 days, and an annual booster vaccination within 365 days thereafter. No horse should enter competitions within 7 days of an EI vaccination. Foals should commence vaccinations at 6 months old.

No Exhibitor or their groom may ride one horse and lead another or if on foot lead more than one horse. The bringing of companion horses/ponies is strongly discouraged but if such animals are present their behaviour and all matters relating to safety are the sole responsibility of the

exhibitor bringing such animals to the show. Anyone exhibiting a stallion must take adequate precautions to ensure the safety of other people and animals.

## **CATTLE**

17.

At the date of entry cattle must be from herds which are free from restrictions imposed under

(a) The Tuberculosis Order 1984; and (b) The Brucellosis Orders.

In addition the entered animals must not themselves be under individual restrictions.

An animal accepted for entry must not be consigned to the Royal Cornwall Show if, after entry, either it or the herd to which it belongs becomes subject to movement restrictions.

The Association reserves the right to take blood samples from any animal exhibited.

Any animal which shows evidence of ringworm should not be sent to the Show. Any animal found to be affected will, on the Certificate of the Association's Veterinary Officers, be disqualified from competition and must be removed from the Showground. The exhibitor of such animals will be subject to a fine not exceeding £25 per affected animal.

All cattle must be from Herds which are Officially Brucellosis Free. (NB from 1 October 1985 all herds were re-designated to be OBF Status).

The Warble Fly (England and Wales) Order 1982, as amended.

Any Cattle which are affected with warble fly larvae are subject to movement restrictions. Such affected cattle may only be lawfully moved if accompanied by a declaration of treatment (Form C – Yellow). Affected animals, not accompanied by a declaration of treatment (Form C) detected in the Showground will be licensed home.

Animals which calve or show evidence of calving whilst at the Showground must be placed in the isolation accommodation pending their possible early removal from the Showground.

Where an animal calves at full term, and the owner arranges for a blood sample and vaginal swab to be taken and examined at an approved laboratory, and Rose Bengal Plate Test (RBPT) and a microscopical examination of a smear made from the vaginal swab are negative, the animal may return to the Show lines at the discretion of the Show Secretary.

Where an animal calves prematurely or aborts the DVO must be informed immediately. The animal must be returned home TOGETHER WITH ALL OTHER SHOW ANIMALS FROM THE SAME REGISTERED PREMISES after a full range of samples has been taken. The suspect animal must be isolated during transit.

If, whilst in the Showground a cow calves either at full term or prematurely or aborts or show signs of aborting and the Exhibitor or his Stockpersons fails to inform the Associations' Veterinary Surgeons, that Exhibitor, if proved to have infringed this regulation will be liable, at the discretion of the Council of the Association to a LIFE-TIME BAN from exhibiting at any future shows held by the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association.

All Cattle must be properly secured to the satisfaction of the Officials of the Association on being brought to the entrance of the Showground or they may not be admitted. Whilst stalled at the show it is suggested that all cattle are double tied.

Livestock must be under the control of a competent handler at all times and they must use approved restraints which are safe and fit for purpose. Movements on the showground include areas used by the public and also when going from the Exhibition Halls to the judging rings and handlers must ensure adequate safeguards are in place to prevent an animal from escaping.

All Bulls over 10 months old must have a ring or clamp attached to the nose and must be provided with a strong chain or rope and be led with a proper staff. Use of the bulldog can be used if felt appropriate.

Tampering and Malpractice – see Rule 15.

Pressure Hoses:- Only low pressure hoses can be used for washing of cattle. Pressure above 30psi will not be permitted. The use of power hoses producing water above 30psi is banned.

## **SHEEP**

18.

All sheep brought into the Showground must have been dipped and moved in accordance with any Ministry Regulations in force at that time.

Current legislation (the Mutilation (Permitted Procedures) (England) Regulations 2007 Schedule 5.5 requires that sheep must have sufficient tail retained to cover the vulva of the female sheep and the anus of the male sheep. Sheep entered for the 2023 Royal Cornwall Show are liable to be inspected in the lines by the Association's Veterinary Officers or other appropriate official bodies. Any sheep which do not comply with the aforementioned regulation will not be eligible to be shown.

The spraying of sheep with any substances is forbidden within the Sheep Marquee.

Maedi-Visna accredited and Scrapie Monitored accommodation will only be provided for sheep which have been signified as being of such status on the entry form. In order to be admitted to the accredited accommodation, all Maedi Visna accredited sheep must be accompanied by the appropriate SAC Form (green) – within expiry date. Scrapie Monitored sheep will be accommodated and shown in unsegregated conditions. All female sheep, whether scrapie monitored or not, of all breeds except Dorset Horn, Polled Dorset and Finnish Landrace must, at the time of the show be a). non-pregnant (empty), b). have not lambed within 30 days prior to arrival at the show and c). not be subject to procedures which change the seasonal breeding pattern. All females of the Dorset Horn, Polled Dorset and Finnish Landrace breeds and animals subject to procedures which change the seasonal breeding pattern must be accompanied to the show by a declaration for each animal confirming that the sheep are a). non pregnant (empty) and b). have not lambed in the previous 30 days.

## **PIGS**

19.

Boars aged twelve months or more at the time of the exhibition, must have their tusks cut prior to the Show.

All boars must be shown by two competent adult handlers who are equipped with protective boards.

The use of artificial colouring, whitening and/or powder on pigs as well as the removal or addition of spots by artificial means is prohibited (white woodflour is permitted).

The Association will provide pens and straw for all exhibits. The provision of feeding stuffs, drinking utensils etc, will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.