



ALCA POLICY ON THE USE OF DRUGS AND SURGICAL ALTERATION IN SHOWING CATTLE

1. ALCA views the use of banned substances in, or surgical alteration of, animals presented in the show ring as unethical behaviour and thus bringing our breed into disrepute. ALCA may act according to our constitution in dealing with perpetrators.
2. Every show society has rules and regulations that are agreed to when a person becomes an exhibitor at a show. The signing of the entry form is a binding agreement. The exhibitor must follow the Show Society's conditions of entry.
3. The use of many classes of drugs and certain surgical alteration is forbidden. You must not administer a banned substance to your animals. A list of these banned substances can be found on most websites of Royal Show societies.
4. This policy is not limited to or restricted by any list or schedule of banned substances or banned surgical alteration, which show societies may produce.
5. At many Royal Shows random tests are taken to ensure that banned drugs have not been administered to animals.
6. Administering a banned substance is a serious offence and will result in serious consequences including disqualification, fining and banning from showing by the show society.
7. ALCA supports Show societies in their efforts to stamp out the use of banned drugs. ALCA condemns the administration of any substance or surgical alteration to an animal with the intent to alter or modify that animal's appearance, stamina, performance, behaviour, or temperament in the show ring whether or not that substance or alteration has been listed as such.
8. Members must ensure that anyone handling or attending to their animals is aware of this policy.
9. The ultimate responsibility for the use of such substances or alteration, even by employees or family members, rests with the Exhibitor and Stud Principal.

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