

## PREPARING YOUR LAMB FOR SHOW DAY

### 3 Events for Lambs



Commence training a lamb from an early age. Make some time each day to play with the lamb and caress it. Talk to it quietly when feeding and playing with it.

#### **FITTING A COLLAR AND LEAD**

You can get collars and leads for your lamb from Farmlands or your local vet. When fitted correctly, you should be able to fit two fingers between any part of the collar and your lamb's skin, and it should not pull off if the lamb pulls back. As your lamb grows, check your collar regularly and loosen it as needed.

#### **TO CALL AND FOLLOW**

Once your lamb is comfortable with its collar, you can start teaching them to lead. Your lamb should be trained to walk on your right. Hold the lead with both hands, but control your lamb using the lead in your right hand. Don't let the lead drag on the ground, and don't wrap it around your hand. Practice standing still and only allowing your lamb to move forward again when you are ready.

- To train the lamb to call, stand some distance from it with a bottle of milk held behind your back. Call it by name. When your lamb comes, give it a gentle pat and feed it. By the time of show day the lamb should come when called, whether or not it is given a bottle of milk.
- Practice over and over and over again, around the same kind of ring as will be used on Show Day.
- Have someone hold your lamb, move away from your lamb and call it. When your lamb comes, give it a pat.
- Teach your lamb to follow you around a peg close behind.
- Run to a peg with your lamb running behind.



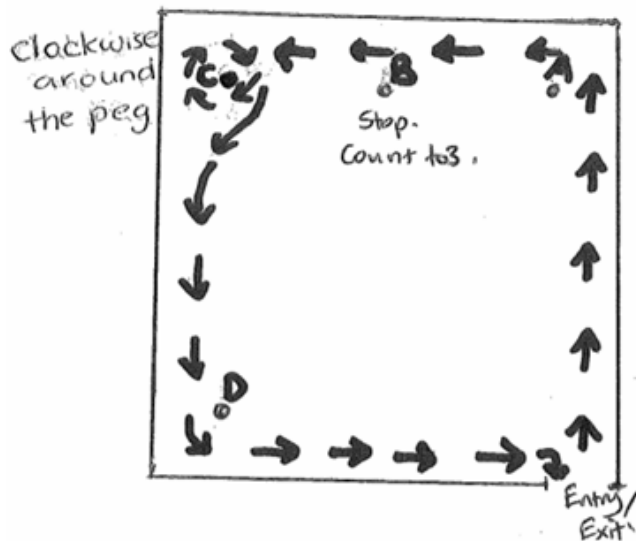
## **SHOW DAY**

There are 3 events for lambs on Show Day:

1. Leading
2. Calling and Following
3. Rearing, Care and Attention

### **LAMB LEADING COURSE**

- Your lamb should be on your right hand side.
  - Control should be exercised with your right hand on the lead.
  - Don't strap your lamb to make it walk, or push it with your hand.
1. Enter the ring. Lead around in anti-clockwise direction to mark B.
  2. Stop at mark B.
  3. At mark C, circle standard in a clockwise direction, then walk to mark D and out.

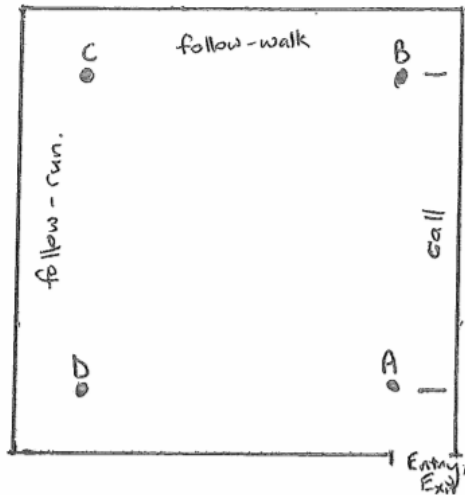


### **CALLING AND FOLLOWING**

1. Child takes the lamb to point A. Steward holds the lamb.
2. Child walks to point B, and calls lamb in a clear voice.
3. Child walks from point B to point C, with lamb following.
4. Child runs from point C to point D, with lamb following.
5. Attach lead at point D, and exit ring.

Yeah,  
Right!





### **REARING, CARE AND ATTENTION**

The judge will be looking to see how well your lamb has been reared. You must present your lamb in the best condition. (But don't wash your lamb, as this removes the lanolin from their wool). You can use a damp cloth to wipe muck off your lamb.

- Clean wool, no debris and no dags (muck around its tail rear end).
- Clean hooves
- Clean under its legs and around its ears.
- Clean around its nose and eyes
- Clean collar and lead.

The judge may ask you some questions about your lamb – its name, when it was born, what breed it is, what you have been feeding it etc.

**Always listen to the judge and do what he or she asks!**