



**Neighborhood and Community Services
Animal Health and Public Safety Division
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**Animal Show Permit
Instructions and Guidelines:**

Prior to submitting a permit, Animal Health & Public Safety will inspect the proposed show location to examine its suitability for the intended use. Animal Display Fee is \$100, due at the time of application. A Permit must be obtained for each show unless displayed on consecutive dates.

Standards for operation: The customary and human presentation of any circus, rodeo, horse or stock show, trained animal act or other similar traveling or temporary animal display or act shall be allowed so long as the operator of the show has procured a permit from the supervisor of animal health and public safety.

- 1) All operators of animal shows must procure a permit from the supervisor of animal health and public safety. This permit is a prerequisite to the issuance of an occupational license, if applicable, for such operator. A permit must be obtained for each show except that only one permit is required if the supervisor determines that the same show is being displayed on consecutive dates. Permit application forms shall be provided by the supervisor.
- 2) A permit shall not be issued unless:
 - a. The applicant provides the complete information requested on the application form, including but not limited to the names of the owner and applicants, the type of show proposed, previous business of the applicant of the same or similar nature operated, background, qualifications and experience of the applicant or operator, and any other information required for the supervisor to make an objective judgement as to whether the applicant is qualified to operate the show in a safe and humane manner.
 - b. The applicant provides proof that the location where the show will be held meets zoning, building and fire code requirements.
 - c. The applicant will specify the restraints to be used to prevent public contact with any dangerous or prohibited animal.
 - d. Each applicant for an animal show permit shall pay the permit fee specified in section 14-52 at the time of application.
- 3) Inspections: Prior to authorizing a permit, the supervisor will inspect the proposed show location to examine its suitability for the intended use. The location shall also be inspected to determine whether appropriate restraints will be used during the show.
- 4) Denial or revocation: It shall be grounds for permit revocation or denial for an owner, proprietor, manager, or employee to fail to meet the standards set forth in this chapter, to falsify information requested in the application; or refuse or deny access to any animal health and public safety officer for the purposes of inspection or complaint investigation with reference to granting, suspending or revoking an animal show permit. The supervisor of animal health and public safety shall make any denial, suspension or revocation of a permit in writing to the applicant or permit holder, stating the reasons for such action. The applicant or permit holder shall have 10 days after receipt of such denial, revocation or suspension in which he may appeal from such denial, revocation or suspension, to the director of neighborhood and housing services, and the director or the directors assistant if designated, shall conduct a hearing and make findings in such fashion that the result of such hearing may be appealed on the record to the circuit court.