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## EXTENSION NEWS



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### County Newsletter Article

#### **How to Talk to People at the Fair About Your Animals**

The fair is a time when many people will view an animal for the first time and see how it is cared for. It is important that you provide your animal with good care and follow herdsmanship guidelines.

Sometimes people will stop to visit with you about your animal and how you care for it. If someone has numerous questions about the care of your animal, refer the person to the superintendent in your division or a county Extension staff member.

Not all people agree how animals should be cared for or used, so there is a possibility that someone will say something that hurts your feelings or that you disagree with and makes you feel angry. If this happens, it is best not to argue with the person. Instead, tell the person to talk with the superintendent or a county Extension staff member. Also, please share what has happened with an adult (your parent, the superintendent or Extension staff member).

Note to parents: If someone confronts you about how animals are cared for or used, we suggest you also use the strategy of referring the person to the superintendent or county Extension staff member. If you or your child is confronted about

the treatment or use of animals, please report this to a 4-H Fair Superintendent or Extension staff member immediately.

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