

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK CODE OF PRACTICE

(Adopted by Jefferson County Fair Association, 1996; Revised 2004)

To maintain a high degree of confidence in the livestock show, the Jefferson County Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animals that have been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting shall include any injection of gas, solid, liquid under the skin or any man-made article attached to the body to alter the normal conformation. It shall also include any cutting or tearing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development as well as the dyeing or coloring of individuals which alters their natural coloration. Any attempts to change the degree of firmness of any individual shall be considered unethical.

I believe that my participation in the 4-H and FFA Livestock Program should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge, and skill as a feeder and fitter of livestock. I will do my own work and only accept advice and support from others.

I will not use abusive and questionable techniques in the feeding, fitting and showing of my animals. I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal, or deceptive practices when fitting them for show. I also will not allow my parents, my supervisor, or any other adult to employ such practices to my animal. This includes those unethical practices stated above.

I will read and understand the rules of all livestock shows in which I am a participant. I ask that my parents and the supervisor of my project animal not break the rules or make exception on my behalf. I wish for my livestock project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer-good and bad-and how to live with the outcome.

I realize that I am responsible for:

- turning in my project circular and record guide on all entered animals at the fair
- the proper care and treatment of my animals
- the productions of wholesome food, and
- the development of sound moral character in myself-and others
- following the 4-H or FFA expectations and requirements in relation to my 4-H or FFA membership.

I/We hereby agree to abide by and enforce the 4-H and FFA Livestock Code of Practice.

I/We have read and agree to abide by and enforce the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.

EXHIBITOR NAME (Printed): _____

EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

4-H AGENT / FFA ADVISOR SIGNATURE: _____