

# Chowchilla – Madera County Fair

May 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## “WHERE THE WILD THINGS GROW”

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### \* LOCAL RULES \*

As the 2010 fair approaches, there are many improvements and changes, so be on the look out!

**Entry Deadlines:** Entry forms are being accepted in the Main Office of the Fair grounds.

- **Horse Show** entries close on Wednesday, March 31st, 2010 by 5 pm.
- **All other entries** close on Wednesday, April 14th, 2010 by 5 pm.

We strongly **encourage** exhibitors to bring in their entry forms prior to these dates or mail the forms & fees in. Entry form, with fees, must be postmarked by their specified closing date.

**Receiving of Entries:** ALL exhibits, except floriculture, will be received, displayed, and released in the **Little Theater**. This building is located across from the Justin Bigler Arena.

**Exhibitor Handbook:** All departments are grouped together (i.e. Adult, Open Jr., 4H, etc.). There is a Special Competition section, which is open, unless specified, to all exhibitors regardless of age or organization.

**Any Other:** Fair Management reserves the right to create classes from an “Any Other” class when a specific varieties’ entries are in excess of five (5). These changes will be noted & adjustments will be made for the 2011 show. These procedures are intended to maintain industry standards and accommodate changing trends and varieties.

**Responsibility:** The responsibility for proper entry of exhibits rests with the exhibitor.

**Sweepstakes:** Awarded under specified divisions, based on the following scoring guidelines: 1<sup>st</sup> place = 5 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 3 points; & 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 1 point. Top three placing exhibitors will receive sweepstake monies.

**Judging:** The judges’ decision is final. Divisions & classes are specified as to which judging system is used to place the entries. They can be judged in two ways:

*American System* is the judging process that ranks exhibits against one another and awards only one (1) first, one (1) second, etc.

*Danish System* is the judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standards and awards as may first placing, etc. as merited.

**Best of Show/Outstanding Awards:** The judge chooses the best or most outstanding entry to receive this award.

**Amateur:** A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession. (Does not apply to junior organizations or horse shows).

**Professional:** A person who engages in an event or activity as livelihood rather than as a hobby.

**Placing:** Placement of Ribbons *does not* guarantee correct placing in judging. Only the official placing on the judging sheet constitutes the final placement.

Where there is only one (1) exhibitor in a class, the first prize, if any merited, will be awarded so far as there are worthy entries. Where entries are not worthy of first prize, judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the animal or entries deserve.

**Pets:** No dogs or pets will be allowed on the fairgrounds, except those entered in the Fair as exhibits and dogs used by the visually impaired.

**Applicable:** All rules, state & local, apply to exhibitors, parents, leaders, participants, etc.

whether or not he/she has read them.

**Exhibit Duration:** All exhibits must stay in place for the duration of the Fair, unless otherwise stated in the Exhibitor's Handbook.

**Eligibility:** Open to all residents of Madera, Merced, and Mariposa Counties and extended areas which include Sierra Joint Union & Firebaugh/Las Deltas schools.

**Vehicles:** All vehicles *must* be off the grounds one (1) hour prior to the fair opening. Vehicles *must* be out of the livestock area by 8:00 a.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**Exhibits:** Any exhibits in the opinion of the judge(s) or fair management not deemed worthy or are inappropriate may not be judged or displayed.

**Awards:** All premium checks must be cashed within 90 days of issuance.

**Changes:** The fair, board members, and management reserve the right to change anything regarding departments, etc. as they see fit.

**State Rules:** State rules for CA Fairs for judging as prescribed by the Division of Fairs & Expositions are published in a separate book. They apply to all entries of this fair & are incorporated in here by reference. These books are available upon request at the fair office or on-line at: [www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe)

**Fair's Liability:** All entries are entered at the exhibitor's own risk. The Fair Management shall *not be responsible for accidents or losses* that may occur to any of the exhibitors or participants or exhibits at the show, & all persons, exhibitors or participants exhibiting in or participating in Fair sponsored activities, including families and/or guardians for all of the above, agree to indemnify the State of California, The Chowchilla-Madera County Fair (CMCF), Madera County, their officers, board members, agents, employees & volunteers harmless from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, costs, damages, & attorneys' fees arising out of the willful acts or omissions of

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