

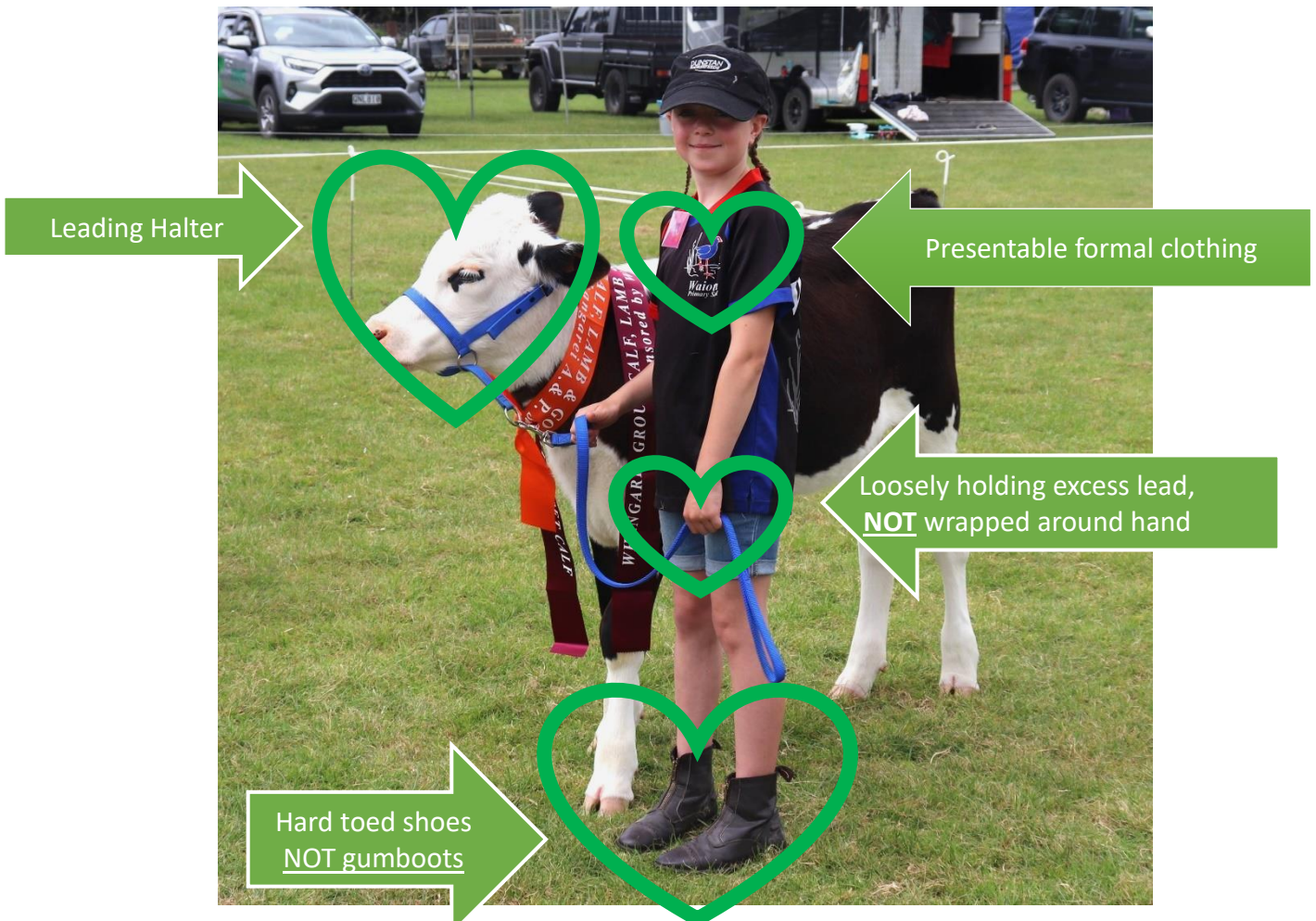
Ag day Information Booklet



School Ag day →

Central Day →
6 Nov 25

A&P Show
6 Dec 25



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Correct as of 2025

Agricultural Day

All animals must be born after 1st July.

For information on animal rearing please look at these resources.

NRM Booklet

https://nrm.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/FAR_06835_NRM_Calf_Rearing_Guide-NEW.pdf



NZAGBIZ Booklet

<https://beeflambnz.com/knowledge-hub/PDF/nzagbiz-calf-and-lamb-rearing-guide-book.pdf>



Key Tips:

- Warm, dry, water, shelter
- Feed as according to instructions on bags
- Meal as according to instructions on bags
- Spend time with your animal, play and love them

****DO NOT** wash your lamb; the soap and detergent removes the lanolin (natural grease/water repellent properties) from the wool, instead wipe it down with damp cloth.

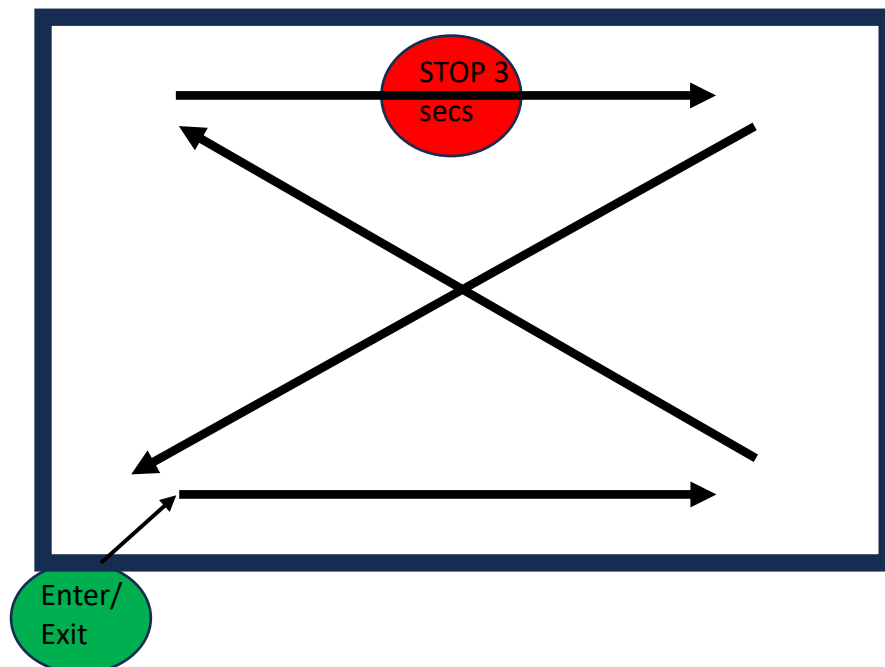
If you have any health concerns in regards to your animals please consult your local vet clinic.

Leading

Leading judging criteria is typically made up of each side of the walk, stop, start and overall lead. We encourage you to talk to your animal throughout the ring.

It is important to understand the following points:

- Hold lead with right palm facing up and left hand facing down, right hand shouldn't release
- Hold below clip on the lead and bundle the extra in the left hand **without wrapping around the hand**
- A leader and animal should be in tune together, the animal should move and stop on voice commands or with barely any hand gestures.
- Child is to stand behind the animal's ears just slightly in front of the animals' shoulder.
- The walk should be of a consistent pace with medium speed, appropriate stop for 3 seconds and start, smooth turns around pegs.
- Toilet stops are not disadvantaged, stop and wait for the animal to finish
- The judges' overall opinion is final.
- A leading halter (top right) is the proper halter to use NOT a tethering halter (bottom right).
- It is polite to have a clean halter on you animal.
- **Respectful outfit** is covered shoes (**no gumboots**) tidy trousers/shorts and t-shirt or shirt
- If your animal does stop or sit down don't take your hands off lead. Wait for the steward to assist your animal with a push.
- Remember to **smile!**



Rearing

The following are indicators for what the judge is looking for:

- Animal presented in clean condition including the following: coat, ears (and around tag), eyes, tail, legs, muzzle, feet and minimal loose hair/wool.
- A good body condition and general health
- The child should be fluent in the knowledge about their animals, Juniors may be prompted by specific questions from judges

Junior (Year 0-3)

- Name/DOB/age
- Breed/Type of Animal
- Story of animal, why that one was chosen
- Volume of milk, what else is in its diet
- Knowledge if animal has had a 5in1/7in1 vaccine
- Drench-“that it stops worms”
- Where the animal lives
- Any problems/challenges how they were addressed

Intermediate (Year 4-6)

- Name/DOB/age
- Breed/Type of Animal
- BW/PW if animal is dairy
- Story of that animal, why that one was chosen/problems/challenges
- Volume of Milk (how the milk is made up if powdered), what else is in its diet
- Knowledge if animal has had a 5in1/7in1 vaccine, the diseases it covers
- Drench/ what worms it covers
- Where the animal lives
- Poisonous plants
- Other things that can affect the calf or make it sick
- Any problems/challenges how they were addressed

Senior (Year 7+)

- Name/DOB/age
- Breed/Type of Animal
- BW/PW if animal is dairy
- Story of the animal, why that one was chosen/problems/challenges
- Volume of Milk (how the milk is made up if powdered), what else is in its diet

- Knowledge if animal has had a 5in1/7in1 vaccine, the diseases it covers/symptoms if illness presents
- Drench/ what worms it covers
- Where the animal lives
- Poisonous plants
- Other things that can affect the calf or make it sick
- Any problems/challenges how they were addressed

Dairy Type

Only female dairy cattle breeds are eligible for this section.

1. Alert head, muzzle width, open nostrils, jaw
2. Straight back
3. Fine angular shoulders with a finger space gap at the withers
4. Spring of rib and plenty of loose skin over the ribs for growth
5. Chest depth and width
6. Length
7. Leg and hoof conformation, tracking well when walking
8. Rump structure
9. Overall opinion, balance and femininity

Beef Type

All beef breeds plus any male dairy breeds.

1. Alert head, muzzle width, open nostrils, jaw.
2. Straight back
3. Strong shoulders with a good gap at the withers
4. Spring of rib and plenty of loose skin over the ribs for growth
5. Chest depth and width
6. Length
7. Leg and hoof conformation, tracking well when walking
8. Rump and loin structure and muscling ability
9. Overall opinion, balance and suitability for beef breeding

Lamb/ Goat Calling

- To teach an animal to call, stand some distance from it with its bottle of milk held behind your back.
- Call it by name, when it comes praise it and give it a feed. If this is done every feed then by the time judging day comes you won't need the bottle as your animal will know its name.
- It is a good idea to practice calling your animal in different environments and with other people around to get it used to the distractions Ag day can entail.
- You are being judged on the directness of your animal as it comes to you, their speed, if they call out to you and the ease of catching your animal once it reaches you.



Did you know you can bring your Ag Day calf, lamb or goat to Whangarei A&P Show?!

First Saturday of every December!

- Class entry is FREE!
- One free Show ticket per competitor
- Prize Money and ribbons to win!
- Entries close **prior** to Show Day
- Entry is online at www.showday.online
- Contact events@wap.org.nz or 09 4383109 for more information

Calves - Conditions of Entry to Whangarei A&P Show

1. Competitions are open to heifer, steer or bull calves, of any breed.
2. Calves must be born between 1st July and 30th September.
3. There shall be adopted a uniform system for calf judging and all Judges will conform to standards as set down by the Chief Steward.
4. Calf leads to be approximately 1½ metres long.
5. For the purpose of judging type, calves are divided into three groups:
 - a. Light breeds (Jersey & Ayrshire)
 - b. Heavy breeds (Shorthorn & Holstein Friesian)
 - c. Beef breeds

Lambs/Goats - Conditions of Entry to Whangarei A&P Show

1. Lambs & Goats must be born after 1st July.
2. Lambs may be brushed.
3. SPOT washing of lambs/goats may be permitted but not to the extent that the natural oil is washed from the fleece.
4. The Chief Steward has the discretion to alter the age range in order to balance rings based on entry numbers.

Have an awesome day out competing and enjoying the fabulous Whangarei A&P Show, with so much to offer!



