



Dear 4-H and FFA Horse Exhibitors,

We are excited you plan to participate in the 2023 Boone County Fair as a horse exhibitor! Please review the following information to ensure you are properly prepared for the event.

### **Schedule**

- **Arrival** – Horses must arrive to the fairgrounds on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 and 11:00 am**
  - When arriving to the fairgrounds to unload animals, livestock exhibitors should *enter Gate E and exit Gate D*.
  - Upon your arrival to the fairgrounds, a veterinarian will inspect your animal(s) before taking them in the barn. Please review the health requirements in the Boone County Fair Book, particularly as it relates to contagious diseases.
- **Exhibitor Meeting** – A brief meeting will be held outside the North Horse Barn at **11:30 am on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**. All exhibitors and parents are strongly encouraged to attend. This is a great time to ask any questions you may have and meet the horse committee members and superintendents.
- **Check-In (MANDATORY)** – All horses must be checked in on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the exhibitor meeting.
  - **For Exhibitors with Halter Only Horses:** Horses showing in halter only and not being stalled should be on the grounds in the designated location at the horse arena at 7:00 am on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and be ready for the veterinarian check and checked in / measured at that time. Halter only horses may not be anywhere else on the grounds until after their veterinarian inspection.
- **Release** – Livestock release will begin at 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> with a limited number of trailers allowed in the gated area at a time. The livestock release line up will start north of the tracks on Argo Street (heading south). See the instructions in the fairbook for more details.

### **Animal Care and Management**

- The Boone County Fair veterinarian must be made aware of all previously prescribed or over the counter medications as well as any feed additives or supplements that are to be administered during the fair. This notification should be made during the veterinarian inspection upon arrival.
  - Any exhibitor not revealing medication / supplements and using such products without permission will be disqualified and forfeit premiums.
- All medications given to sick or injured animals while at the fair must be approved and administered by the fair veterinarian.
- Families will be responsible for the cost of medications given while at the fair, and for any costs with extensive surgical repair of wounds, or fees accrued for referral of animals to specialty hospitals.

Please let me, or a superintendent, know if you have any questions or concerns and be sure to read your 2023 Boone County Fair Book. We look forward to seeing you at the Boone County Fair!

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