

## ADCA Grooming and Showmanship Standards

*Revised in June 2011*

(Rules are to be in effect at ADCA sanctioned shows)

### The Revised ADCA Show and Grooming Guidelines are:

- A. Entry fees and/or commissions will be established by the Show and Sale Committee and published in advance.
- B. Exhibitors are encouraged to present their cattle in a professional manner that will show the pride the owner has in their animals and in the breed. At a minimum, all animals **must** be washed and brushed.
- C. The same grooming guidelines will apply to the AGM Video Show.
- D. Grooming is left to the discretion of the owner as long as they abide by the items that are prohibited. - see below
- E. The schedule for the AGM youth and Adult divisions will be scheduled from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. (with a short lunch break if needed.)
- F. There will be a required AGM pre-show meeting for all show participants. It will be held the evening prior to the show to make sure all participants understand the published Dress Code and Show Rules, and to make them aware that the rules will be enforced.
- G. The Show Superintendent will be in charge of enforcing the Dress Code for Show Attire. Exhibitors not following the set guidelines will not be permitted to enter the show arena.
- H. Exceptions to the Dress Code may be granted to individuals if there are special circumstances – and if the exhibitor makes the request at least one week prior to the beginning of that year's AGM.
- I. There will be a copy of the Dress Code for Show Attire included in the Registration Packet. It will include a signature line for the exhibitor to sign and return with the application for the cattle show.  
  
(It has been suggested that Dual numbers be distributed for each exhibitor who can place one on the belt clip and pin the other to the back of the shirt, **or** wear a show number harness which has a place for a number card on both front and back of the exhibitor. This should make it easier for the show result recorder to determine the proper contestant numbers for the records and for the audience to record results as well.)
- J. The Showmanship attire – see below:

**The following will be required and enforced in the show ring for anyone presenting cattle:**

1. Collared/buttoned shirts with sleeves (length of the sleeves is determined by the season/weather)
2. Long pants (jeans or slacks) that are dark and do not have tears or holes.
3. Boots or fully enclosed heavy footwear must be worn for safety reasons.
4. Long hair must be tucked in a hat or tied back, also for safety reasons.

**Optional:** Belt, western hats, gloves, or the use of show sticks and combs.

**Prohibited items:** Baseball caps, T-shirts or crop top shirts that leave the midriff skin showing, sandals or canvas shoes (for safety reasons), overalls or baggy, low riding pants that drag on the ground (again, for safety reasons).

**Prohibited Grooming Items**

1. Painting or polishing of horns or hooves with colored polish
2. Artificial coat coloring
3. Growth implants
4. Drugs to alter the disposition of the animal
5. Total body fitting - which includes sculpting of the hair when clipping and then using adhesives, wax, or mousse to shape the coat to hide animal flaws.