

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR RABBITS HEALTHY DURING THE SHOW SEASON

PRE-SHOW

Practice Good Biosecurity





- Contact your veterinarian to ensure that any necessary vaccines, dewormings and paperwork, including certificates of veterinary inspections (CVIs) are completed before you leave
 - Visit the exhibition's website for a list of health and documentation requirements
- Do not share equipment or other supplies with other colonies and ensure to disinfect all supplies and equipment before leaving home, including enclosures
- Limit visitors to your colony and avoid visits to facilities that house rabbits or other colonies
- Wear designated, clean, disinfected footwear when caring for your rabbits to reduce the risk of contaminants
- Practice pest and rodent control
 - Keep areas that house your rabbits clean
 - Keep feed covered and clean up spills

Monitor your rabbits before the show, especially those you plan to take

- Monitor for at least 14 days prior to show
- Watch for changes in food and water consumption which can be an initial indicator of illness
- Monitor for any potential clinical signs including respiratory signs, ocular discharge, diarrhea and lethargy
- Isolate sick rabbits from the rest of your colony & tend to them last
- Report any clinical signs noted to your veterinarian
- REMEMBER ONLY HEALTHY RABBITS CAN BE BROUGHT TO A SHOW, IF ANY RABBITS IN THE COLONY ARE SICK, DO NOT ATTEND THE SHOW






AT THE SHOW

-  Keep your enclosures and feed/water supplies clean. Do not share equipment with others unless it has been cleaned and disinfected between uses
 - Clean and disinfect all equipment that was at the show before returning home
-  Limit contact with any other rabbits at the show. If it's unavoidable, wash your hands and shoes after
-  Wash hands often and especially after handling rabbits or cleaning their enclosures
-  Monitor all rabbits on site for any clinical signs. Observe your rabbits several times throughout the day
 - If you see something in your rabbits or any other, notify the person in charge so that rabbits can be removed and returned home or isolated ASAP



POST-SHOW

-  Isolate rabbits that were at the show for 30 days before returning to the colony
 - Monitor for any signs of illness
 - Tend to these rabbits after caring for the rest of your colony
-  Clean and disinfect footwear worn at show
-  It is recommended that exhibitors wait at least 14 days before attending

