

Use of Live Animals at STAO2020

Exhibitors are allowed to have live animals in their booths, subject to the following conditions:

1. The exhibitor shall complete a *Live Animals Declaration* and send it to the Exhibits Manager along with the application for exhibit space.
2. A list of the specific animals to be brought to the exhibit area must be provided to the Exhibits Chair no later than February 28, 2020. The committee Chair will provide a written statement that will identify whether or not the list of animals is approved.
3. The following animals are prohibited from being on-site:
 - *Non-human primates – such as monkeys and apes.*
 - *Large carnivores – meat eaters such as wolves, lions, and tigers.*
 - *Venomous or toxin-producing animals – some spiders, snakes, and frogs.*
 - *Mammals with a higher risk of transmitting rabies – such as bats, foxes, skunks, and raccoons.*
 - *Prairie dogs, which can transmit plague.*
 - *Aggressive or unpredictable animals – wild or domestic.*
 - *Animals with nursing young.*
3. Live animals must remain within the confines of your booth.
4. If live animals are to be handled by delegates, adequate hand sanitizer must be available and those handling the animals must be reminded to use the hand sanitizer. Prominent signage promoting the use of hand sanitizer must be obvious to delegates.

Samples of signage:



5. Exhibitors who include live animals in their booths must provide floor covering to protect the hotel carpets. The exhibitor agrees to reimburse STAO for any damages incurred from the hotel caused by animals in their exhibit area.
6. STAO will not be held liable for any damages or injuries caused by animals brought in by exhibitors.
7. Special requests that deviate from these conditions must be received by the Chair of the Exhibits Committee by October 26, 2018. **Please complete the form: [Live Animals Declaration](#)**