

Get Ready for the Fair! - Dog

- What needs to be submitted with the May 1st Form?
 - You will need to have a picture of your dog as well as up-to-date shot records. If shots expire before fair, an updated record will need to be submitted to the Superintendent prior to fair week.
- What should I bring the day of the show
 - Dogs are not allowed in the fairgrounds other than in the vehicle and in the show arena area. The following items may be needed to keep them comfortable and happy during the show:
 - Kennel
 - Water bucket/bowl
 - Flat collar/lead or pinch collar/lead
 - Portable fan
 - If your dog tends to be reactive to people or other dogs, please be aware of where you place your crate. Dogs that are disruptive will not be tolerated and will be asked to leave.
- Were there any rule changes from 2025 to 2026?
 - The following rules have been adjusted for 2026
 - Schedule Changes
 - Saturday: Dog Showmanship/Obedience
 - Tuesday: Rally/Agility
 - Exhibitors are no longer required to move classes each year, the exhibitor/dog combination are required to move up after 3 qualifying scores have been achieved in that division.
- What if I'm not ready to compete at the level I have entered?
 - Talk to the Superintendent! Rally/Obedience and Agility entries can be flexible as long as you have not had 3 qualifying scores at the previous level. Train towards the class you wish to show but adjustments can be made if required.
- What if my female dog is in season during fair week.
- Unfortunately, a female dog in season is not allowed on the show grounds. Please contact the Superintendent prior to show to make different arrangements.

Get Ready for the Fair! - Horse

- What does my animal need to have at check-in?
 - Your animal must have an official current printed copy of their Coggins. You will give a copy to the Superintendent upon arrival.
 - **A halter and Lead Rope.** Your animals should have their own halter and lead rope and should be used to being led with them. These need to be left on the front of the stall in case of an emergency.
- What does my animal need to NOT have at check-in?
 - Your animal cannot have any OBVIOUSLY IDENTIFIABLE SIGNS of any infectious or contagious illness at the time of check-in. The most common illnesses we are looking for are any signs of respiratory disease (snotty nose, coughing), skin disease (ringworm, mange, lice, contagious warts), diarrhea, or other signs of illness. Please make sure BEFORE LEAVING HOME that you check your animal to make sure that there are no concerns before coming to the fair. If you have any questions, please contact your 4H leader, FFA leader or supervisor. If you are concerned, please contact your veterinarian for an exam before the fair.
 - Your animal should not be obviously injured. Serious wounds or other injuries may disqualify your animal from being admitted to the fair.
- What do I need to do at the Fair?
 - Once your animal is checked in (make sure to look at check-in times in advance so you are not scrambling to get in at the last minute!) you need to make sure that your animal is cared for all week. Your animal should always have water available, should have a clean pen, and be fed at appropriate times.
 - If you have any concerns about your animal Dr. Schleusener (Dr. Abbi) will be coming through morning and evenings to check on the animals. Please let the Superintendents know of any problems and they will reach out to Dr. Abbi.
 - Any questions can be directed to the Superintendents or referenced in the Fowlerville Youth Horse and Pony Show Rulebook/Guidelines.
 - Have fun! Remember that the Fair is about demonstrating all that you have learned about and done with your animal over the past year. It is also about learning all you can! Ask questions and be willing to help new/younger exhibitors if they have questions or need help.
 - I know it can be disappointing to have your animal sent home from the fair – you’ve worked hard and been looking forward to this. Please remember that part of the Fair is learning about animal agriculture and that sometimes includes understanding that animals are unpredictable and disease can ruin even the best of plans.

Get Ready for the Fair! – Show Poultry

- What does my animal need to have at check-in?
 - Your animal must have been pullorum tested within the last 90 days or be pullorum tested at check in. This is required by the State of Michigan so please bring appropriate paperwork if tested ahead of time.
- What does my animal need to NOT have at check-in?
 - Your animal cannot have any OBVIOUS IDENTIFIABLE SIGNS of any infectious or contagious illness at the time of check-in. The most common illnesses we are looking for are any signs of respiratory disease (sneezing, wheezing, coughing), external parasites (mites or lice), or other signs of illness such as neurological, lethargy or loss of appetite. Please make sure BEFORE LEAVING HOME that you check your animal to make sure that there are no concerns before coming to the fair. If you have any questions, please contact your 4H leader, FFA leader or supervisor. If you are concerned, please contact your veterinarian for an exam before the fair.
 - Your animal should not be obviously injured. Serious wounds or other injuries may disqualify your animal from being admitted to the fair.
- What do I need to do at the Fair?
 - Once your animal is checked in (make sure to look at check-in times in advance so you are not scrambling to get in at the last minute!) you need to make sure that your animal is cared for all week. Your animal should always have food and water at all times and always have a clean pen.
 - If you have any concerns about your animal Dr. Schleusener (Dr. Abbi) will be coming through mornings and evenings to check on the animals. Mornings are likely the easiest time to catch her, so just be waiting by your animal around 7:45am when she comes through!
 - If the weather is hot, you are responsible for making sure that your animal is appropriately cared for. This happens often during the fair so make sure you are watching the weather and have a plan in place!
 - Have fun! Remember that the Fair is about demonstrating all that you have learned about and done with your animal over the past year, so take pride in and be proud of that! It is also about learning all you can! Ask questions and be willing to help new/younger exhibitors if they have questions or need help.
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Get Ready for the Fair! - Rabbits

- What you need to know about market rabbits before fair?
 - They must be raised **from birth by exhibitor**.
 - Of a **recognized ARBA breed** and **variety**.
 - **Meat pens** and **fryers** are bred 107 days (or after) before check-in.
 - **Roasters** can be bred January 1st or after. They cannot be over 9lbs. or over 6 months old by check-in.
 - You are allowed **2** market classes for auction.
- **ALL RABBITS** (market/show or mixed) need to have an identification tattoo/mark in the left ear.
- Your animal **cannot** have any **obvious identifiable signs** of infection, Parasites or contagious illness at the time of check-in.
- **Mixed breed/altered** can **ONLY** show **1** rabbit. (they can also have 2 market entries)
- What do I need to do at Fair?
 - Once your animal is checked in, (make sure to look for your check in time in advance, so you're not there at the last minute!) You need to make sure that your animal is cared for all week. Your animal should always have water available, should have a clean pen and be fed at appropriate times.
 - If the weather is hot, it is your responsibility to make sure your animal is appropriately cared for. Make sure to bring frozen bottles or chilled ceramic tiles, to help keep them cool.
 - It is also your responsibility to have your pens cleaned by 10:00 AM every day.
 - Have fun, learn and share your experience with others!

Get Ready for the Fair! - Swine

- What does my animal need to have at check-in?
 - Official RFID/840 Tag in pigs ear
 - Whip and sorting board
 - Note card per pig filled out with:
 - Exhibitor name, club, age division, pig's RFID tag number, ear notch, gender, color/breed
- What does my animal need to NOT have at check-in?
 - No infections
 - No signs of respiratory disease (snotty nose, coughing), skin disease (ringworm, mange, lice, contagious warts), or (scabby mouth, contagious ecthyma), diarrhea, or other signs of illness
 - No injuries/opened wounds
 - No medication residues from dewormers or medicine
- What do I need to do at the Fair?
 - Always make sure your pigs have fresh water, clean pens, and are fed at appropriate times.
 - Keep your pigs cool with fans or by taking them to the wash rack.
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 - Have fun!