4-H Animal Science Lesson Plan
Quality Assurance
Level 2

Ethics: Consequences of Unethical Behavior

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Goal (learning objective)
Youth will:

▪ Learn about the consequences of unethical behavior
▪ Discern the need for good character and safe food products and the relationship between the two
▪ Understand the ethical implications of the decisions one makes while raising livestock

Supplies
▪ Handout 1, “The ripple effect”. Make the appropriate number of copies for your group
▪ Handout 2, “IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) Code of Show Ring Ethics”. Make the appropriate number of copies for your group
▪ Chalkboard with chalk or easel pad with marker

Pre-lesson preparation
▪ Read/review your state's 4-H policies. Policies and procedures of University of Idaho Extension 4-H Youth Development are at http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h
▪ Find your state's 4-H mission and 4-H vision statements to share with the youth
▪ Review your county or local fair rule book
▪ Do a practice run of the ripple effect activity so you understand how choices and consequences fit into the wheel

Lesson directions and outline

Introduction
Read aloud to the group:
A clear mission and vision are the guiding principles for any 4-H Youth Development program. These principles dictate how programs are initiated, conducted, and evaluated.

An example of a 4-H mission statement is:

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential through working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

An example of a 4-H vision statement is:

4-H...A leader in developing Idaho's youth to become responsible, productive citizens, meeting the changing needs of a diverse society.

The previous activities have touched on very important principles and ethics that apply to livestock projects. The development of character and life skills are valuable tools you need to become successful and contributing members of society. There are important things to think about as far as choices you make and the consequences to those choices.
Conducting the activity (DO)

1. Distribute handout 1, “The ripple effect”, and Handout 2, “IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics”
2. Read handout 1 to the group.
3. Have participants work through and complete the ripple effect activity.
4. Lead a discussion about consequences, asking questions such as:
   - Do you know what your state 4-H code of conduct is?
   - Where can you find a copy of the 4-H policies and procedures for your state?
   - Are the rules the same for every county fair?
5. Ask for volunteers to share their responses to question 1 of the ripple effect activity or their ripple map.
6. Do a review with the group of questions 8, 9, and 10 of the ripple effect activity:
7. Read handout 2 to the group. Ensure that participants understand that there is an expectation to abide by the state code of conduct, policies and procedures as well as the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics. These documents outline expectations of all program participants.

What did we learn? (REFLECT)

- Ask: When do we, as 4-H participants, agree to abide by the code of conduct or other policies set forth by the 4-H program?
- Ask: Where do you find the rules for your county fair?
- Ask: Who do you ask if you have questions about 4-H rules?

Why is that important? (APPLY)

- Ask: Name ways that you can support making good choices and meeting expectations outlined in the code of conduct.
- Ask: How can we look out for bad choices before they affect our lives?

Resources


The Ripple Effect

When you throw a pebble into a pond, it makes ripples. The same holds true for the ripples that are made by the choices you make. This activity will look at how choices play out, challenging you to think about and explore immediate and long-term consequences of good choices as well as bad choices.

1. In the table below write down a good choice that you made (next to the thumbs up) and a bad choice (next to the thumbs down) in the left-hand column. Next think about the consequences of those choices—both good and bad. What were the immediate and long-term consequences of those choices?

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<th>Choices that you made</th>
<th>Immediate Consequence</th>
<th>Long-Term Consequence</th>
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<tr>
<td>Good:</td>
<td>The fruits of your choice:</td>
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<td>Bad:</td>
<td>The mess you had to clean up:</td>
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Adapted from “Consequences of Choices” activity, TallTreesGrowDeep.com
2. Think about a choice you will make with your livestock project. Write this in the center circle of the ripple map.

3. In the five spaces just outside of the center circle, write five separate direct consequences of this choice.

4. In the next ring, record at least two things that could (or did) happen because of these consequences.

5. Repeat for the outer ring. If the effects of an action are primarily negative, are there any positive consequences?

Consequence Wheel by Dr. Catherine Collier
6. Our choices are bigger than just us. For the choice that you identified, list five ways this choice impacts others, your community, and the world.

1. _________________________________
2. _________________________________
3. _________________________________
4. _________________________________
5. _________________________________

7. It’s easy to see, after the fact, the impact a bad choice makes. How can we look out for bad choices before they affect our lives?

8. What are the consequences of unethical behaviors or of violating the Idaho 4-H Code of Conduct (available from http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h)?

9. Have you heard about or read the International Association for Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) Code of Show Ring Ethics?

10. What are the consequences and penalties for actions prohibited by the code?
TO: IAFE Members

FROM: Jim Tucker, President and CEO

RE: IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics

Dear Member:

The enclosed IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics is suggested for use by your fair exhibition or show to curtail unethical, deceptive and fraudulent practices.

Violations of the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics may be reported to the IAFE office. Action taken by local show and fair officials, as well as government agencies and courts of law, should be included.

You should notify the National 4-H office, National FFA office, and/or breed association effected. A copy of that notification should be sent to the IAFE office.

IAFE will publicize violations that result in action being taken by government agencies or courts of law. Other violations will be reviewed by the IAFE legal general counsel.

You participate in this service of the IAFE on a voluntary basis. I hope you will use this service to help maintain the integrity of your event which can be tainted by the actions of one exhibitor.

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Enclosures
IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)  
CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics,” fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.

3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal’s performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal’s performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal’s condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.

11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

**TO BE INCLUDED ON FAIR ENTRY FORM**

**EXHIBITOR ENTRY STATEMENT**

I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at this event, agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition, including the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the premium list of this event.

Date: ______________________  Exhibitor (owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person)

Date: ______________________  Guardian or Parent of the above Signator