

2010 ROYAL LAUNCESTON SHOW

GUIDELINES FOR CATTLE EXHIBITORS

In order to ensure that the Royal Launceston Show complies with the Australian Johne's Disease Market Assurance Program for Cattle, this year we are requesting that cattle exhibitors adhere to the following guidelines.

This is to minimise the risk of the spread of Johne's disease among animals at the show, as well as protecting the negative status of cattle from herds assessed under the Market Assurance Program.

As a show society we welcome exhibitors from MAP herds, Beef only herds and non-assessed herds.

There are two separate ramps for unloading & loading cattle at the show. They will be clearly marked Assessed and NonAssessed. Please use the appropriate ramp.

Please ensure your transport carrier has been advised to thoroughly clean out trucks used to transport stock.

Assessed and nonassessed cattle will be separated by a minimum distance of 2 metres. Signs will be displayed to identify areas that are restricted to assessed stock.

Animals should be fed and watered in separate containers, preferably with hay nets a minimum height of 45cm above ground.

All cattle to be tethered in appropriate areas when not led or penned.

Cattle are not to be permitted to graze on grassed areas.

Faecal contamination is to be promptly removed in common areas. Faeces and contaminated bedding will be removed to the designated area (a place where the stock have no access). Equipment used for mucking out stalls etc should be cleaned regularly to prevent build- up of faecal matter

Cattle are to be tethered in appropriate areas during pen cleaning.

Cattle are to be separated into assessed and non assessed herds and calves (whom are most at risk) are to be tethered or penned at all times.

These guidelines are mostly commonsense in terms of general hygiene for your animals and we appreciate your co-operation.