



June 1, 2023

Dear 4-H and FFA Exotic Animal Exhibitors,

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

### *Schedule*



**Arrival** – Exotic Animals that are staying for the entire fair 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, please follow instructions:
  - Enter through the main gate on the south side of the fairgrounds and proceed toward the barns.
- Upon your arrival to the fairgrounds, a veterinarian will inspect your animal(s) **BEFORE** they are unloaded. If you have concerns, please contact the Extension Office prior to arriving to the fairgrounds.
- Exotic Animals will be housed in the Sheep Barn along with the sheep, meat goats and dairy goats or in the Beef Barn. We will let you know which barn upon arrival.
- ***If your exotic animals are only coming for the day of the show, please arrive 15 minutes prior to the show and those animals leave after the show.***
  
- **Check-In** – Exotic Animals must be checked in with Mindy Moeller, the Exotic Superintendent on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the Sheep Barn.**
  
- **Exotic Animal Show** – Boone County Fair Exotic Animal Show will begin at **2:00 pm on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**. The show will be under the Blomgren Awning on the westside of the Rabbit Barn.
  
- **Exotic Judging Criteria Form** will be used by the judge during the show.
  
- **Release** – Animals will be released on **Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please see page 10 of the fairbook for details about release time and procedure.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the Boone County Extension Office at 515-432-3882 or natm@iastate.edu. We look forward to seeing you at the Boone County Fair!

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Boone County 4-H Coordinator

**Enclosures:** Exotic Animal Judging Criteria Form