

London Harvest Festival at Woodlands Farm Saturday 29th September 2018

Farm Animal Show

- Animals should be brought to the showground on the Friday afternoon/evening, so they can settle and need to return to their respective farms after the Show. A vet will be on site Friday evening- An email will be sent out the day before with the latest arrival time as animals need to be checked by the vet prior to the show.
- DO NOT bring animals that are ill, have any infestation or are heavily pregnant. Any animal in an unsuitable showing condition will be sent home.
- DO NOT bring animals that are aggressive or unused to being on a head collar and rein. It is a public show and we must ensure the safety of the public, our volunteers and animals.
- Ferrets, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys etc. must come with their own enclosures e.g. a hutch or run. Not too big, as there is limited space. Ensure that the enclosures are in good condition - no nails or wire sticking out. We recommend that they can be secured, as the general public will be walking around throughout the day.
- You need to provide buckets, feed (Including hay and straw bedding if required), hay-nets, head collars, brushes etc. for your animals; and must ensure that food and water are kept topped up. The site will need to be left as you found it, so remember to bring a rake/shovel and muck bag.
- Handlers must be volunteers at their farms and 8 years old or over. Entrants for the Young Handler Classes must be 8-16 years old. Other classes are open to any volunteer. Please make sure that your farm insurance covers you for the Show.
- There'll be a Central Administration Point where prizes will be displayed and information can be given. Each farm must provide a 'designated' person, responsible for their farm's animals on the day. They will be called upon if there is a problem with an animal etc. An isolation pen will be provided away from the show area if necessary.
- Please read below for the animal classes to be held at this year's show. These may change closer to the date at the discretion of the organisers. They are for your information only and to provide a guide on what animals you may/may not want to bring.
- There will be an information session for all participating farms at 2pm on 10 September at Woodlands farm. There must be a responsible member of your project at the meeting.
- For further information please contact londoncfcg@gmail.com
- It should be a really enjoyable weekend and we look forward to receiving your entry as soon as possible – 10 September at the latest.

Rules of the Animal Show

The purpose of the show has historically been to showcase the Farm's animals and over the past 20 years standards of the stock shown has become increasingly impressive. The ethos behind the day is about inclusivity and whilst friendly competition is great, it is equally important to celebrate the diversity and co-operative good nature of our City Farms.

1. All animal handlers must follow instructions from the event organisers and stewards at all times and take particular care when moving from the livestock lines to the arenas.
2. All animals at the Show must belong to the farm that enters them.
3. All animals brought to the Show must be kept in accordance with the relevant Animal Welfare Policy, must be in good condition and not heavily pregnant.
4. They must be in a good state for showing i.e. foot trimmed, groomed etc. The Show Organiser's reserve the right to send an animal home if its presence compromises the safety of the public, its own or any other animal's welfare.
5. Farms must provide a 'designated' person who is responsible for their animals throughout the day; making regular checks to ensure that their animals have adequate food and fresh, clean water. This person must notify the Administration Point if they have to leave the site at any time.
6. Farms are responsible for complying with all relevant legislation e.g. movement books, transport certificates, ear tags/passports or ID etc.
7. Livestock handlers must be smartly turned out with preferably a Farm shirt with their logo on it and appropriate sturdy foot wear. Animal lines should be kept tidy with a sign or notice indicating the Farm's name.
8. The judges' decision is final.
9. The Show Committee does not accept responsibility for individual farms' property, animals or handlers.
10. All volunteers and handlers must be over 8 years old.
11. There can only be a maximum of 2 entries per class from each Farm. This applies for all classes (including handling classes).
12. Farms must ensure that their insurance covers all their people and animals at the show.

Animal Show Classes

Changes may be made nearer the time depending on the number of entries for each class. There is a maximum of 2 entries per class per Farm, including handling classes. You can enter all classes except Supreme Animal Champion or Supreme Handler. Some classes will be in pens but most will be in the rings. A board at the Information area will provide latest information as well as regular announcements, please make sure you listen.

Handler classes (Starting @ 10am)

Handlers should dress in smart casual clothing, farm branded tops allowed, and appropriate footwear

- 1a) Best young handler of large animals (8-12 years)
- 1b) Best young handler of large animals (13-16 years)
- 1c) Best young handler of small animals (8-12 years)
- 1d) Best young handler of small animals (13-16 years)

Supreme Handler - winner of all the classes within Group 1

Animal Classes (following handler classes in the morning, continuing after lunch)

- 2a) Best Horse/Pony or Donkey (split if 3 or more entrants within sub-categories)
- 2b) Best Ferret
- 2c) Best Ram/Ewe/Lamb (split if 5 or more entrants within sub-categories)
- 2e) Best Billy/Nanny/Kid (split if 5 or more entrants within sub-categories)
- 2f) Best Guinea pig
- 2g) Best Cow
- 2h) Best Chicken
- 2i) Best Turkey
- 2j) Best Duck
- 2k) Best Goose

(Please note there is no Rabbit category)

Supreme Animal Champion - winner of all the classes within group 2

Other in ring classes

- 3a) Best Native Rare Breed (in accordance with current RBST watchlist www.rbst.org.uk)
- 3b) Veteran Animal (in good health, over the age of 5)
- 3c) Most obedient animal
- 3d) Animal most like its handler

Out of ring class

- 3e) Best Fleece
- 3f) Best Woollen Product
- 3f) Best presented Pen - a chance for young volunteers to research and prepare information about a large or small animal at their project. Judging to be based on quality of information and decoration of enclosure No volunteers will be needed to present the best pen as more focused on the pen than the volunteers manning it, as their knowledge is displayed in handler classes. Each farm can only enter one particular animal's pen for judgement and it must be made obvious which pen it is.

Points

Points are allotted for 1st 2nd and 3rd places (3, 2, 1 respectively) No points are allotted for classes 3c and 3d.