

**OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL
AGRICULTURAL DAY
GUIDELINES**

LAMBS

Basic Rules:

- Lambs need to be born on or after the 15th July.
- Lambs should be docked, unless and **only** if there is sound reasoning to keep the tail.
- Lambs are NOT to be washed or have any form of shampoo used.

During Rearing:

- Keep the lamb's bed clean and dry.
- Wash the feeding bottle and teat after every feed.
- Provide shade in hot, sunny weather.
- Never force the lamb to drink too much.
- Never keep your lamb in a cold draughty pen.

Things to remember:

- Lambs that scour may be sponged or clipped at the rear.
- Lambs may be brushed.
- Skin parts such as under the front and back legs and inside the ears can be cleaned with a damp cloth.
- Lambs may be covered to keep the wool clean.

The following actions will be penalised during Judging:

- Releasing the right hand grip on the lead at any time.
- Touching the lamb with your hand during the leading competition.
- Hitting the lamb with anything (never allowed).
- Jerking on the lead.
- Stopping except as required by the judge or the lamb.

Most Obvious Pet Section:

Note: The following 3 stages can be taught to your lamb by giving it a drink at each stage while it is young. When it gets older, only give it a drink at the finish. Gradually cut out the drink so that the lamb will do all 3 stages without a drink.

Stage 1: CALL

- Get someone to hold your lamb, stand about 10 metres away from it and call it. Make sure your lamb goes around the 1st peg. When it comes, give it a little pat for its good effort.

Stage 2: FOLLOW

- Walk along with your lamb following behind. Be careful not to walk too fast.
- Make sure your lamb goes around the second peg.

Stage 3: CATCH

- Run along with your lamb running behind. Stop at the 3rd peg and catch your lamb. Practice catching it quietly. Remember the judge will be watching to see whether your lamb is really friendly or just hungry.
- Getting your Mum & Dad to watch will help both of you to get used to parading in front of other people.

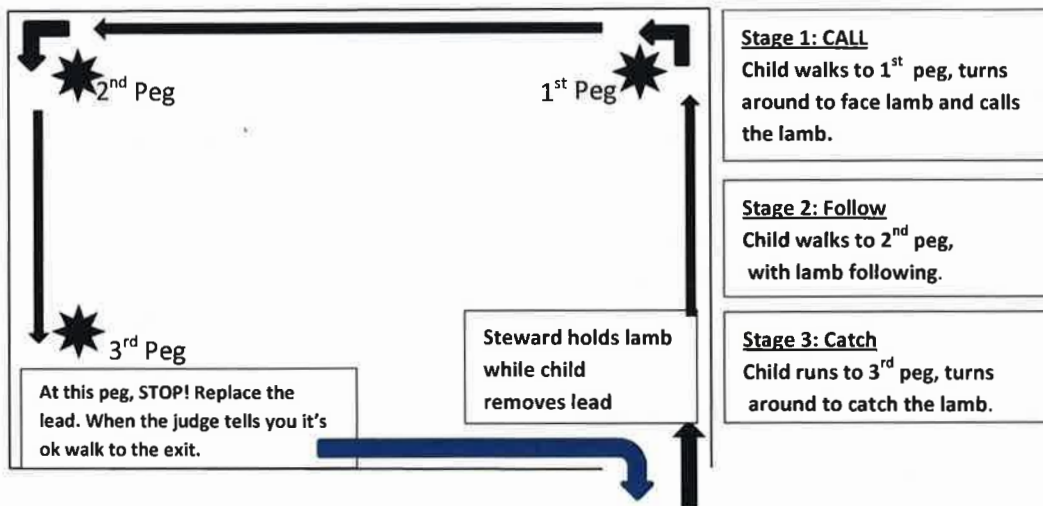
Leading Section:

Note: The event is to assess the co-operation of the child and lamb. The lamb is led anti-clockwise around a square. Each child leads their lamb around the outside of the pegs, stopping halfway to count to 3. (The judge may vary the routine after all children have led to separate possible place getters. This will be left to the discretion of the judges)

Remember:

- Do not touch your lamb.
- Lamb should be about 10cm off your right leg.
- Walk at the speed that your lamb usually walks.
- Keep in a straight line.
- The lambs' front legs should be in line with your legs.
- The lead from the lambs' collar should not be too tight or too loose.
- You should be able to steer the lamb by moving your hand to one side or the other.
- Practice leading two or three times a day.
- The right hand should grip the lead, palm upwards.
- The left hand should grip the lead, knuckles upward leaving a loop of slack lead between the hands.
- All control should be exercised by the right hand.
- Lamb is always on your right
- Have fun with your lamb.

MOST OBVIOUS PET RING



LEADING RING

