

Animal Pen Rental Agreement and Application

Please read the following carefully, sign and return to **Betty Berlenbach, 1961 Plains Road, Perkinsville, Vt. 05151**, with a check for the appropriate amount.

You are invited to bring sheep, goats, and camelids to the festival to both educate people about the diversity of these animals, AND to sell them. Nothing but animals may be sold from your pen space. If you want to sell fleece or goods or other things, you need a vendor space.

Because of space limitations and traffic flow problems, you may not sit in front of your pen space. Vendors with pen space can sit in their vendor space. People just renting pens will need to also rent a small display space large enough for chair and spinning wheel or some such.

There will be someone at the Expo from 12 noon on Friday until 8 p.m. Friday night to admit and help unload animals WITH HEALTH CERTIFICATES. Instate animals without health certificates will need to be inspected by our vet Saturday a.m. All vehicles will be removed from the festival area into the specified parking area by 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday mornings, per CVE regulations.

All people bringing animals will come with the proper health papers and will, to the best of their ability, examine their own animals before loading them on their trucks, to make sure they see no evidence of ill health or problems with the animals they are bringing.

You will also need to bring buckets for feed and water, hay, grain (if you use it) and bedding, and will be responsible for cleaning up at the end of the festival. All animals should be out of the barn and building by 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

For our part: We will provide what we believe are two excellent choices of housing. We will do all in our power to separate the OPP checked negative and voluntary scrapie program sheep from those not in these programs. We will be in the barn all day, keeping watch over your flocks by day and night, will do all in our power to keep unhealthy animals from unloading. We will allow you to sell your animals by private treaty. Sold animals should remain in the pens until Sunday at the end of the festival except by special permission. And under no circumstances, may cars, trucks, and trailers be driven onto the grounds during festival hours to load or unload animals. We will keep all people other than owners away from the animals from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m., so that the animals get a well deserved break from crowds. We will water the animals and check them frequently during the night.

ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON FESTIVAL GROUNDS, PER OUR RULES AND CVE REGULATIONS.

Disclaimer: The VSGA and Champlain Valley Exposition shall not be liable for any injury or damage to any person, animal, or property resulting from any cause whatsoever, whether occurring on or off the premises. In the event of a private treaty sale, the following disclaimer applies: The VSGA and Champlain Valley Exposition act as neither producer's or buyer's agent, and while striving to attract quality animals, make no warranties, express or implied, as to the quality, fitness, health or condition of any animal and buyer's sole remedy shall be against the producer.

Please fill out, sign, and date the enclosed pen application form. If you are giving your own rabies shots, please bring the enclosed form with you to the festival.

**Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival
Pen Rental Application
For this year's festival
September 8 and 9, 2007**

Please understand that all sheep and other animals coming to the festival need the proper tags. For sheep that means mandatory or volunteer scrapie tags. They also need rabies shots. (You may administer these yourself, but please 30 days before the festival, and document serum, dose, date given, scrapie tag numbers of those vaccinated. To cover yourself, it would be good to have someone witness these proceedings and have them countersign your statement, which statement you should bring with you to the festival. OR, you can just have your vet do these shots.) AND, they will need health papers from the vet done within 10 days of the festival. (If you wish, you can have our vet examine your animals Saturday a.m., but if you choose this method, you need to understand that our decision is final: if we deem your animals unhealthy, you may not unload them. And that means you may not unload your animals Friday night. There is a modest charge for this service.) Please do not bring unhealthy animals to the festival.

Name _____

Animals being brought _____

Breed (if applicable) _____

Number of pens requested: _____

Farm Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Amt. Paid _____ Check # _____

Email _____

(Sheep, goats, camelids: pens for sheep and goats are provided and are 5 x 5, which hold 2 or 3 animals, depending on size. Camelid owners will have to bring their own pen panels. Sheep and goat pens are \$10 per 5 x 5 pen; camelid pens are \$40 for 10 x 10 space, which is four times the area of a 5 x 5 space.

*Please send this form with the appropriate check made out to **VSGA** to:
Betty Berlenbach, 1961 Plains Rd., Perkinsville, Vt. 05151
Applications postmarked later than August 1 should include a \$15 late charge.*