

SHOW DAY 2025

What our judges will be looking for:

LAMBS

Leading:

- Gentle handling with a loose lead rope
- Lamb stays on right side of child
- Unassisted (without needing judge's help)
- Lamb engagement (not distracted / trying to eat etc)
- Successfully getting to each marker
- Extra points given for things like clear, good, familiar relationship between lamb and child, and a pat / scratch reward at the end, letting lamb stop to go toilet if necessary

Calling and Following:

- Successful call from A to B
- Successful walk from B to C
- Successful run from C to D and then clip lamb on lead
- Lamb engagement (not distracted, trying to eat etc)
- Stop / start (lamb stops and starts when requested)
- Extra points given for clear, good, familiar relationship between lamb and child and a pat / scratch reward at the end, letting lamb stop to go toilet if necessary

Rearing:

Children will be asked questions like the following:

- Knowledge about lamb - Sheep's breed and use (meat, wool, milking etc), How old was it when you got it, why you got it (rejected triplet, mother died etc)
- Feeding and environment - how many times a day is it bottle-fed now and what else does it eat? Where does it sleep and is it with any other lambs or animals? Has it had any health problems, what were they and how did you treat them?
- Fun, play and child's relationship with lamb - how does your lamb play? What's your favourite thing to do with your lamb?

Judge will be looking at:

- Cleanliness and handling
 - Can the lambs feet be picked up without fuss
 - and are they healthy and clean
 - Cleanliness of bottom, under armpits / legs, face, nose, ears, clean bright eyes
 - NOT shampooed!
 - Clean collar/harness and lead.



- Body condition / conformation / muscle / fat - correct body weight, chubby but not too obese, no obvious signs of worms (eg pot belly)

SMALL ANIMALS

- General knowledge about pets breed etc
- How often and what they are fed
- How their cage / living environment is kept clean
- Child's favourite thing to do with their pet
- Something the child loves about their pet
- How their pet likes to play

PONIES

Questions likely to be asked:

- Feeding and general care - what does your pony eat? What is your pony's favourite treat? Where does your pony sleep?
- Chores - how many poos does your pony do a day and how do you clean up after your pony?
- Pony's needs and wants - what is your favourite thing to do with your pony? What is your pony's favourite thing to do?
- Can you tell me how you keep yourself safe when you are with your pony?

Demonstrate:

- Could you show me how you lead your pony? Points for:
 - correct clipping on of leadrope
 - holding leadrope correctly and safely
- Could you show me how you brush your pony? Points for:
 - Kind, safe, assertive, affectionate handling (based mainly on observation of child with pony)

