

# Arohena School



## AGRICULTURAL DAY

### Lamb & Kid Booklet

A guide for pupils entering Ag Day.

**Kid/Goat**



**Lamb**

# Sections and conditions

## **Introduction**

A lamb or Kid is a wonderful pet to rear at any age and is often easier for smaller children to handle. Lambs can be successfully reared on small sections while young as they do not require large areas.

All lambs to be docked.

Ram lambs and Crupt Orchids **ARE permitted** at our school day, Group Day and Waikato Show **(but not encouraged)**

## **REARING AND CARING FOR YOUR LAMB OR KID**

### **Sections:**

1. CALL, FOLLOW, RUN - Senior, Intermediate, Junior
2. LEADING - Senior, Intermediate, Junior
3. REARING/PRESENTATION - Senior, Intermediate, Junior—separated for early (before August 20th) and late in each section.

### ***Recommended Materials***

Lamb a cover (optional—keeps wool clean)

Bottle and suitable teat that a lamb can readily suck on

Milk—lamb's powder or cow's milk. Calf powder may be used after 3-4 weeks

Plastic comb and brush (no wire brushes)

Cloth / collar and lead / shelter / pen / bedding / container for water.

### ***Early days***

If possible choose a lamb that is only a few days old and begin caring for it immediately. This helps to ensure that a strong bond is established between it and the child. Also only choose a lamb that has been fed colostrum as it will have begun to develop a strong healthy immune system. The child needs to give the lamb a name and record its date of birth and breed.

It is most important the newborn lamb is kept warm. Build a lamb's pen in a sunny position and place a shelter in the open so that the lamb can keep out of the rain, cold winds or hot sun. Some form of bedding should be used in the shelter. A large box lined with clean shredded newspaper, sacking or clean straw is ideal for shelter as this compensates for the warmth that a lamb receives from its mother. Keep the bedding clean by renewing it regularly. The lamb must be kept warm, dry and clean and the area free from draughts.

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## **Saving Dates for Lambs & kid Goats**

Early lambs     1st July—19th August

Late Lambs     20th August—20th September

These dates can be adjusted on the day to achieve a better distribution of participants in the events. This helps to distribute the awards among more participants . However the above saving dates are never changed for those entering the Waikato A & P Show.

## **Daily care of a Lamb - Feeding**

A newly born lamb must have its mother's colostrum or cow's colostrum. Cow's colostrum is the best alternative to ewe's colostrum. Often dairy farmers have a good supply of this during the lambing period. If this is not available use the following home made mixture of colostrum for at least four days.

### Recipe for Lamb's colostrum.

1 litre warm cow's or powdered milk

1 egg

1 teaspoon of cod liver oil.

## **Leading:**

1. In leading the lamb/kid is usually just led around a square course about 10 meters across.
2. A collar and lead is usual for lambs/kids.
3. Judges prefer the lead held a few cm after the clip and with a loose feel (not tight) but child to be in control. Lead is not to be wrapped around child's hand. Metal clip should not be held.
4. Always stand by the lamb/kids left shoulder. Do not walk in front of the lamb's head. DO NOT take your hand off lead to touch lamb.
5. Walk with your head up and look as if you are enjoying yourself.
6. Try to avoid: (a) Pulling or tugging at the lead.  
(b) Any quick, sudden movements which will frighten the lamb/kid.
7. Goats compete in a OBSTACLE COURSE instead of LEADING - this involves jumping on to rounds of wood, over small wood jumps and up a ramp and jumping off the end. This is done with a longer held lead. Children walk on in the inside of obstacles.



# The important bits!

## POINTS TO REMEMBER:

1. The lamb should be brushed for cleanliness and appearance. It is NOT to be washed, although dirty parts such as under front legs, on each flank, and inside the ears can be wiped with a damp cloth. Don't forget to brush its stomach.
2. You can keep the lamb/kids wool clean by making a cover for it.
3. Keep the lamb/kids bed clean and dry (fresh hay when necessary). Newspaper makes good bedding and can be burned when dirty.
4. Wash the feeding bottle and teat after each meal.
5. Provide shade in hot weather.
6. Never force the lamb/kid to drink too much.
7. Never keep the lamb/kid in a cold draughty pen.
8. Never feed with dirty utensil's
9. DON'T wash your lamb—must have lanolin present in wool.
10. Kid goats (apart from Fibre breed like Angora) can be washed with milk animal shampoo.
11. Have either a collar and lead with a snap hook on one end for tying up your lamb/kid.
12. Practice calling at feed time to reward your lamb.
13. Kid Goats will compete in an OBSTACLE COURSE instead of LEADING - this involves jumping onto rounds of wood, over small wood jumps and up a ramp and jumping off the end. This is done with a longer held lead.



# The Woolly Bits

## CALL, FOLLOW AND RUN

This is one of the most important sessions as it really shows how well the lamb/kid has been looked after, who has looked after it, and how friendly it is towards you.

In this event you leave the lamb/kid with the judge or steward and walk along to the next peg from where you call the lamb/kid to you and pat it on the head at the first corner. You should then be able to walk along to the next peg without touching the lamb/kid and it should follow you, then run and follow for the last section and catch your pet just inside the ring.

### Before Club Day:

1. Get someone to hold your lamb/kid, walk about 5 metres away from it and call it.
2. When it comes, give it a little pat for a good effort.
3. Practice walking along with your lamb/kid following you. Be careful not to walk too fast for it.
4. Run along with your lamb/kid running behind you. After running for about 5 metres, stop and catch your lamb/kid and pat it.

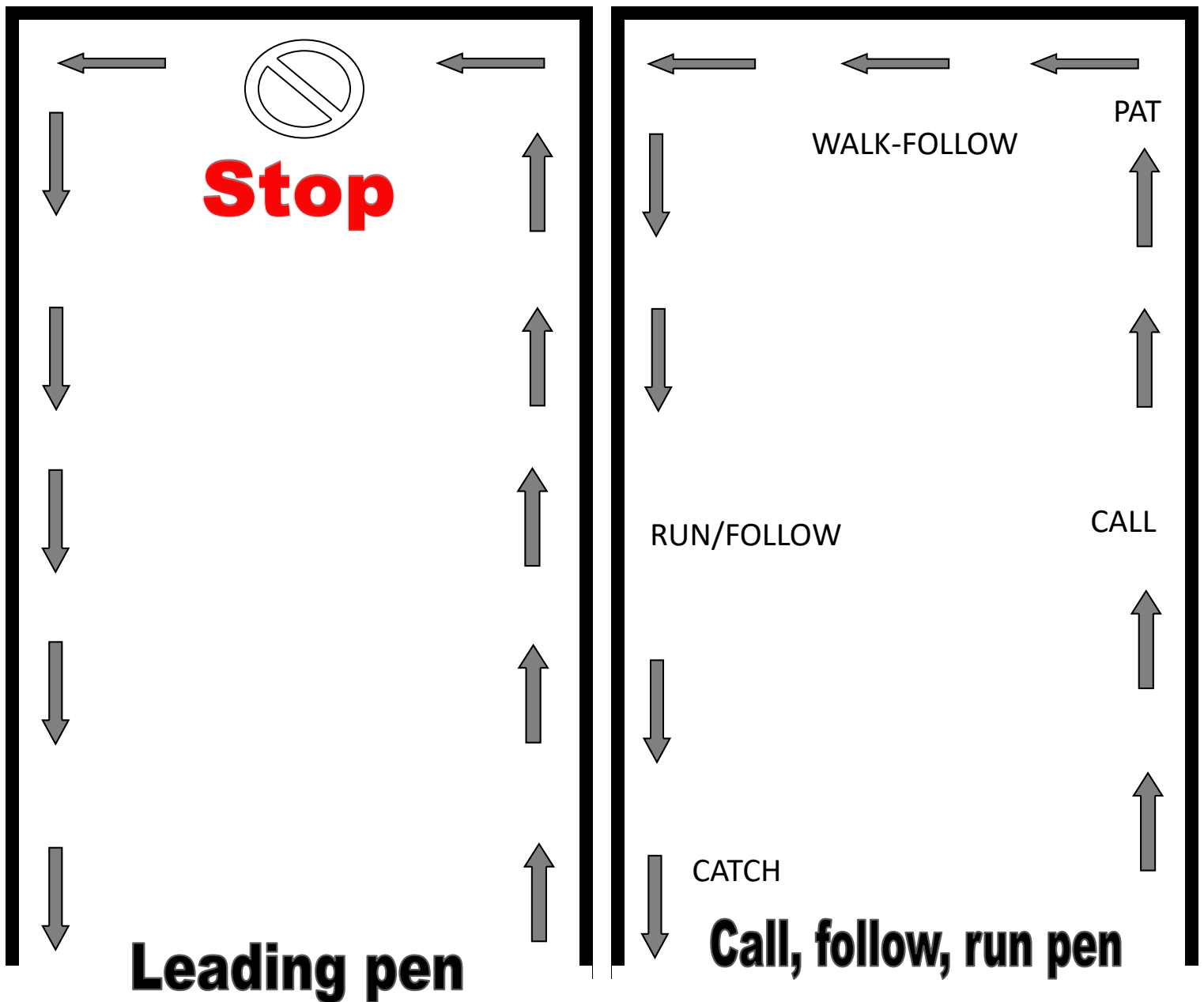
### Practice catching it quietly.

These things are of course best practiced before you feed the lamb/kid and not just after. Brush your lamb/kid but remember that although you can wash his toes and his tail if it gets dirty, you are NOT allowed to wash his wool.

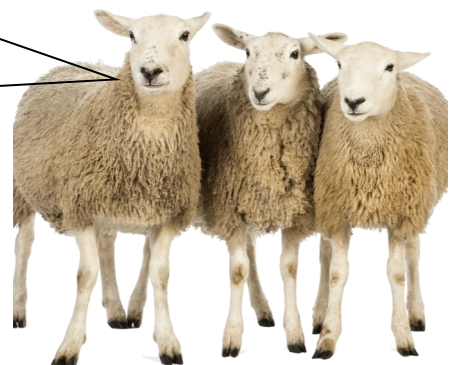
On the School Ag Day remember to do just what you have been practicing and call out loudly and clearly to your lamb/



# The Challenge!



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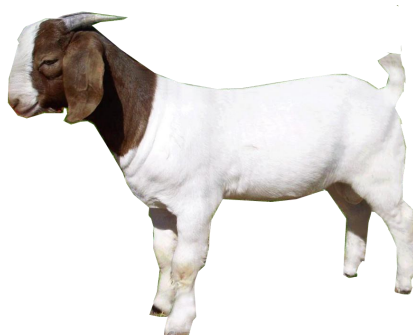
# GUIDANCE RULES

## THE CONDUCT OF PET LAMBS/KIDS

1. The lamb/kid should be judged as a PET ONLY, no account will be taken of the breed or commercial qualities.
2. As the yoke wool is a natural protection (lanolin) against cold and wet, it is wrong to remove it.

Therefore WASHING SHALL BE PROHIBITED. Sponge in side ears and around the mouth, bottom/tail and under flanks of legs.

3. Judging shall be on the LEAD, CALL and FOLLOW principle using the normal square ring - points out of 10 per side. It is PROHIBITED to have any incentive for animal during these events.
4. Special tricks, decorations, harness etc. shall not no influence on the judging.
5. As lambs/kids are easily distracted, especially when not held, the judge will clear the ring of officials, will move the spectators back a reasonable distance from the ring and will appoint a Steward to control movements around the ring.
7. Lambs/kids will be judging early in the day. NO FEEDING OF LAMBS/KIDS UNTIL ALL LEADING EVENTS HAVE BEEN COMPETED FOR ALL COMPETITORS. Everyone will be given some time to feed their lamb before rearing (if required). As in calf judging, points will be awarded for neatness of halter, lead ropes etc, as these are part of the CARE and ATTENTION in a pet.
8. Rearing is judged on CARE, CONDITION and CLEANLINESS. Children will be asked questions eg. Animal's birth date, breed, what animal is fed, how much and how many times a day, information regarding inoculations or medications, and other interesting information about the animal.
9. Wire brushes are not encouraged as they can scratch skin and split wool.
10. Kid goats must be checked for lice and treated as necessary. Kid goats (except fibre goats eg Angora) can be washed and this is encouraged.



# Diary 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Pet: Lamb / Kid (please circle)

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth:    /    /

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