City View Ag Facilities Contract

The City View Agricultural Facility is the property of City View ISD and is for the convenience of a student who has no place to keep a FFA project animal while being an active FFA member at City View ISD. The stall assignment will be determined by the Agricultural Science Teachers. All equipment and facilities are under the direct control of the Agricultural Science Teachers and City View ISD. Before a student is allowed to place an animal in the facility, the rules and guidelines must be understood fully by the students and parents. After these rules are handed out, the students and parents will sign this contract to signify they understand and will abide by these rules. If students and parents do not comply with these rules and upon receiving their third written barn warning the student will have to remove their animal within 24 hours.

**Rules, Procedures and Fees**

**Facility and Stall Use:**

FACILITY USE - The City View FFA Animal Project Center, also known as the Ag farm is for use of FFA members to provide housing and care of their respective FFA livestock projects. All rules and procedures governing the Ag farm are outlined as follows.

PEN RENTAL - Rent will be paid in full one time for each project. Students will pay for pen rent at stock show entry night. Pen rent will be used to update facilities and pay for medication. Pen rent cost will be as follows. A max of 6 heads per individual student and per species can be assigned without confirming space with an AST. Pen rent will be capped at $200 dollars per student for large species and $100 dollars for small species.

* Pigs- $50 per head
* Sheep/ Goats- $50 per pen (max of two head per pen)
* Rabbits and Chickens- $25 per purchased pen

PEN ASSIGNMENTS - The pens will be a first come first served basis. The assignments will be completed by the ag teachers once animals are purchased. In order to move an animal into the City View facilities, approval from an agricultural teacher is required. Teachers will then assign a stall to the student which the project is required to stay in. Feed and supply storage will be assigned prior to move in. Students are responsible for keeping their storage area clean.

ANIMAL ENTRY/ DEPARTURE TO BARN - Agricultural teachers should be notified if animals are entering and exiting the facilities. If a student wishes to attend a jackpot show without the supervision of an agricultural teacher, students are required to notify the agricultural teacher supervising the project.

ANIMAL CARE -Students are not to enter the pen of another student’s project unless you are accompanied by the animal's owner. Students and parents are not to feed any other animals for any reason unless you have documentation to feed that project. Please notify the supervising ag teacher regarding another student feeding on your behalf.

ANIMAL USE -Animal Science classes will care for and perform checks of livestock during the duration of their stay under the supervision of an agricultural teacher. This includes cleaning facilities, attending veterinary visits, and performing wellness checks.

PETS- No dogs, pets or other animals are allowed at the Ag farm without advanced permission of the AST.

**Animal Care and Feeding Routines:**

ANIMAL COST- The student exhibitor is responsible for the initial cost of the animal and all expenses for feed, entry fees, vet care, and other care which is required during their ownership of the animal project.

FEEDING HOURS - Animals are to be fed between the hours of gate access which will be the following.

* 6:00am- 8am and 4:00pm-10:00pm Monday- Friday.
* 6:00am-10:00pm Saturday and Sunday.

The Agricultural Science Teachers(s) must approve any alteration of feeding times. This is for the safety of all involved.

MEDICATION - Monthly vaccinations to maintain general health, such as dewormers, vitamins and other medications will be administered under the supervision of the Agricultural Science Teacher(s) by the student or students enrolled in animal related courses. Any other medication administered by the student, parent or any other individual must be with the consent of a veterinarian and/or the Agricultural Science Teacher. The teachers are responsible for signing livestock entries at shows verifying ethical practices, so they must be kept aware of any and ALL medication used on livestock for any reason.

ANIMAL AND PEN CARE - Animals must be fed and watered 2 times per day unless otherwise instructed. Animal pens must be cleaned and maintained daily. Clean all manure out of the pen. All waste must be placed in wheelbarrows, which will then be dumped in the roll off dumpster**.** If parents or family members are feeding students, it is their responsibility to clean the pens.

MAINTENANCE - Each student will be expected to keep the area in front of their pens clean. You are also responsible to clean up if your animal defecates anywhere other than its pen. Wheelbarrows or trash cans, all feces, hair, wool, etc… must be cleaned from the wash racks when you are finished washing your animal

NEGLECTED ANIMALS - Any animal neglected, abandoned, or abused will be removed from the barn and be charged a $100 hauling/handling fee to deliver the animal to the nearest Auction Barn. Removal of an animal will occur after three written notifications from the Ag Science Teacher(s). Removal of animals from the barn forfeits any further use of facilities.

DAILY CARE- It is the responsibility of the student to provide the following for their livestock project and the facilities every day (including weekends, holidays, etc.):

1. Fresh Feed for the livestock project (minimum of twice daily for most livestock projects)
2. Fresh water for the livestock project (clean water buckets or watering areas)
3. Removal of manure, soiled areas and debris from the pen
4. Grooming of the livestock project
5. Exercise of the livestock project
6. Monitor the wellbeing of the livestock project
7. Clean feed areas, alley ways, exercise areas, (arena), wash racks, and grooming areas after each use
8. Return all equipment, feed and tools to its proper storage place

REMOVAL OF ANIMAL AFTER SHOWS- The student is to remove all projects from the Ag facilities within 7 days after their respective show unless otherwise directed by an AST.

ANIMAL DEATH- If an animal project dies at the agricultural facility the student needs to make the AST aware and the carcass needs to be removed from the barn immediately.

**Expectations:**

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR - Anyone abusing any person, animal or property will be required to remove their animals from the barn and forfeit future use of all agricultural facilities. An individual that harms any animal will be held liable. Students are expected to act in a professional manner at all times at the agriculture facility. Any student serving an assignment in an AEP or a suspension will not be allowed to enter the agricultural facility. There will be no consumption or possession of any type of drug, alcohol or tobacco related products on the premises.

LOITERING- No loitering will be permitted at the ag farm. Activities not permitted directly to the care and feeding of animals will not be permitted.

FACILITY USE POLICY - No student is to be at the City View ISD barn during the school day without permission from an agricultural teacher. Gates will be locked and secured during school hours to ensure the safety of students and animals on the property.

WHO CAN BE ON FACILITIES- Students should accompany anyone on the City View ISD barn. Key access is not permitted to anyone outside of a parent or guardian of a student. No jocks, fitters or breeders are permitted on the property at any time without documentation from an Ag Teacher. If a vet needs to access the property for any reason, please make an ag teacher aware.

RULES AND PROCEDURES - All City View ISD Handbook rules are enforced at all times when on City View ISD Agriculture Facility.

TRASH- All trash should be placed in the roll off dumpster. No trash should be left in isles, pens or feedrooms.

BARN CONCERN FORM: If a student has a concern regarding facilities, animal treatment, exc. Students are asked to fill out a concern form. This form will go straight to the AST teachers and CTE director.

**Equipment:**

PERSONAL PROPERTY - Personal property (such as halters, buckets, show sticks, etc) stored at the barn is not available for public use unless you have obtained permission from the owner of said property. “If it is not yours, leave it alone.” City View ISD and its employees are not responsible for theft or damage of any personal items. Personal belongings are to be kept in storage unit bins; each student will have a unit assigned to them at the start of the show season. All feed and supplies MUST be kept in storage bins and not in the isles of the barn.

ABANDONED EQUIPMENT - Any feed cans, feeders, buckets, show boxes, etc, that is not removed from the Ag barn will become the property of the FFA Chapter within (14) days after the last show that you exhibit your animal.

TRAILERS: If an exhibitor's family chooses to use the City View ISD trailers for any purpose they must first check with the AST to ensure no conflicts of use. They must also sign out that trailer with dates of use. Only parents of exhibitors are allowed to haul trailers belonging to City View ISD.

KEY CARDS: Key cards are not to be used by anyone except the exhibitor or direct family members. If a student loses a key card, they must meet with the school to ensure access to another card and pay the fine of receiving a replacement key set forth by school administration. AST cannot provide you a secondary card.

**Requirements to Participate in Livestock Shows:**

To be eligible to participate in any livestock show, students must abide by the following requirements:

1. Be a member in good standing of the City View FFA Chapter.
2. Participate in chapter fundraising activities and have annual sales of 15 items.
3. Attend or have a parent/guardian at all mandatory livestock meetings for the specific livestock project.
4. University Interscholastic League rules of eligibility will apply to all exhibitors. Exhibitors must be passing all subjects at the time that eligibility is determined. If a student is ineligible to show due to grades, the animal is ineligible to show as well. “No pass no play”
5. First year exhibitors must complete the online Quality Counts Program test, (<http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/>) as instructed to do so by the supervising teacher and turn in the required documentation on or before ***November 1st, 2021***.
6. Paid entry 30 days prior to show registration or by ***October 15th, 2021*** for spring majors and meet show requirements. These must be paid on or before show entry night.
7. Livestock in poor condition due to disease, injury or neglect will not be allowed to participate in livestock shows. The final decision will rest with the Agricultural department and CTE Director.
8. Students will be allowed to participate in only those shows approved by the supervising teacher. An Agriculture Science Teacher’s attendance at stock shows will be determined by City View ISD Administration and based on student participation.

ENTERING MAJOR: Students must participate and compete at the county level with their respective species to be eligible to enter major stock shows. This will ensure adequate practice prior to major shows.

**Mandatory clean up and workdays:**

There will be a farm set up and clean up date that students are required to attend. Students who do not participate in the mandatory barn clean-up day will not receive their stock show checks. Money will be placed into the Activity account. If a student cannot be present due to a prior school obligation or family emergency, they need to make arrangements with an AST to have an alternative assignment. An AST needs to be made aware prior to the absence. Parent help is always appreciated during these days but cannot be used as a replacement for their student.

**Removal of livestock:**

City View FFA reserves the right to remove any animal from the City View FFA Project Center if any one of the following conditions exists:

1. Animal abuse or neglect in any form
2. Diseased or infected animals
3. Animals that are unsafe to handle
4. Students failing to observe rules
5. Animals not being fed for show purposes
6. Student is no longer involved in program
7. Failure to comply with City View FFA Project Center Rules and Guidelines

DISPOSAL OF LIVESTOCK: All livestock must be removed from the City View FFA Project Center within one weeks from the end of the feeding period or per the guidelines set by the supervising teacher. All animals removed by the Supervising Agriculture Science Teacher due to failure to comply with project center rules and guidelines will be sold at auction for fair market value and the student will receive a check minus expense of disposition of livestock animals.

DUE PROCESS OF THE REMOVAL OF LIVESTOCK: The breaking or violation of any of the contract rules will result in the following:

1. Written warning sent to students.
2. Email sent to parents and students.
3. $25 fine placed on the students account with a conference of student, parent, supervising teacher, CTE director.
4. Removal of animals from the City View agricultural facilities at the student’s expense.