**SVFFA Sheep/Goat Barn Addendum**

In addition to the Comal ISD Facilities Guidelines, the following guidelines will be followed in the SVFFA Sheep and Goat Barn:

Cleaning:

* All pens must be cleaned on a daily basis. Put waste in a 5 gallon bucket or trash bag, and take it to the dumpster immediately.
* NO trash can will be left in the barn with waste in them at any time. This will attract flies. Clean your pens daily and dump the trash cans immediately.
* You are responsible for your pen, the area around your pen and your tack area. If you walk your animal around the barn, clean up after them.

Daily Care:

* Your animals MUST be fed twice daily (Morning & Evening). It is preferred to feed your animals 10 - 12 hours apart each day, but you want to stick to a routine and feed about the same time each day including weekends. This will help with feed intake and digestion of nutrients for success in the show ring.
* Check water supply DAILY. It is important that the animals have access to fresh water at all times,
* Practice showmanship every day- consult with your species supervisor about exercise regimens
* Weigh your animals weekly and document- you can use the white board in the barn. This should be done the same day every week.

Medication and Treatment:

To help support animal well-being and barn biosecurity, SVHS Ag Teachers have medications on hand used to treat common illnesses associated with show animals in a school barn under the consultation of licensed veterinarians.

* The teacher will assist in giving medications when possible. The teacher will NOT be held liable for injury to livestock while assisting the student with their project. This includes giving medications, castration, dehorning, docking, worming, trimming or any other activity directly involving the teacher and animals

Purchasing Projects:

* The selection and purchase of an animal project is a cooperative effort involving the student, parent and teacher. The agriculture teacher’s role is to help you find the best animal possible in the price range set. The teacher will not dictate what to buy or how much to spend.
* The purchase of projects should be coordinated with the teacher BEFORE projects are selected and purchased. **Any animal bought without the teacher’s approval will not be allowed to be kept at the Smithson Valley High School Livestock Facility.**

Parents, the following are items you are responsible for:

1. The general supervision of the project on a day to day basis.

2. Communication with the teacher should a question or problem arise concerning the project or student’s performance.

3. The transportation of students to the Facility for feeding and care of the animal twice daily.

4. The transportation, cost of lodging, and accommodations of students at all stock shows.

5. Making sure all payments are made by the student in a timely manner.

6. Being aware of student grades to prevent inability to show.

7. Following Smithson Valley FFA Livestock Facility behavior guidelines.

8. Reading all rules of shows entered by the Student.

Sheep and Goat Barn Community Monthly Clean Dates

\*Students required to be present at 4/7 barn cleanups, but encouraged to be at all. Attendance will be verified by SV Ag Teacher.

* Sunday, October 3 (3-5 pm)
* Sunday, November 7 (3-5)
* Sunday, December 5 (3-5 pm)
* Sunday, January 9 (3-5 pm)
* Sunday, February 6 (3-5 pm)
* Sunday, February 27 (3-5 pm)
* Sunday, March 27- FINAL BARN CLEAN OUT (1-5pm) ALL STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT

What will be completed at monthly clean:

1. Sweep entire barn, sidewalks and all tack areas, and rooms
2. Wipe down treadmill, scales and tack items
3. Take out all community trash cans
4. Grease/Oil Walker
5. Refresh Fly traps

Smithson Valley FFA Sheep and Goat Barn Addendum

This Agreement is between the student and parent whose names appear below and sets forth the terms of the student and parent’s usage of the Smithson Valley Sheep and Goat Barn.

1. **PEN ASSIGNMENTS** – Pens will be assigned on a first-come-first serve basis and will not be changed without agriculture science teacher approval. The facility is not intended to serve as long-term housing for privately-owned animals.

2. **BARN FEE** – There is a $100 barn fee per animal, and it must be paid to Smithson Valley FFA upon arrival of the animal(s) into the barn and/or pen assignment. The student renting the pen must attend the designated “Ag Barn Clean-Up” days. If a student is unable to attend for any reason, the student must find a suitable replacement or make prior arrangements with an agriculture science teacher for other assigned duties.

Barn Fees go to the following items:

1. Medication for animals

2. Wormer for the animals

3. Maintenance on items such as the walker, treadmill, etc.

4. Basic care items for your animal such as Corid, Bleed-Stop, hoof trimmers, etc.

5. A deposit to use our equipment such as clippers, blowers, etc.

3. **FEEDING HOURS** – We request that animals only be fed between the hours of 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. An agriculture science teacher must approve any changes to feeding times for safety reasons.

4. **MEDICATION** - Monthly vaccinations to maintain general health, such as dewormers, vitamins and other medications may only be administered under the supervision of an agriculture science teacher by the student. Any other medication administered by the student, parents or any other individual must be with the consent of a veterinarian or an agriculture science teacher. The teachers are responsible for signing livestock entries at shows verifying ethical practices, so they must be kept aware of any and ALL medications used on livestock for any reason.

5. **ANIMAL AND PEN CARE** - Animals must be fed and watered twice a day unless otherwise instructed. Animal pens must be cleaned and maintained daily. No waste may be kept in the Sheep and Goat Barn at any time for any animal, including buckets or piles. It is your responsibility to clean, sweep, remove waste, etc. from the pen on a DAILY basis. A strike will be given for negligence of this request.

6. **MAINTENANCE** - The student agrees to keep the area in front of the assigned pen clean and agrees to be responsible for clean-up in the event the student’s animal defecates anywhere other than its pen. The student agrees to take feed bags to the dumpster when empty and to clean all feces, hair, and wool from the wash racks when finished washing the animal.

7. **NEGLECTED ANIMALS** - Any animal neglected, abandoned, or abused will be removed from the Ag Barn and the parent will be charged a $100 hauling and handling fee to deliver the animal to the nearest auction barn. Removal of an animal will occur after one written notification from an agriculture science teacher and one parent phone call. Once an animal is removed due to abuse or neglect, the Student forfeits any further use of Comal ISD Facilities for show animals.

9. **INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR** – Student’s behavior may result in the removal of the Student’s animal from the Sheep and Goat Barn, and a forfeiture of the student’s right to use the barn in the future:

· The abuse of other persons, animals or property while on barn premises

· The student’s out of school suspension or referral to the DAEP

· The use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco related products on the premises

· A violation of the Student Code of Conduct

· Unprofessional behavior not in keeping with Smithson Valley FFA Constitution

10. **PERSONAL PROPERTY** - Personal property (such as halters, buckets, show sticks, etc.) stored in the barn is not available for public use unless the student obtains permission from the property’s owner. Neither Comal ISD nor its employees are responsible for theft or damage of any personal items left at the barn.

11. **PROBLEMS** - Anyone aware of damage or a problem at the Sheep and Goat barn is obligated to report immediately to an agriculture science teacher. This includes but is not limited to broken water lines, electrical problems, and panels. Failure to report damage or other problems could result in loss of use of the barn.

12. **ABANDONED EQUIPMENT** - Any feed cans, feeders, buckets, and show boxes that are not removed from the Sheep and Goat Barn within (7) days after the animal has been removed, will become the property of the Smithson Valley FFA Chapter.

13. **FITTING** - All projects may only be fitted by the student, agriculture science teachers, parents and/or guardians. Projects that have to be professionally fitted will require the student to make arrangements to take their animal off-campus to be fitted. No “professional” fitters will be allowed in the barn.

14. **ILLEGAL DRUGS AND ANIMALS** - Any student and or family using illegal drugs on animals will be removed from the Ag program.

15. **PEN MODIFICATION** - No modifications will be made on the pen without the consent of an agriculture science teacher. Any approved modifications will be done at the student’s expense, unless deemed otherwise by an Ag teacher.

17. **GATES** - All gates should remain closed at all times.

18. **FREE ROAMING ANIMALS** - No free-roaming livestock are allowed.

19. **FEED STORAGE** - Livestock feed and tack should be kept in the assigned feed storage areas. It should be kept in a dry, varmint-proof container that will keep feed fresh for consumption. The student agrees to discard all empty feed sacks in the barn dumpster. Old or spoiled feed may not be discarded or poured onto the ground.

21. **AG BARN “CLEAN UP” DAY** - The appearance of the Sheep and Goat Barn is a priority, and so, periodic “Ag Barn Clean-Up Days” are required for the student. If the student is unable to attend for any reason, the Student is responsible for finding a suitable replacement. The last Ag Barn Clean-Up Day is **mandatory**.

22. **AG SCIENCE TEACHER(S) USE OF ANIMALS** - Student agrees that projects may be used by the agriculture science teachers for livestock judging practice or to teach skills such as weighing, leading or vaccination.

23. **PROBLEMS AND CHAIN OF COMMAND** - The Student agrees that all concerns should first be addressed with an agriculture science teacher. If the issue is not resolved, the issue should be taken to the Facilitator of Agriculture of Comal ISD.

24. **SICK ANIMALS** - When a student or parent cannot be contacted, an agriculture science teacher reserves the right to seek treatment for any animal found to be in need of immediate emergency care. The student and parent will be responsible for any additional costs incurred.

25. **DEATH OF A PROJECT** - At no time will Comal ISD employees or agriculture science teachers be responsible for the death of a project that is at the Sheep and Goat Barn.If an animal dies while at the barn, it is the responsibility of the student and parent to properly dispose of the carcass immediately. Carcasses may not be left in ANY of the barn dumpsters. If a District employee has to dispose of the carcass, the student will lose all future rights to house an animal at the Sheep and Goat Barn and will be responsible for any additional costs incurred.

26. **EXTRANEOUS INDIVIDUALS** - The Ag Barn is for educational use of the student. Only the student and the student’s immediate family should be on the barn’s premises.

**ACCEPTANCE PAGE**

We have read and agree to abide by the Smithson Valley Sheep and Goat Barn rules outlined for the current school year. We understand that we are responsible for our actions at the Sheep and Goat Barn. We will maintain a positive and cooperative working attitude with teachers, Comal ISD staff and other students and families at all times.

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Student Signature Date Print Student Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date Print Parent/Guardian Name

**Please indicate species and quantity:**

Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ Goat \_\_\_\_\_