

# American Gerbil Society Quarantine and Health Inspection Form

**NOTE:** PLEASE READ THIS FORM IN ITS ENTIRETY – THE SECOND PAGE MUST BE SIGNED & RETURNED TO THE SHOW SECRETARY PRIOR TO HEALTH INSPECTION AT ANY AGS SANCTIONED SHOW:

## Quarantine:

For the protection of all kennels attending shows, the AGS has developed a strict quarantine requirement. This will help insure that no new viruses, bacterial infections, mites or lice are introduced to the kennel from outside sources.

Each kennel bringing or sending animals and/or equipment must strictly **quarantine their kennel for at least four weeks prior to attending ANY AGS sanctioned show or event..** This means that **NO new gerbils, rodents, or exotics** will be introduced to the kennel during this four-week period. If you have **any unexplained deaths or illnesses during the quarantine period, then NO gerbils or other animals from your kennel should be brought to the show.**

## Health Inspection:

All animals entering a show must first have a **thorough health check and submit this SIGNED quarantine form to the show secretary.** AGS Officials and trained volunteers will conduct health checks and tank inspections at posted times prior to the opening of the show.

If an animal shows **signs of illness, then that animal and its cagemates will be denied entry.** If an animal or tank **has mites or lice, or is thought to be contagious, the entire kennel will be denied entry to the show.** (Mites, lice, respiratory infection, diarrhea, listlessness, puffy, or bedraggled fur are just a few things that we are looking for.)

Tanks will also be inspected for cleanliness. **Any tank that smells or appears dirty will NOT be permitted in the show.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE: When two or more kennels are traveling together, their gerbils/animals and equipment must be presented for Health Inspection together. If one kennel is denied entry to the show due to illness, mites or lice, then all kennels traveling together with the infected kennel will also be prohibited from bringing their animals and equipment into the show.** If you are sharing a hotel room, but did NOT travel together, it is STRONGLY recommended your animals be taken through inspection first and remain in the show hall afterwards; even if they are not participating in the show.

Please be sure that you know and trust those that you are traveling and sharing rooms with. Not only does your show experience depend on it, but also the health and safety of your kennel.

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**PLEASE NOTE: This SIGNED form MUST be presented to the Health Inspector and show secretary before your animals and equipment can be inspected. NO EXCEPTIONS. Bring it with you to the show or mail to the address below well in advance (3 wks prior) of the show.**

**NOTE:** To those AGS members sending gerbils to a show, but **not attending yourself, this form must be received by the show secretary before your kennel can be inspected and ALL rules regarding gerbils traveling w/o owners MUST BE FOLLOWED.** This form may either be mailed (address at bottom of page), or sent SIGNED (by owner) with the person caring for your gerbils in your absence.

**1) I will/have quarantined my kennel for at least four weeks prior to the this AGS sanctioned show. During this time NO new/returning rodents or exotics entered my kennel/residence.** (Pups born into your existing kennel to gerbils already owned, do not count towards "new animals" entering your kennel during this time but should still be quarantined.)

**2) I understand and agree that the AGS Health Inspector has the sole discretion to allow or bar my animals/equipment from the show, and I will abide by his or her decision.**

**3) I understand that the consequences of knowingly bringing ill or pest-infested animals/equipment to the show would be my suspension from the AGS for a period of time.**

**4) I understand that when two or more kennels are traveling together, or sharing a hotel room, that their animals and equipment must be presented for Health Inspection together. If one kennel is denied entry to the show, for illness and/or mites or lice, all involved kennels will also be prohibited from bringing their animals and equipment into the show.**

**5) I understand that while the AGS has strict precautions to protect animals at sanctioned shows; the AGS cannot be held responsible for any illness or parasite that may be contracted during a show, or enroute to or from a show.**

I am a current member of the AGS and my membership is up-to-date, or arrangements will be made to renew prior to the show with the AGS registrar.

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Signature of Kennel Owner	Kennel Name	AGS #	Date
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Name of Gerbil/Kennel caretaker in owner's absence (only applies to those gerbils traveling without their owner)

If Mailing:  
The American Gerbil Society  
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