



BIOSECURITY CHECKLIST



Keep Disease Out

- ☐ Buy animals from reputable sources
- ☐ Separate new or returning animals for at least 14 days to monitor for signs of illness
- ☐ Wear clean, dedicated clothes and shoes when handling your animals
- ☐ Avoid borrowing or sharing equipment with others
- ☐ Avoid commingling species (chickens, cattle, sheep) to reduce disease spread
- ☐ Limit visitors, especially those who own livestock

Monitor for Illness

- ☐ Separate sick animals immediately to prevent disease spread
- ☐ Watch for signs like lethargy, coughing, loss of appetite, or abnormal feces
- ☐ Contact your veterinarian about sick animals

Keep it Clean

- ☐ Wash hands before and after handling animals
- ☐ Clean and disinfect housing areas, feeders, and waterers regularly
- ☐ Provide fresh food and water at least daily
- ☐ Dispose of manure and bedding in a designated area to reduce germs and flies
- ☐ Work with healthy and young animals first and sick animals last

Keep Pests Away

- ☐ Use netting and fencing to keep wild animals out of housing areas
- ☐ Store feed in rodent-proof containers and clean up spills
- ☐ Control flies and other insects to reduce disease risks
- ☐ Use traps and remove clutter like tall grass around shelters to reduce rodents

BIOSECURITY CONSIDERATIONS

EXHIBITION ANIMALS



Before the Event

- ☐ **Have Dedicated Clothing**
Shoes and clothing can carry germs. It's important to wear dedicated boots and clothing when working with your animals.
- ☐ **Keep Pests Out**
Keep housing areas clean and practice insect mitigation practices to keep rodents, birds, flies, and other pests out.
- ☐ **Read the Show Book**
Know the health requirements, arrival times, and event instructions.
- ☐ **Check for Bugs Early**
Start checking and treating for external parasites weeks before the event.
- ☐ **Limit Wounds and Treat Early**
Check animals for wounds daily and contact your veterinarian immediately for treatment.
- ☐ **Leave Sick Animals at Home**
Leave sick animals at home. Isolate them and contact your veterinarian. Do not bring sick animals to exhibitions.

During the Event

- ☐ **Transport with Care**
Bring animals in trailers or carriers that keep them safe and at a comfortable temperature.
- ☐ **Arrive Early**
Give yourself time to check in, set up, and get your animals settled before any important events.
- ☐ **Wash Hands Often**
Clean your hands regularly, especially after handling animals or gear.
- ☐ **Clean Daily**
Clean stalls, cages, and feeders daily. Don't share equipment with other exhibitors.
- ☐ **Keep Your Distance**
Limit contact between your animals and others.

After the Event

- ☐ **Keep Returning Animals Separate**
Keep returning animals away from other animals at home for at least 2 weeks. Watch closely for signs of illness or parasites. Care for animals that did not travel first.
- ☐ **Clean Everything Again**
Disinfect all carriers, equipment, clothing, and shoes before using them at home. Always wash your hands after handling show animals, especially before touching your other animals.
- ☐ **Keep an Eye Out**
If an animal looks sick or multiple animals start having the same symptoms, contact a veterinarian immediately.