



Great Frederick Fair Animal Science Code of Ethics (Adopted September 2021)

GFF members enrolled in animal science projects (e.g., beef, camelids, dairy, dog, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, small pet, and swine) shall, at all times, conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship, including while with their projects and at all GFF animal activities and events. Their conduct should always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of GFF and the agricultural community. GFF Youth members, as well as parents, GFF volunteers and others working with them, are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts; and their conduct and values must serve as a positive influence on others.

This Code of Ethics applies to all GFF Youth members who are enrolled in animal science projects, and to others (GFF members, parents, volunteers, owners, etc.) who participate in the animal science program; and it covers daily animal care, as well as participation in competition and other GFF animal activities and events.

GFF members and others who violate this Code of Ethics demean the integrity of GFF and its animal programs. GFF members who violate the code of animal science ethics are subject to sanctions including, but not limited to, forfeiture of premiums, awards, and/or auction proceeds and may be prohibited from participation in GFF events or activities; other violators may also be subject to sanction, as appropriate. Infractions may be reviewed by GFF Board of Directors (or Livestock Sale Committees, as appropriate to the infraction and to the event and/or activity in question), and/or may be subject to a fair oversight committee or other entity that oversees an activity or event.

The following is a list of standards and requirements for all GFF animal projects, at all times, whether at home, at animal exhibitions or events, or any other GFF event or activity.

1. The care of all GFF project animals is the responsibility of the GFF youth member. GFF youth members must properly care for and groom their animals for the duration of their project.
2. All project animals should be housed at the GFF youth exhibitor's residence.
3. Upon request, GFF members must present proof of ownership, length of ownership, identity and/or age of all GFF project animals owned or leased. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or identity of animal, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited. If a GFF project animal is sold in a livestock sale, it is no longer eligible to be shown in another Ag Youth event in Maryland in that year.
4. GFF members must provide appropriate animal health certificates upon request by GFF.
5. GFF project animals must be presented to competition, activities and/or events, where they will enter the food chain, free of volatile drug residues. Animals which are presented to competition, events and/or activities that do not culminate with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and rules. GFF project animals shall not be exhibited if drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations and rules may affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. At any time after an animal arrives at GFF activity or event premises, a licensed veterinarian must administer or, in consultation with fair, direct the administration of any treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications. Drenching at any time after an animal arrives on a fair or other GFF activity or event premises is prohibited, except when performed or directed by a licensed veterinarian in consultation with GFF officials for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal.
6. The act of enrolling in a GFF animal science project, and/or entering a project animal in a GFF event gives consent for GFF or event authorities to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, hair, tissue, or other substance from the animal to be used for testing purposes including, but not limited to, drugs or identification. It is presumed that the

