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GUIDELINES FOR Calf & Lamb Day

The intention of these guidelines is to help the children with their animal preparation for Calf and Lamb Day. It has been put together by judges, the Friends of Toko School and staff.

CALVES

All calves must have NAIT tags.

All calves must be over 4 weeks of age.

All calves to be born after 1 August.

Do not over feed calves, especially on the morning of Calf & Lamb Day.

Leading.

Leader preferably to be leading with the right hand.

End of the lead should be tucked up nicely in the child's left hand i.e. no lead hanging down.

The leader should be at the level of the calf's ear – not in front.

Do not hit the calf in any way.

Calves refusing to lead may be pushed on the hind quarters gently to encourage forward movement.

Presentation of the leader – take pride in your appearance.

Rearing & Grooming.

The judge will look at the overall presentation of the calf, which includes:

- ☺ Loose hairs on the calf.
- ☺ Cleanliness of the calf (includes ears).
- ☺ Signs of lice – children will need parental input in the prevention of lice and the feeding regime.



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Best Connection - SENIOR SECTION ONLY

A new section this year to assess a child's knowledge and bond with their calf.

This section will be judged on the following

Child's interaction- Observation of the child with the calf throughout the morning and in the ring.

Childs Knowledge- The children will be asked a series of questions by the judge. Some of which could include but are not limited to the following...

1. The calves breeding Dam and Sire
2. When was the calf born?
3. Why did you choose this calf?
4. What will happen to your calf after Calf & Lamb Day?
5. What do you love most about your calf?

Champion Calf

A champion calf will be awarded to the calf with the highest points of each age section from the combination of the three categories (leading, rearing and connection).

It is awarded at the discretion of the Judge. The judges decision is final.



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LAMBS

Important

All lambs must be over 4 weeks of age.

All lambs to be born after the 1st of August.

Please ensure your lamb has received a 5 in 1 vaccine either via the pregnant ewe or the lamb itself. This protects the lamb against black disease, tetanus, pulpy kidney, malignant oedema and black leg. Vaccine can be purchased from your local vet.

If you want to be successful on the day then you need to spend time with your lamb.

Lambs can only be shared with preschoolers.

Leading.

Leader preferably to be leading with the right hand.

End of the lead should be tucked up nicely in the child's left hand i.e. no lead hanging down.

The leader should be at the level of the lambs collar.

lambs refusing to lead may be pushed on the hind quarters gently to encourage forward movement.

Presentation of the leader – take pride in your appearance.



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Rearing - SENIOR SECTION ONLY

Judged on the condition of the lamb and the child's knowledge

Lambs should never be washed with soap or detergent.

Lambs can be brushed lightly to remove any dirt and debris from wool but should not be brushed excessively so as to make the wool fluffy and frizzy. Natural is best.

Lambs should have their faces, and ears gently wiped clean with a damp cloth.

The underside of lambs can be brushed and the soft skin under their legs gently wiped clean with a damp cloth.

If the dirt or feces is too hard to brush out without causing stress or pain to the lamb then lambs can be dagged .

Childs Knowledge- The children will be asked a series of questions by the judge. Some of which could include but are not limited to the following...

1. The breeding of the lamb Sire and Dam
2. When was the lamb born?
3. Why did you choose this lamb?
4. What will happen to your lamb after Calf & Lamb Day?
5. What do you love most about your lamb?
6. Did you give your lamb a vaccine? If so, what kind?
7. What does the Vaccine treat for?
8. What do you feed your lamb and how much or how often?
9. Do you know of any plants that are dangerous or poisonous to your lamb?
10. Where did you get your lamb from?

Presentation of child competing

Take pride in your appearance.



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Calling

Calling- preferably a clipped on lead for easy removal.

Children need to crouch down to the height of their lamb and call loudly so the lamb can see and hear them over the crowd. Lead to be taken off and put back on the lamb by the owner when caught.

A single person needs to hold the lamb facing the child and release the lamb when the child starts calling.

No lambs to be fed after 10.00am and during the competition.

Champion Lamb

A champion lamb will be awarded to the lamb with the highest points of each age section from the combination of the three categories (leading, rearing and calling).

It is awarded at the discretion of the Judge. The judges decision is final.

Children that start school in Terms 3 and 4 will also lead their lambs around the preschool ring only. These lambs need to be registered on the day.

We will also have a preschool section. Preschoolers just need to line up at the preschool ring on the day. No registration required.

We hope that this year's Calf & Lamb Day is a success for all those involved.