

Toko School Calf & Lamb Day Guidelines: Calves

Welcome to Calf and Lamb Day! These tips from the judges, teachers, and Friends of Toko School will help you and your animal get ready for a super fun day.

★ Important Calf Rules

- **Tags:** Your calf must have its NAIT ear tag.
- **Age:** Your calf needs to be at least 4 weeks old (born after August 1st).
- **Breakfast:** Don't feed your calf too much, especially on the morning of the big day!

Walking Your Calf (Leading)

- **Hand placement:** Try to hold the lead rope in your right hand.
- **No dragging:** Tuck the extra rope neatly into your left hand.
- **Where to stand:** Walk right beside your calf's ear. Don't walk in front and pull them!
- **Be gentle:** Never hit your calf. If they get stubborn and won't walk, just give their bottom a gentle push to encourage them.
- **Dress to impress:** Wear your nicest clothes and take pride in how you look!

Looking Good (Rearing & Grooming)

The judges want to see a happy, healthy, and clean calf!

- **Brush it out:** Make sure there are no loose hairs.
- **Squeaky clean:** Wash your calf well, and don't forget to clean inside their ears!
- **Bug-free:** Make sure your calf doesn't have any lice. (Ask your parents to help you with bug prevention and feeding!).

Best Friends (Best Connection)

This is a special section to show off the amazing bond between you and your calf!

- **Always watching:** The judges will be watching how kindly you treat your calf all morning, both in and out of the ring.
- **Pop quiz!** The judge will ask you some easy questions about your furry friend. Practice answering these:
 1. Who are your calf's mum and dad (Dam and Sire)?
 2. When is your calf's birthday?
 3. Why did you choose this calf?
 4. What will happen to your calf after the show?
 5. What do you love most about your calf?

Champion Calf

The Champion Calf ribbon goes to the calf with the highest points from all three sections: walking, looking good, and being best friends! Do your best, have fun, and remember that the judge's decision is final.



Toko School Calf & Lamb Day Guidelines:

Lambs!

Here are the super fun and important guidelines to help you and your lamb get ready for the big day! Remember, the best way to do well is to spend lots of time playing with and getting to know your lamb.

★ Important Lamb Rules

- **Age:** Your lamb needs to be at least 4 weeks old (born after August 1st).
- **Healthy & Strong:** Make sure your lamb has had its "5 in 1" vaccine shot. Ask your parents to help get this from the vet—it protects your lamb from lots of nasty sicknesses!
- **Sharing:** You can only share your lamb with a preschooler (no older kids).
- **Snack Time: No feeding your lamb after 10:00 AM** or during the competition!



Walking Your Lamb (Leading)

- **Hand placement:** Try to hold the lead rope in your right hand.
- **No dragging:** Tuck the extra rope neatly into your left hand so it doesn't hang down.
- **Where to stand:** Walk right beside your lamb's collar.
- **Be gentle:** If your lamb won't walk, give its bottom a gentle push to keep it moving.
- **Dress to impress:** Wear your nicest clothes and take pride in how you look!



Looking Good (Rearing) - Seniors & Intermediates Only

The judges want to see a happy, natural-looking lamb!

- **No bubbles!** Never wash your lamb with soap or detergent.
- **Keep it natural:** Give them a light brush to remove dirt, but don't brush too much or they will get frizzy and fluffy!
- **Washcloth wash:** Use a damp cloth to gently wipe their face, ears, tummy, and under their legs. (If there is hard, stuck-on poop, it's okay to carefully clip it off so it doesn't hurt them).

The judges will ask you some questions to see how well you know your lamb! Practice answering these:

1. Who are your lamb's mum and dad (Sire and Dam)?
2. When is your lamb's birthday?
3. Why did you choose this lamb?
4. What will happen to your lamb after the show?
5. What do you love most about your lamb?
6. Did your lamb get a vaccine? What kind?
7. What does the vaccine protect them from?
8. What do you feed your lamb, and how often?
9. Do you know any plants that are poisonous to your lamb?
10. Where did you get your lamb from?

"Here, Lamby!" (Calling)

- **The Setup:** It is best to use a lead that clips on and off easily. Have a helper hold your lamb facing you.
- **Call Loudly!** Crouch down so you are the same size as your lamb and call them nice and loud so they can hear you over the crowd!
- **Catch!** Your helper will let go, and when your lamb runs to you, put their lead back on.

Champion Lamb & Preschoolers

- **Champion Lamb:** The big ribbon goes to the lamb with the most points from all the categories combined! If there is a tie for Junior Lambs, the judges will look at how clean and happy the lamb is to decide the winner. Remember, the judge's decision is final!

New 5 Year Olds & Preschoolers:

- If you started school in Term 3 or 4, you will walk your lamb in the preschool ring (just make sure you register on the day!). Preschoolers don't need to register; they can just line up at the preschool ring when it's time!