

HUMANE RULES

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1. A veterinarian shall be in attendance or reasonably available at every trial.
2. No stock belonging to contestants, trial managers/hosts, or stock contractor should be confined to vehicles beyond a period of twenty-eight (28) hours without being unloaded and properly fed and watered. If animals are carried in conveyances in which they do have proper food, water, space and opportunity to rest, the provision for unloading shall not apply.
3. No sick or injured animals, discovered before or after the draw, may be used in competition. To the extent possible, animals will be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated before drawing. Judges, trial managers, and course directors will be responsible for inspection.
4. At the recommendation of the veterinarian or at the discretion of the judge, sick or injured dogs will not be allowed to compete.
5. It is recommended that, particularly in warm weather, water always be available on the field, at set out, and at the exhaust for cooling a dog. Handlers should be allowed to direct a dog to the water and the dog use the water with no points penalty. Handlers should not leave the post to go to the water with the dog. However, if the handler is moving to the shedding ring or moving to the pen, he/she may detour to the water. The clock will not be stopped. Actions of the stock are still being judged and may result in a loss of points, up to disqualification if the stock leaves the trial area.