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DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

- * 9 am – 5 pm: Canine Competitions
- * 10 am – 12 noon: Flower Beard Competition
- * 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, 4 pm: Sheep Shearing Demonstrations
- * 10 am – 5 pm: Young Farmers XP Esports Cup
- * 4.30 pm – 5.00 pm: Grand Parade
- * 6.30 pm – 6.45 pm: Harness Racing.

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DISEASES UNDER LOCKDOWN

By Alvin

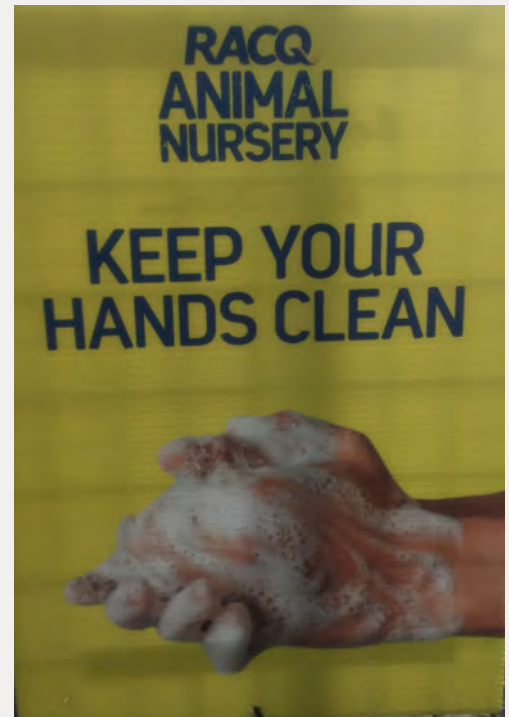
The RACQ Animal Nursery has strict precautions to prevent the spread of disease among the animals and visitors.

The recent detection of fragments of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in imported products in Melbourne and the presence of the disease throughout Indonesia has caused concern as travellers returning from Bali could bring it back into Australia. All animals can have diseases to be wary of, but FMD poses a significant threat to Australia's livestock industry. It is a highly contagious disease that affects cloven-hoofed animals.

As a safeguard, animals at the RACQ Animal Nursery are isolated for a fortnight before and after the show to make sure they are healthy.

Visitors are asked to use the wet mats at the entry and exit to prevent boot-carried diseases.

Food and drinks cannot be consumed inside the nursery to stop the spread of germs. This prevents animals from digesting a product with human saliva, or a visitor eating something an animal has touched.



Animals are vaccinated to keep them safe from harmful diseases. Vaccines for FMD are available in other countries, but Australian laboratories are not yet allowed to work with strains of this disease, making these precautions even more necessary.

Animals like sheep and goats can have other health problems like intestinal worms. These can be controlled by drenching.



might get a COVID-19 injection," he said.

James believes that COVID-19 has made work in the nursery easier. Visitors this year have washed and sanitised their hands without being asked.

"We would sort of get a push back from the public about washing their hands," James said.

Biosecurity has been strict, but it has ensured the future of the RACQ Animal Nursery and the safety of its patrons.

James Kemp has provided the Animal Nursery at the Ekka for 25 years.

"You might be drenching them on a regular basis to keep the worms down, then you just give them a needle. Just like we