

## **Hunterdon County 4-H & Agricultural Fair**

### *Herdsman Duties*

1. Keep your barn safe.
  - a. Keep electrical box blocked off and door closed
  - b. Keep all racks and pitch forks out of aisle. Keep all grooming items and tack put away.
  - c. No running through the aisles and keep spectators off the hay.
2. Be courteous and respectful to everyone
3. Answer questions with facts. Know your project well and be sure you are caring property for it.
4. Remember that people do not know as much about your project animal as you do, and may not understand that animal's bodies function differently than humans. You can help educate them. They may not know that some animals are on a schedule for getting water and food, as opposed to having it in front of them at all times.
5. Be pro-active. Put up a poster explaining water schedule: "Why don't I have water all the time? Because I'll kick it over and wet my bedding!"
6. Animal condition. Watch for things that can alarm fair goers, whether they are really an unhealthy situation or not. Explain that Dairy animals like cows and goats are suppose to have some ribs showing to show "dairyness" this doesn't mean they are starving.
7. The minute you suspect that someone represents an animal rights group politely excuse yourself and get an adult before continuing the conversation.
8. Security guards will be patrolling the 4-H area all week. If you do not see anyone from security in the area when you need them, come to the 4-H trailer to call them. One leader/parent from each barn gets a walkie talkie every night.
9. Barn cleanliness, clean up is part of your job.
  - a. Hand wash Stations- maintain stations, empty them when they get full, keep soap and towels stocked.
  - b. Garbage- pick it up even if it's not yours, it will improve the look of your barn and our fair!
  - c. Show ring and bleachers- keep garbage picked up off of and around bleachers. Keep manure picked up out of show ring.
  - d. Manure- pile manure at the end of the dairy barn to help keep your animals and barn clean.
  - e. Aisle ways- keep them clean and free of clutter and/or bedding.
  - f. Follow the 4-H code of conduct you should've all signed. No cursing, smoking, etc.
  - g. Barn coverage- never leave your barn unattended, have a list of cell phone numbers to contact your club leaders/parents