

CAFE/SAASE Partner on Animal Care Best Practices Workshop

SAASE in partnership with the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (CAFE) will be offering an animal care best practices workshop in conjunction with the convention on Friday March 10 beginning at 12:30 pm. The workshop will be 4 hours and conclude at 4:30. The workshop is no charge, but you must register. Registration for the workshop is included in this SAASE convention registration packages. Those registering for the workshop and travelling more than 50 km will be reimbursed for 1 nights hotel - limited to 1 reimbursement per Agricultural Society - lunch will also be provided. Below is a summary of how the program was developed, as well as the workshop content.



The Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions has developed, with the input and guidance of animal care experts from across Canada, a best practices program to build public trust at public events in relation to animal care specifically. Our goal with this project is to ensure that agricultural community events and activities with animals that interact with the public have the tools and knowledge to educate the public and be best prepared when it comes to agriculture and animal interaction in order to grow and develop public trust in the agricultural industry. There is a national need to inform the public about animal handling at public events and venues. This project will help create a national guideline for public events in regards to animal care.

Starting in the fall of 2022, we will be launching the workshop portion of this project. CAFE will be hosting up to 10 one day, 4-hour long workshops across Canada, where participants will learn about the best practices, develop a plan for their event, and receive a certificate once they have completed the workshop. Below is an outline of the workshop.

Objectives

Ensure a comprehensive understanding animal care best practices program so that participants walk away with the beginnings of their own animal care program, including how to handle disruptions.

PART ONE: Situational Analysis

- Introduction
- Understanding your Role
- Standards of Care
- Risk Assessment
- Supporting Documentation

PART TWO: The Framework for an Animal Care Program

- Introduction
- Creating a Culture of Care
- Animal Care Statement or Policy
- Animal Care Committee
- Codes of Care
- Animal Care Team
- Program Aspects

PART THREE: Operational Excellence

- Introduction
- Facilities
- Feed and Water
- Animal Health
- Biosecurity
- Animal Handling
- Transportation

PART FOUR: Learning and Communication

- Introduction
- Establishing our key public messages and values
- Preparing training materials
- Creating educational opportunities
- Developing a communications plan
- Preparing for emergencies and disruptions

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