

ANIMAL HEALTH CHECKS: CAMELIDS



Quality health checks are the first line of defense for protecting humans and animals from contagious diseases at fairs and other animal events. Use this checklist to confirm that animals participating in an agricultural fair or event are visibly healthy. Health checks should be completed inside the trailer or right outside; do not permit the animal to walk through the fairgrounds, barns or event before confirming its health status. Use gloves and other personal protective equipment (PPE) as appropriate. Disinfect footwear between assessments on animals not housed together. Change your clothes after completing the animal assessments. Wipe down any equipment like flashlights or radios between herds. Certain conditions and observations noted within this checklist may not pose a significant public or animal health risk. In such cases, decisions regarding an animal's eligibility for exhibition should be made in consultation with event leadership and/or the on-call veterinarian. Follow any additional policies provided by event leadership and your state's Department of Agriculture.

Identification

- ☐ Proper state department of agriculture identification (i.e., microchip, tattoo, ear tag). This may require having a microchip reader available.
- ☐ Verify animal has a valid health certificate

General Appearance

- ☐ Overall thriftiness, including an appropriate body condition for its age, sex, and physiological state
- ☐ Alert and responsive to stimuli
- ☐ Alert ear and head position
- ☐ No indication of broken bones or injuries
- ☐ No abscesses, infections, open wounds, or lesions
- ☐ Normal gait

Nose, Eyes, and Mouth

- ☐ Clear eyes with no discharge, injury, cloudiness or over sensitivity to light
- ☐ No signs of respiratory distress (labored breathing, coughing, wheezing, or sneezing)
- ☐ No crust or purulent discharge from nose or increased respiratory sounds
- ☐ No hair loss or thickened skin on the top of the nose
- ☐ No drooling or facial swellings

Skin and Fleece

- ☐ Clean fleece with no loss of fiber
- ☐ No obvious lice or crusty lesions indicative of mites
- ☐ No flaking skin, discoloration, scabbing, or weeping lesions

Rear End

- ☐ No signs of diarrhea, rectal or vaginal prolapse, or unusual discharge
- ☐ No placenta or afterbirth

Feet and Legs

- ☐ No signs of lameness or limping
- ☐ Trimmed, well-maintained hooves with no signs of infection, abscesses, or injury



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General Body:

Bright, alert, responsive; no signs of pain, discomfort, wounds, broken bones, or injuries; free from abscesses, open wounds, and lesions; normal gait, ear, and head position present; exhibits overall thriftiness and body condition congruent with age, sex, and physiological state.

Skin and fleece:

Clean; no loss of fiber; free from lice, mite lesions, flaky skin, discoloration, scabbing, or weeping lesions.

Identification:

Proper state Department of Agriculture identification (microchip, tattoo, ear tag, etc); valid health certificate present.

Nose, Eyes, and Mouth:

Bright, clear eyes without injury, cloudiness, or photosensitivity; nose is free of thickened skin, hair loss, crust, and purulent discharge; absence of respiratory problems (altered respirations, wheezing, sneezing, coughing); mouth is free from ulcers, swelling, drooling, and injury.

Hooves and Legs:

Free of limping or lameness; hooves are trimmed, well maintained, and show no signs of infection, abscesses, or injury.

Rear End:

No diarrhea/scours, vaginal or rectal prolapse, placenta/afterbirth, or unusual vaginal discharge.



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