

# Spring Homestead & Poultry Swap

## Vendor Policies

*\*\*Note this is sent ALL vendors\*\**

- Vendors are defined as someone selling their own animals or products. A registration form must be on file for each vendor.
- All vendors **MUST** filled out, sign and return the vendor agreement and pay their vendor fee before they are registered for the event. Only after they are registered will they be able to reserve their vendor space. Please be sure to read over the vendor agreement fully before signing it. If at any time you have questions PLEASE let me know.
- Vendor spaces are \$10.00 per 10'x10' spot. You can reserve as many as you will need. Spaces are broken up into 3 types, Animal Vendors needing power, Animal Vendors No power and Non Animal/Craft Vendors. There will be a \$5.00 gas fee for all requesting power hook up.
- Vendor fees are non-refundable and not-transferable. They must be paid upon registering.
- This event is rain or shine, it is highly encouraged for you to bring a pop up canopy. The spaces are marked roughly to be 10'x10' so please make sure your canopy is not larger than your spaces reserved. No equipment will be provide during the event. You will need to provide any/all necessary items. Such as pop up tents, tables, cages, brooders, extension cords for heat source, ect.
- Vendor check-in is from 7:30am-9:30am, if you think you will need more time contact me to arrange an early set up. During this time you will need to check in at the Vendor check in spot (there will be signage), then start setting up your booth. At 9:45am we will start closing off the parking lot. No vehicles will be permitted in the Event Area after 9:30am due to safety concerns. This Event is open to the public from 10-3. Spaces must be set up and visually appealing from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. All Vendors are asked to stay set up and in their spaces until the event ends at 3:00pm.
- There will be a raffle, all vendors will receive 1 ticket and extra tickets can be purchased for \$2.00. If you have an Item that is poultry or farm related that you would like to donate. You can drop it off during vendor check in.
- All vendors are asked to provide contact information to their buyers in the form of a business card or flyer. Asking the buyer to take a photo of your contact information is also acceptable.
- Biosecurity must be practiced and promoted at all times by all vendors no matter what they are selling at the event. Please use only clean disinfect items (tables, chairs, cages, etc.). It is recommended that all animal vendors provide hand sanitizer on your tables and ask customers use it.
- Vendors are responsible for hauling out their garbage and clean up after their livestock - come prepared with the supplies to do so.

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## Animal Vendor Policies

As long as we have enough volunteers, animals will be inspected during vendor check in. Any shoppers, vendors, etc that have doubts or questions about any other vendors livestock or poultry are encouraged to immediately report the concern to the Information Table. If we are short handed, inspections may be done only on an as-needed basis. Whether a formal inspection is conducted or not, **NO sick or parasite infected animals are to be brought to the events.** If you have experienced unexplained illnesses or deaths within the past 6 months we ask that you do not attend our event as a animal vendor. Any vendor with animals we fell pose a serious health threat will be asked to leave immediately. Should a vendor refuse or cause any disruption or physical harm, law enforcement officials will be called and the vendor will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

All animals brought to the events must be in clean and disinfected cages large enough to stand up, turn around and walk freely at all times. Cages should not be overcrowded. Clean bedding and food and water must be provided at all times during the event.

Young animals must be kept properly warmed by heat sources or broody hens. Chicks, poult, keets, peachicks, etc must be a minimum of 3-4 days old; ducklings a minimum of 4 days old. Rabbits must be 8+ weeks old and livestock animals must be fully weaned (minimum 10 weeks for goats/8 weeks for lambs) or well established on a bottle. You are also welcome to leave young livestock at home and bring in flyers with information and arrange pick up at a later date.

Vendors are not to sell dogs - including LGDs - at the event except via flyers, same goes for barn cats.

# BIOSECURITY at the Spring Poultry Swap

**\*\*Note this is sent to ALL vendors. It is written in a narrative for them as a vendor but the information applies to everyone attending our events.\*\***

**Bio-Security.** It's everyone's responsibility. Ours, yours, the community attending.

All vendors please bring only clean, disinfected items to the event. Make sure your items are wiped down and disinfected before you bring them, tables, chairs...everything - make sure it's clean.

Animal vendors, it is a good idea to have hand sanitizer at your booths. We highly recommend you not let people touch your animals, but this is a personal decision; just please use common sense. Encourage people coming to your booth to sanitizer their hands and remind them to use it before they leave your booth. It is also a great idea print out your contact info to give to buyers. We get a lot of inquiries after the swap from people trying to reach out to vendors they purchased from, but forgot to get info from.

Sick animals of any kind are not permitted. Please pay close attention to animal health before buying. Be diligent by checking animals for signs of illness (listlessness, sinus drainage, eye discharge, sneezing or wheezing, and/or ruffled feathers). If you notice sick animals, please notify staff immediately at the information table.

Quarantine is another aspect of bio-security. If you purchase animals at the event, they should be placed into quarantine pens for at least 30 days, longer is recommended. These pens should be away from your current animals and all steps of backyard bio-security should be observed. Take care of your own animals first and then the quarantined ones.

Education is key so talk to your buyers about bio-security - why it's important. Tell them about quarantining and why they **MUST** do it. Explain the process and the set up. Be vigilante, be responsible and educate the public as much as possible.



**Be  
Responsible**

**Examine animals before buying**

**Ask questions**

**Get contact information**

**Quarantine**

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## Health Check Info

### All Animals:

Below is a list of things to look at when choosing what animals to bring to the swap. These are things we look at during the health check. Looking at the animals and make sure they all appear to be healthy. Pulling out 1-3 depending on the number in the cage, but making sure all the animals look good! Any questionable ones will be pulled and examined very closely.

### Chickens, Turkeys and Ducks:

Poultry should be active, alert and hold head up high. The beak should align unless the animal is being sold as a special needs bird.

**Comb & Wattles:** Bright, Full and Waxy! Not dull, dry and full of scabs.

**Eyes:** Bright, Shiny, Alert and Clear. No gray coloring or discharge.

**Nostrils:** Clean and free of rasping noises.

**Feathers:** Smooth, clean and free of Lice and nits.

**Vent:** Clean, pink and slightly moist. Mites and lice love the moisture from the vent so pay special attention to this area looking for mites, lice and especially nits! (See info below)

**Poop:** Firm, gray to brown with white caps. There should not be any blood in the poop.

**Feet:** Clear of sores, no bumble foot (infected Blisters)

**Legs:** Scales should be smooth and uniformly colored. If there are feathers on the legs double check for

leg mites. Leg mites are a burrowing mite with an oval body and short legs that can only be seen with a microscope. You will see brittle, flaky or powdery appearance on the birds legs. The scales will be raised up and there will be feces under the scales.



**Parasites:** To check for parasites part the feathers of the bird with your fingers. While doing this watch the skin of the bird for small light brown to golden lice running on the skin between the feathers.

**Lice:** Check for lice around the vent, under the wings and on the back of the head about 1 inch from the comb. Look for red irritated skin. Lice feed on the bird's skin scales most of the time red skin = Lice. Pay special attention to the area around the vent this is usually where nits and lice will be found. The most obvious sign is the white Crustaceans attached to the feathers around the vent. They can be found anywhere on the bird but are most commonly found around the vent. These are the lice nits (eggs) they start to hatch at 8 days but can take longer to hatch depending on the environment.



3 Lice on a poultry feather

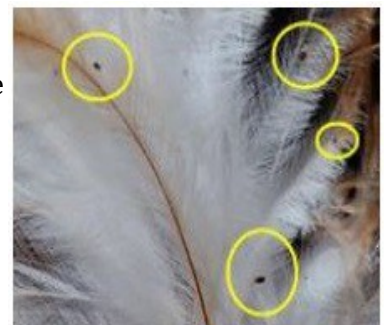
**Mites:** Appear as black, gray or red specks depending on if they have fed or not. Red mites are blood Feeders that live in the coop and feed on the bird at night. Northern Fowl mites are black and live on the bird permanently. Mites are hard to spot, they are usually found around the head and under the wings. The Bird will show signs of weak and thirst. You will see scabby face, combs and wattles.



1 Nits (eggs) on a poultry Feather



4 Skin Damage caused by Lice



2 Mites on feather

## Rabbits

**Eyes:** Clean, Dry, No discharge.

**Ears:** Clean and Dry and wound free with no signs of ear mites.



11 Rabbit ear mite



12 Rabbit with ear mites

**Nose:** Free of discharge

**Teeth/Mouth:** No abscesses, tooth rot, bulges or swelling. Teeth should be aligned unless selling as special needs.

**Coat:** Fur in good condition with no bald spots. Nice clear skin with no scabs, cuts or bite marks. No red irritated skin, signs of fleas or fur mites. Rub your hand along the rabbits back feeling for scabs or bumps. If felt check them out. Blow in fur if needed, you need to see the skin.



13 Rabbit with Fleas



14 Rabbit with Fur Mites

**Bottom:** Clean and Dry. Nonirritated skin, free of poop clingons. No puss and parts in good condition.



15 Rabbit with Sore Hocks

## Goats

**Overall Appearance:** Alert and lively, sociable and chewing its cud.

**Coat:** Should be smooth and shiny. Check for lice! Run your hand along the spine against the coat. Look at the skin. Also so this along the sides and up the legs. There are 2 kinds of lice Biting lice and sucking lice. They are both straw color.

**Eyes:** Check inside bottom of eyelid, Healthy eyelids should be red. Pale pink is not ok. Eyes should be clear and clean with no discharge.

**Nose:** Cool dry nose **Jaw:** Check for bumps and lumps. Feel around the jaw for abscesses or swelling.

**Bottom/Tail:** Tail should be free of debris

**Poop:** Firm little round to oval pellets not runny.

**Hoofs:** Check for hoof rot. They should be shiny and dry and trimmed.



Anemic goat  
eye membrane is white



17 Lice on a Goat