

NORMAL VITAL SIGNS



Determining when your animal may or is sick is a valuable skill when you are working within the animal livestock industry. Below are the normal vital signs that you need to look for within your show animals if you might suspect they are getting sick. Along with the vital signs, look for other physical signs such as; acting lethargy and inability to keep up with the rest of the herd/flock, isolating themselves from the rest of the herd/flock, has droopy ears and/or sunken eyes, panting or labored breathing, a decreased appetite, and a rapid loss of body condition. If your animal is sick, be sure to contact your local veterinary for advice on a treatment plan.

Goat

Temperature — 101° F to 105° F

Pulse — 70–80 beats per minute

Respiratory Rate — 12–20 breaths per minute

Sheep

Temperature — 101° F to 104° F

Pulse — 60–90 beats per minute

Respiratory Rate — 12–20 breaths per minute

Hog

Temperature — 101.6° F to 103.6° F

Pulse — 55–85 beats per minute

Respiratory Rate — 16 breaths per minute

Cattle

Temperature — 101.5° F to 103° F

Pulse — 48–84 beats per minute

Respiratory Rate — 26–50 breaths per minute

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