



Rabbits, Cats, Dogs, Ferrets, Rats, Mice, Hamsters, Gerbils, Guinea pigs, Pygmy hedge hogs, Sugar gliders: COVID 19 Prevention

- Wear short sleeves (or switch long sleeve shirts between animals) and sanitize hands after showing animal.
- Surfaces should be disinfected frequently, and animal waste should be disposed of ASAP.
- Animals and humans should maintain 6 feet of distance during all aspects of the show.
- Youth, judges, 4-H volunteers, and staff assisting with the show must wear face coverings at all times when social distancing cannot be achieved.

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus Safety Measures

In addition to your current COVID 19 safety plans, please work to address the following:

- It is recommended to wear short sleeves and sanitize hands after showing an animal. Youth may wear long sleeves, but when showing multiple rabbits it is recommended to switch long-sleeved shirts between animals.
- It is also recommended that judges wear short sleeves during the event to avoid spreading the virus between rabbits.
- It is recommended that judges wear disposable gloves and discard between handling of the animals. Judges should, at a minimum wash, and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the event.
- Have youth bring animals to the table in carrying cages or plastic milk crate. Each participant should have a square of fabric, carpet, vinyl placemat, or tar paper to place down under their animal. These materials should be properly disposed of at the end of the show.
- Rabbit shows should consider omitting the use of standard wooden show tables and have youth bring rabbits up individually in carrying cages or plastic crate. Metal or plastic show tables that can be disinfected are acceptable. Once the animal has been evaluated, the rabbit should go back into the carrying device.
- When the rabbits are evaluated, consider using butcher paper on the tables which can be changed between classes. If this is not considered optimal consider having more than one table that can be disinfected for 10 minutes between rabbits.
- Use of long 8 ft (or longer) tables is recommended, as the surfaces are easily sanitized. Show organizers should set up stations to keep the show flowing, while allowing for proper sanitation of 10 minutes in between; i.e., set up two sets of tables to allow for switching and sanitation between breeds.
- Surfaces should be disinfected frequently, and animal waste should be disposed of ASAP.
- Provide rabbit exhibitors the following handouts to help implement the proper biosecurity measures against RHD. https://www.in.gov/boah/files/Rabbit_Biosecurity_6-2020.pdf
https://www.in.gov/boah/files/RHDV2_Webinar_FAQs_6-24-2020.pdf

Communicate all protocol steps to 4-H members, volunteers, families, and judges.

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