



The Chilliwack Fair

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Chilliwack Agricultural Society Commits to Animal Safety at Chilliwack Fair

Chilliwack, BC: The organizers of the Chilliwack Fair are reviewing the tie down roping and steer wrestling events of the Chilliwack Rodeo to determine whether such events are suitable to continue in the 2018 Chilliwack Fair. The Chilliwack Agricultural Society regards animal health and safety as of the utmost importance, and after hearing the concerns of an animal rights activist group in Vancouver about some of the rodeo events, organizers feel it is time to take another look.

The Chilliwack Fair Board of Directors will meet to determine whether the modification of these events to ensure animal safety is possible or if the cancellation of these events is warranted. Upon the completion of their research into these avenues, the Board of Directors will hold a final vote before the end of September.

“We care deeply about our animals,” said Cathy Oss, President of the Chilliwack Agricultural Society. “Animal health and safety remain our highest priorities and, as such, we will review the events of the rodeo to ensure that as we move forward those priorities are fulfilled.”

Although it is too late now to cancel contracts, the safety of the animals at this year’s event remains the Chilliwack Agricultural Society’s main concern. The organizers ensure animals are comfortable and well cared for with suitable enclosures and good quality feed and fresh water. As in every previous year of the rodeo, there are care takers on site 24/7 and a veterinarian is available to ensure the wellbeing of all animals participating in the rodeo.

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