

Furry Market Place Rules for Further Confusion 2010

California Gold Rush

Following is a list of the rules and guidelines that each Vendor in the Furry Market Place will be required to sign in acknowledgement and return prior to selling any goods at Further Confusion.

Further Confusion is an Anthropomorphic Convention intending to assist in strengthening the bonds within the Furry Community. This convention is open to all individuals and age groups. With this in mind the following rules have been set in place to make Further Confusion a friendly convention, now and for years to come. As changes in our society may make it necessary for these rules to be updated due to changing circumstances or requirements of law, we will place the latest, most up-to-date version on our website. And it would be an updated version that you would be presented with at the convention to sign when you claim your table. Please read it carefully. Those places in this document that have been added or changed since Further Confusion 2009 have been printed in *italics*.

Please be aware, due to the requirements of the California State Board of Equalization, you **MUST** be at least 18 years of age to have a space in the Furry Market Place.

Merchandise Awareness:

1. Keep all merchandise and displays (literature, art, fanzines, posters, electronic media, etc.) no more than PG-Rated. Simply putting post-it notes or 'stickies' over material over this rating is NOT sufficient. Adult material is NOT permitted in the Furry Market Place. This includes work-in-progress! Occasional sweeps of the Furry Market Place will be made to assure compliance.
2. All materials present at a Furry Market Place table/space **MUST** be packed up and removed from the space to a secure location when the Dealer Room is closed. **NO SALES MAY TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE POSTED DEALERS ROOM HOURS.** Setup and tear down is permitted from one (1) hour before and to one (1) hour after the listed sales hours.
3. No annoying or distracting displays or effects. Lighting in the Furry Market Place should be sufficient for viewing of all materials. Please check with the Dealers Room manager if you are unsure. It is also wise to check with the vendors seated around you. And if one of the vendors near your table has something that you feel fits under this heading during the convention, please bring it to the attention of the Dealers Room manager. But first, try asking the offending party, politely, to discontinue use of the distracting display or effect. If the dealers room staff asks you to remove some or all of your display, you must comply. If you do not comply, you may be asked to leave the Furry Market Place.
4. No pirated materials are allowed in the Furry Market Place. **No exceptions.** Reproductions of commercial media such as Disney, Warner Brothers, or any other materials that violate copyright laws will not be allowed. All materials must be either owned by the vendor or approved for sale by the owner. Compilations of art must have the approval of the originating artists; publications where artists have previously approved their art are the exception (such as is common for most fanzines such as Yarfl and Fur Visions).
5. The selling of weaponry or potentially dangerous items are allowed within the guidelines of California State law. All responsibility for injury due to the handling of such items is the sole responsibility of the dealer. All items of this nature **MUST** be wrapped in a protective manner at the time of sale. Said items must be removed directly from the Furry Market Place and public areas to a private room, vehicle or location outside the Fairmont San Jose property.

6. Only those with a Furry Market Place Vendor badge or a 'Vendor's Helper' credential may be seated behind your table. And no more than 1 person may be seated in your space at any given time. Each table in Furry Market Place will come with one (1) Vendor's Helper credential that the owner of the table may use for his helper.

Behavior in the Furry Market Place:

1. Shared tables are allowed in the Further Confusion Furry Market Place so long as only one person is seated in the assigned space at any given time. Each person who sells items at Further Confusion MUST sign a copy of this agreement individually.
2. All vendors must wear their registration badges at all times while in the Furry Market Place. Vendor's Helpers must also wear their Vendor's Helper credential while they are seated in the Furry Market Place.
3. All Vendors must be selling under a current California State Sellers permit with a valid Sales Permit (also known as a sales Tax ID) number. There will be absolutely NO exception to this rule. You will be required to provide this prior to selling any merchandise, including personal commissions, at Further Confusion. If you don't have a permit, you will not be able to sell and there will be no refunds. **It is your responsibility to take care of this detail.**

Information on obtaining a California State Sellers Permit can be found on the web at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/info/reg.htm> or may be requested by calling the California State Board of Equalization at 1-800-400-7115. The form you need is form **BOE-400 SPA**.

4. Please maintain a state of professionalism. Dress accordingly. Profanity, explicit postures and mannerisms are unacceptable, as is horseplay and harassment of anybody. No fighting. Any physical altercations will result in the immediate expulsion from the convention and the possible involvement of local authorities. Again, no refunds will be given.
5. Keep pathways clear. No materials are allowed beyond the front edge of each table. This includes the space directly in front of your space. You are required to sit BEHIND your table. Not beside it or in front of it. FLARE will be on site to assist in crowd control, please comply with any requests they may have.
6. The Dealers Room Manager and assistants reserve the right to deny service to anyone. If anyone is disruptive, flaunting the rules, harassing customers, dealers, staff, or the general public, and is not amenable to correction, action will occur. Complaints will be taken seriously. Severe actions can result in expulsion. Please be on your best behavior.
7. California prohibits smoking inside or near entrances to all public facilities. Ask a staff member upon arrival for the approved outdoor smoking areas.
8. Final authority for all decisions related to Furry Market Place activities rests in the hands of the Dealers Room Manager. His decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Refund Policy:

Your Furry Market Place space may NOT be resold by you to another party. The convention reserves the right to refuse a space to anyone for any reason. If you can not attend the convention, please use the process below and request a refund.

If, for any reason, you are not going to be able to make it to Further Confusion, you need to contact the Furry Market Place staff by email to dealers@furtherconfusion.org or postal mail at Further Confusion, Attn: Furry Market Place, 105 Serra Way #236, Milpitas CA 95035 and release the table back to us for resale. We will, in turn, refund you the full purchase price of your table and the primary membership that came with it.

If such notice is received by the Furry Market Place staff prior to seven (7) days before the opening of the convention, then it will be a simple matter of us filing the paperwork and getting a check cut and sent out to you by postal mail. This will usually take around ten (10) days to process and get sent out. If it is going to take longer, you will be notified directly by the Furry Market Place staff.

Refunds requested less than seven (7) days before the opening of the convention will require convention executive approval, and will likely have to wait until after the convention is over before the paperwork can be filed and the check cut, and may take up to 60 days depending on circumstances and timing.

Tables that remain unclaimed two (2) hours after the Furry Market Place first opens to the public, without the Furry Market Place staff having been contacted and made aware that the vendor will be late, will be considered a no-show, and the space will be offered to those persons interested in purchasing the space on site. So, PLEASE, contact the Furry Market Place staff via dealers@furtherconfusion.org or by the phone number you will receive with your Furry Market Place confirmation to let us know if you are going to be late or not be able to attend at the last moment.

We do not offer roll-overs of vendor memberships or spaces to a following year. So if you can not attend the convention, please seek a refund as described above.

When you release your space and request a refund, that table gets placed in the pool of tables offered to others interested in the space, either in advance of the convention or on site after the convention has begun, so the earlier you know that you will not make it to the convention, the better for the people waiting out there for a chance to be in the market place.

Thank you for your compliance. The updated (if necessary) version of this will be waiting for your signature when you check in for your table at the convention. We hope you have a fun and profitable experience.

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