PRE-SHOW PRESS RELEASE:

2019 ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW HEADING BACK TO HUTCHINSON

The 2019 All-American Junior Sheep Show is going to be held at the Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, KS from July 4-7, 2019. This will be the second time the All American has visited Kansas and the show looks forward to going back to the Sunflower State. The All-American is the premier and largest junior breeding sheep show in the country. The breeds participating this year are: Polled Dorsets, Horned Dorsets, Dorset Advantage, Hampshires, Southdowns, Border Leicesters, Cheviots, Shropshires, Oxfords, Montadales, Romneys, Shetlands, Lincolns, Natural Coloreds, Tunis, Dorpers, Columbias, Corriedales, Katahdins, Merinos, Targhees and Rambouillets. Two new breeds have joined the All American, White Dorpers and Suffolks will also have breed shows. Several meat breeds will feature slick shorn classes at the All-American and several wool breeds will be highlighted once again this year. Judges for this year's event will be Tim Hall, Dalmatia, PA; Matt Scramlin, Holly, MI; and Ryan Hendricks, Leonardville, KS. The National Junior Southdown Show, National Junior Tunis Show and National Junior Suffolk Show will be held in conjunction with the All American Junior show this year.

If you have never attended an All-American Junior Show please make plans to attend this very special event! It is much more than just a sheep show, as there are several activities for the whole family. The show features a lamb camp for the young sheep owners, a 3-on-3 basketball tourney for the exhibitors, a sheep skil-a-thon competition with several participation awards being sponsored, a sheep judging contest, free pizza and BBQ dinners for exhibitors and their families, complimentary breakfast for exhibitors and their families, a team showmanship competition, wool show, promotional contests for exhibitors that also features an adult age photo division, a college scholarship program for older exhibitors, a thank-you note writing booth where participation awards are given away, a fun virtual shearing contest, and new this year will be a lead line and dress-a-sheep competition, plus much more!

The All American has extended it show schedule by half a day to enable the new breeds being added and to ease up on late night breed shows. Sheep actually need to arrive by Thursday, July 4th at noon as all check-in will take place on Thursday. Activities actually start Thursday afternoon with the Judging Contest, Fitting Demos, Lamb Camp and Leadline & Dress-A-Sheep Contest. The Kansas Dairy Commission will also be hosting an Ice Cream Social for everyone.

The Opening Ceremonies will kick things off on Friday morning, July 5th followed by Showmanship Classes and some Breed Shows. On Friday night there will be the ever popular 3 on 3 three basketball tourney and the Harry & Mary Blome pizza party sponsored by Hutchinson Convention & Visitors Bureau. On Saturday night, July 6th, there will be a free BBQ and Fun Night with inflatables for all of our show's attendees. Come and enjoy the family fun!

Complimentary exhibitor & family breakfast will be served on Saturday & Sunday mornings sponsored by Kauffman Seeds, Tom & Sandy Clayman. Red Dirt Downs is helping with the Saturday night BBQ. Ebert Sheep Farm will be providing water for exhibitors during the "warm" days showing in Hutch. Thank you to these folks for sponsoring these food events for our exhibitors!

Honor Show Chows has become a major show sponsor and will be back with us in Kansas. Weaver Leather is also a major show sponsor providing embroidered wether blankets for the champion and reserve champions market lambs as well as an AJJS hanging show box for our new junior raffle ticket selling incentive program. Sydell has generously donated the hydraulic trimming stand for the All American Raffle fundraiser. Tractor Supply will be providing prizes for the ever popular exhibitor thank-you booth and has also become a general show sponsor. The American Lamb Board will be donating some of the thank-you notes for the booth. Finder Hampshires will be donating the halters for lamb camp. Willoughby Livestock Sales and Profiles Show Supplies are also on board as general show sponsors. Novel Designs is now donating their services as the AAJS web site host and thank-you to them for doing a great job!

At the Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Sedalia, MO during the Supreme Champion Show on Wednesday, June 26, the AAJS Benefit Auction will be held and this year we will be auctioning off some very exceptional items! Ketcham Sheep Equipment has donated two hydraulic trimming stands, Reproductive Specialty Group has donated an ET flush and transfer surgery and 5 LAI surgeries, Banner Magazine has donated a one color page ad, Mumm Sheep Equipment has donated two folding gates, and Premier 1 Supplies has donated two rolls of electric net fencing. Specifics and details on all items can be found on the AAJS web site. Thank you to Heartland Group for allowing us to do this special benefit at the sale as this has become a major fundraiser for the show. Please be on hand or contact the AAJS chow committee to bid on these special items!

Our Kansas host committee is being organized by Jeff Ebert, Ted Van Horn and other fellow Kansas sheep breeders. A big thank-you also goes to all of the Kansas sheep families involved in the local planning committee. Several local sheep breeders and youth supporters have stepped up to the plate to organize events and volunteer to help out. It is thanks to all of you that this show will be a special All American for our junior sheep exhibitors and their families.

Room blocks have been reserved at the following area hotels:

-Comfort Inn & Suites (40 room block) 1601 Super Plaza Hutchinson, KS 67501 (620)669-5200 Standard Rooms at \$99.99 (non-smoking, double queens) Group Name: All American Junior Sheep Show, cutoff date for group rate 6/19/2019

-Fairfield Inn & Suites (50 room block) 111 North Lorraine Hutchinson, KS 67501 (620)259-8787 Single Rooms and Double Rooms at \$109.00 Group Name: All American Junior Sheep Show, cutoff date for group rate 6/4/2019

-Hampton Inn (40 room block) 1401 ¹/₂ East 11th Hutchinson, KS 67501 (620)665-9800 Standard Rooms at \$119.99 (nonsmoking, double queens) Group Name: All American Junior Sheep Show, cutoff date for group rate 6/19/2019 -Red Coach Inn & Suites (20 room block) 1315 East 11th Hutchinson, KS 67501 (620)662-6394 Single Rooms at \$45.99 and Double Rooms at \$52.99 Group Name: All American Junior Sheep Show, cutoff date for group rate 6/29/2019

-Super 8 (30 room block) 1621 Super Plaza Hutchinson, KS 67501 (620)663-7822 Single Rooms at \$64.99 and Double Rooms at \$69.99 Group Name: All American Junior Sheep Show, cutoff date for group rate 6/21/2019

Camping:

<u>Kansas State Fairgrounds (actual show site)</u> Full Hook-Ups est. \$25.00/night; Water/Electric Only- est. \$22.00/night; No Utilities est. \$20.00 night

No reservations required, pay when you arrive at fair campgrounds office.

Entries close: MAY 25th, 2019. There will be a higher entry fee for any late entries submitted after the deadline date and post entries at the show. Check out the All-American Website: <u>www.allamericanjuniorshow.com</u> for entry and further information.

The All-American Junior Show Committee has four major fundraising activities that are held to help raise funding for this special junior show. Following is information on these activities and the show would certainly appreciate your support in these fundraising efforts:

ALL-AMERICAN GIFT BASKET & SPECAILTY ITEM SILENT AUCTION

Gift Baskets and specialty items will be on display during the duration of the All-American Show for bidding. Bidding will close on Sunday, July 7th at noon. Basket and item donations would be greatly appreciated. Just bring them to the show in Indianapolis!

ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS

Cost \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

1st Prize: \$1000 Cash Prize 2nd Prize Sydell Hydraulic Trimming Stand (\$530 value) 3rd Prize: Kindle HD Fire 10 (\$200 value)

Tickets are available at the Continental Dorset Club Office, P.O. Box 506, North Scituate, RI 02857. Many sponsoring breeds mail out raffle tickets with their office work and annual dues notices so when you see them PLEASE lend your support! Junior show exhibitors also have raffle tickets to sell and they will be trying to be top salesman in our new ticket incentive program so help them out by buying tickets from them! Final drawing will take place on Sunday, July 7th. Need not to be present to win. The high selling raffle ticket juniors will be receiving some great prizes!

ALL-AMERICAN JUNIOR SHOW BENEFIT AUCTIONS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019 (During the Midwest Stud Ram Sale Supreme Champion Show) EARLY EVENING, SWINE BARN MISSOURI STATE FAIRGROUNDS, SEDALIA, MO

Ketcham Sheep Equipment has donated two hydraulic trimming stands Reproductive Specialty Group had ET Flush & transfer surgery and LAI surgeries Banner Publications has donated a one page color ad in "The Banner" Mumm Sheep Equipment has donated two folding gates Premier I Supplies has donated two rolls of electric net fencing