# Shat's in a Showlon's

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eterigary supplies, aspirin, soba pop, potato chips,

stale cookies, a deck of cards, soap, toy cars, old ribbons, hamburger wrappers, dirty socks, cans of spray paint and glue, worn out gloves, combs, brushes, electric clippers, overshoes, health and registration papers, rags, Chapstick, a package of hard chewing gum, paper towels, and a few things you forgot you evenowned!

A showbox is a vet supply house, a hardware store, a pharmacy, a snack stash, an entertainment center, a suitcase and clothes hamper, a safety deposit box for important documents, and a bottomless pit when looking for the clipper oil or keys to the truck.

A showbox is usually rectangle or square in shape. It can be of the plain, pine variety, or a fancy, manufactured aluminum model with a padded leather top. What's most important is its contents.

A showbox is never large enough until it's time to load it on the truck. Then it is enormous. Its contents: too much but seldom what you need.

A showbox not only carries equipment, it holds dreams of winning, memories of being champion and of losing. Like a country kitchen table, it draws friends and new acquaintances around. And, at the end of a long show day, you'll find it serves as a mighty fine foot rest or sturdy cot to lay your head.





## SHOWBOX cont.

# Never leave Home Without It

Here's a list of the essentials, plus a few favorite items to stash in a showbox:

### I Official papers

Registrationpapers Brandinspectioncertificate Health papers signed by a veterinarian

### I Promotional pieces

Farm signs Business cards and brochures

### Fitting equipment

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Rope halters and new rupes.

Showhalters

Show stick

Scissors

Spraybottles

Tail ties

Water hoses, nozzles and soap

### Hardware

Boltcutter Knife

Locks, keys, spare key Nails, nuts and bolts

Tools, e.g. pliers, wrenches, hammers, screwdrivers

Wire cutter

Baling wire for putting up signs and holding stalls together

### I Veterinary supplies

Ballinggunandoneounceempty gelatincapsules Broadspectrumantibiotic Anti-bloat medicine, e.g. Therabloat Gauze and tape Healthpapers Iodineand/orperoxide

Veterinarian'stelephonenumber



The "cow stuff" takes up more room than the cows.





### I Human pharmaceuticals

Ace bandage

**Antacid** 

Aspirin

Tissue

Eyedrops

Band-Aids®

Antibiotic ointment, e.g. Neosporin®

Decongestant/antihistamine

Prescriptionmedicines

### **I Clothes**

Coats

Coveralls

Extra pair of boots or shoes

Extra socks

Gloves

Rubber wash pants and boots

Show clothes

Workclothesplusachange

### | Snacks

Beef jerky

Bottled water and soda pop

Candy

Chips, pretzels, crackers

Fruit and raw veggies

Homemade goodies

Money so you can buy what you forgot to bring

### | Entertainment

Backgammon

Checkers

Deck of cards

Electronic game

Laptopcomputer

Toys for the little ones

### I Things that don't fit in a box

Blockingchutes

Cooler

Dolly

Electricfans

Floor mats

Foldingchairs or captain chairs

Pitchforks, one for the barn and one for the

Rakes

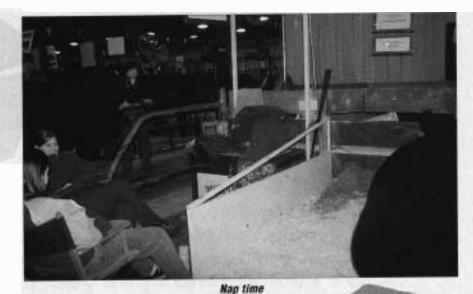
Shovelsforapooperscooper

Wheelbarrow

Hay and straw

Grain

Water and feed buckets





### VETERAN ADVICE F R O M Α

Teela Sadowsky of Osage Grass & Livestock, Eagleville, Mo., offers the following tips for a more stress-freeshow:

Call ahead to the fair or show grounds to find out about the facility (don't forget to ask for directions)

- Check on stalls
- Check on tie outs
- Check on availability of straw and/or sawdust
- Arrive early-allow time for a flat tire, be sure spare has air
- ✓ Rememberhealthandregistration papers
- ✓ Rememberhomemadegoodies
- ✓ In your rush, don't forget the cattle



Worn-out gloves = experience

