

Enjoy the Fair...

Wash Your Hands!

One of the best parts of the Cabarrus County Fair is getting close to all the different animals. The safest way to enjoy the animals is to make sure to wash your hands after each time you have contact with any of them. This is especially true for young children.

As you stroll around the fairgrounds, you will notice several hand-sanitizing stations and restrooms. All of these amenities are there for your convenience and we hope you will take advantage of them, especially if you are preparing to enjoy some of your favorite Fair foods. In fact, you should make sure to clean with soap and hot water before you eat.

Be smart, stay healthy.

Pet the animals, then WASH YOUR HANDS!

It's the best way to enjoy your Cabarrus County Fair.

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To Reduce Risk of Disease Associated with Animals the Cabarrus County Fair Follows the Following Guidelines*

**The Cabarrus County Fair strictly adheres to all laws and recommendations provided by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture Veterinary Division. State Veterinarians inspect the fair prior to opening and are readily available throughout the duration of the event for questions and any needs that may arise. The Cabarrus County Fair staff has always and will continue to take the safety of fair patrons seriously and makes it their number one priority.*

- 1) Signage is posted throughout the animal area. The signs are in English and Spanish and have pictures where appropriate.
- 2) To control animal contact with the public animals and bedding are separated from the public with adequate fencing to prevent contact with manure and bedding.
- 3) Strollers, pacifiers, sippy cups, baby bottles, food or drinks are not permitted allowed in animal areas (petting zoo and cow milking booth).
- 4) No smoking is permitted in transition and animal areas.
- 5) Children under 5 years old must be accompanied and supervised by an adult patron while in the animal area.
- 6) Trained staff and volunteers are present at all times of operation to promote biosecurity procedures and help educate patrons.
- 7) Hand rails and other public contact surfaces are made of impervious material and disinfected daily prior to opening, mid-day, and at closing.
- 8) There is a designated manure disposal site and address waste water runoff. The fair does have a planned area for storage of animal waste and does not transport waste through non-animal areas. Disposal area is inaccessible to the public.
- 9) Adequate soap and running water hand washing stations with paper towels and appropriate disposal containers are located in transition areas. Foot-operated wash stations are preferred, as faucet contamination is minimized.
- 10) Hand washing stations suitable for small children are available.
- 11) Hand sanitizer stations can be found in multiple areas surrounding the animal area entrances and exits and near food vendors to enhance sanitation (not to replace hand washing stations).
- 12) Food and beverages are only prepared, served and consumed in designated non animal areas.
- 13) An official certificate of veterinary inspection accompany all animals contained in a public contact setting and the health papers are checked and verified before animals are allowed into the Events Center.
- 14) Animals are monitored daily by caregivers for signs of illness. Animals that exhibit symptoms of illness are removed from public contact immediately. A veterinarian examines the animal to determine if the disease is contagious to the public or other animals in the area.
- 15) Animals are housed to promote good health and to reduce stress and overcrowding.
- 16) Dangerous and/or high-disease-risk animals are prohibited from public contact (including but not limited to monkeys, apes, lions, tigers, ocelots, wolves, bears, bats, raccoons, foxes and coyotes) as well as any other animals deemed to be dangerous or a high disease risk by the State Veterinarian.
- 17) No near-birth or birthing animals and no animals that have given birth within the previous two weeks are allowed on site. No public contact with animals in these categories is permitted.
- 18) Our animal events are held on concrete or paved areas. These areas will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected at the end of the event.