



Queensland Ag Shows

STATEMENT UNETHICAL CONDUCT

The safety of animals and people participating in agricultural shows and associated events is of primary importance to Queensland Ag Shows. Unethical conduct unnecessarily endangers the safety of people and animals. It also erodes the reputation and standing of agricultural shows within the community. For this reason, the Board of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies have released the following statement concerning unethical conduct at agricultural shows and associated events.

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1. QCAS will not tolerate unethical conduct of exhibitors, competitors, or people who own or are in charge of an animate exhibit.
2. Unethical conduct may include the presentation as exhibit for judging:
 - a) Of any animal having undergone any operation, other than that considered standard obligatory animal husbandry practices;
 - b) Of an animal other than in its natural conformation after normal feeding;
 - c) Of any animal having undergone any operation or procedure materially altering the natural structure or conformation of any part of its body, whether by the introduction of any substance or chemical administered orally or subcutaneously;
 - d) Of an inanimate object, that is created, constituted, formed or includes goods, substances or things not normally found in objects of like nature;
 - e) That is not the animal or exhibit entered for the Class to be judged;
 - f) In breach of the Regulations provided by QCAS.
3. An exhibitor/competitor or person in charge of an animate exhibit must:
 - a) Ensure that all care and consideration is given to the animal whilst competing or entertaining at an Affiliated Agricultural Show Society event;
 - b) Seriously consider carefully any direction from a member of the Agricultural Show Society or from any other official of the Affiliated Show Society or QCAS relating to the care and welfare of that or any other exhibit;
 - c) Any Affiliated Agricultural Show Society has the right to seek the advice of an honorary veterinarian, where an animal's welfare is in question and the exhibitor or owner of the animal will be required to meet all veterinary costs involved.
4. An exhibitor/competitor must not use, nor be in possession of, any electric or electronic



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apparatus or any improper contrivance capable of affecting the performance of an exhibit.

5. That Affiliated Agricultural Show Societies engage the services of an honorary Veterinarian to be on call during all events involving animals.
6. That Affiliated Agricultural Show Societies provide the necessary oversight to ensure professional standards for the treatment and care of animals are maintained.
7. That Affiliated Agricultural Show Societies retain the right and responsibility to determine those events provided in accordance with the interests of the communities they serve and their members.