



**OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL
AGRICULTURAL DAY
GUIDELINES**

Goats

Selection:

Try and choose a kid preferably within 3 days of birth, so that the kid will bond better with the child, but make sure that the kid has been fed colostrum for the first few days. Name the kid early and use its name when calling or feeding it.

Care and Feeding:

Feed the kid adequately, follow directions on the back of the milk powder bag. Once it starts to eat grass, make sure it has access to fresh water, hay and good quality grass and can be slowly introduced to meal. Too much can cause stomach upsets. If scouring occurs consult a vet, young animals deteriorate rapidly.

Wash feeding bottles and teats thoroughly after each feed, and keep the kids shelter dry and clean. Wash milk off face after feeding and keep its backend clean, they can be a bit messy in the first few days and may need washing.

- Check hooves and trim if required, watch for scald.
- Lice – Powder the animal with lice powder from vets, re-inspect in 7 – 10 days repeating if necessary.
- Drench for worms.

What do judges look for?

Most obvious pet:

The lead is unclipped and the child takes it with them in one hand.

Call:

- Seeing if the kid is keen to leave the steward holding the animal and running up to the child in a willing manner. Child reaching out to pat or touch the animal.

Follow:

- Child walking quietly to next corner with kid following without stopping.

Run:

- Child runs to the next corner and animal must follow immediately, child must catch kid again and clip on lead.

Leading:

If possible, set up the small jumps, stepping stones and plank walk at home to get the kid used to them. Lead should be neither too short nor too long. Kid should not be dragged or the lead held so short that the front legs almost leave the ground! Kid should neither veer away from the child nor lean on the child's leg.

General Guidelines:

- The child is in control of the kid at all times.
- The child works from inside the circle but does not climb any obstacles.
- Child is penalised if they assist the kid.
- Judging will commence on entry and conclude on exit.

Leading Course:

- Free walk.
- Jumping rails – no higher than 30cm.
- Stepping stones – 3 cut tree rounds or similar to allow kid to jump from one to the other.
- Walk the plank – One side fixed, the other side left free and raised. The kid walks up the plank and jumps off.