

## **\*\* Animal Project Exhibitors \*\***

1. If approached by a person asking questions about what you are doing, why you are doing it, the management practices used to raise your animal, etc., and if you feel uncomfortable, excuse yourself and walk away. Tell the person that specific questions are to be directed to:

Richard Tonkin, Fair Board President

2. Tell your superintendent of any interaction with persons you think are animal activists, or people that accuse you of being cruel to your animals because they are to be used for food, or that you are exploiting the animals by showing them in competition. Recognize that others may be attempting to gather information or influence your value system.
3. It is very important to be aware that some people are just being curious and friendly, and actually mean no harm to you or your animals.
4. Do not pose for pictures unless cleared through your superintendent.
5. Never argue or try to defend your use of animals. This can create a sense that the person is attempting to instigate for media purposes. In addition, the person may try to get you to say something that can be used against the Fair.
6. Always use proper care of you animals (feed, water, bedding) and cages must be kept clean. Never use excessive force while handling your animal.
7. If confronted, and you believe that you or your animal(s) are in danger, first protect yourself, then your animal(s) and equipment.
8. Do not become intimidated by activists that approach you or your animals.
9. Use your common sense.