Appendix 13.3 – Official Health Check Form

The Canadian Goat Society has instituted the following regulations in an effort to minimize the potential for disease transmission at our sanctioned shows and to present healthy animals for the public to view.

New for 2025 - All animals are to be screened by a thorough visual inspection prior to or as they are being unloaded, if possible. Any animal found to show evidence of contagious or infectious disease will not be allowed to remain in the show area (return to trailer). If larger contamination is felt to be a danger to other animals attending the show, all animals in that herd group should be disqualified from competition and removed from the show area as well, (return to trailer and farm).
New for 2025 **- Visual inspection has been chosen over a physical examination of each animal in order to reduce physical contact with animals from different herds by the veterinarian or committee of 3 members and therefore the risk of disease transmission between herds by this direct contact (clothing, equipment, etc).**

Please give special attention for signs of caseous lymphadentitis *, ringworm, orf, clinical mastitis, bloody vaginal discharge, pinkeye, external parasites, and foot rot.
Animals arriving after the completion of the health check are not to be shown; nor are disqualified animals. Specific times that the health check will be held must be stated in the show's advance prize list so that all exhibitors can plan to be present.

New for 2025 - * Potential CL lumps whether open or closed must not be shown or accommodated in the goat barn due to the risk of disease transmission and the unsightly appearance to spectators. The exception to this would be clear vaccine reactions in sites where animals are conventionally vaccinated (on the side by the elbows, over rib cage).
New for 2025 - To avoid disease transmission between herds it is best practice for there to be spacing between herds in penning – (ie a "tack pen", solid sided penning, or equivalent spacing).

The show committee may choose to use a veterinarian or a committee of three CGS members to perform the health inspection. (Note for shows held in the USA, three ADGA members may be used).
If the committee of three CGS/ADGA members is used, the following rules must be strictly adhered to:

1.) All three persons serving on the Health Inspection Committee must sign this form and print their names (and membership numbers) legibly beside the signature
2.) The advance prize list sent to exhibitors MUST state, "A committee of three CGS (or ADGA) members in good standing will conduct the health inspection. Exhibitors agree to abide by the decision of the committee".
3.) Junior Members are NOT allowed to perform the Health Check, but may accompany the committee of 3 to observe and learn how the Health Check is done.

Please note that Goat Shows are our best means of promoting goats and their products. Exhibitors and Inspectors are asked to cooperate reasonably to ensure that Canadian goats and CGS are presented in a responsible and professional manner to Fair Board officials and the public.
Note: The Health Check Form is to be completed and returned to the CGS Office, along with the Report of Awards by the Judge.

Name of Show: _____ **Date:** _____
Number of Animals Disqualified: _____

Corresponding # Disqualified: _____ (Where applicable, the number in each herd also disqualified due to contagion)

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Veterinarian's Name (Print legibly) *Signature*

OR

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CGS/ADGA Member's Name (Print legibly) *Signature*

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CGS/ADGA Member's Name (Print legibly) *Signature*

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CGS/ADGA Member's Name (Print legibly) *Signature*