

GENERAL SHOWMANSHIP CONTESTS

- 1) Showmanship will be awarded in beef, dairy, swine, sheep, horse, meat & dairy goat, dog, poultry, and rabbit classes. Best in Show will be awarded in Pets.
- 2) Exhibitors will automatically be signed up for showmanship in each livestock area they exhibit in. Individuals may “scratch” their entry if desired on show day.
- 3) To be eligible for showmanship, **an exhibitor must be showing his/her own animal or have a lease or share agreement in place.** The exhibitor may select any animal he/she has checked in to be shown in the showmanship class.
- 4) Show order will be determined by the superintendent and judge.
- 5) The contest is judged on the basis of fitting and showing livestock.
- 6) Exhibitors may also be judged on showmanship while showing in other classes in that department.
- 7) Awards will be based on the following:
 - Appearance of the animal - cleanliness, grooming, clipping
 - Skill in showing the animal - proper presentation to the judge, cooperation with the judge and ring master, ability to handle the animal.
 - Appearance of the exhibitor - see general rules for proper dress guidelines.
 - Knowledge of project - ability to answer judge’s questions about their animal
- 8) An award will be given to the Grand Champion in each showmanship class. The Reserve Champion will receive a rosette.
- 9) **Exhibitors are allowed to jump up to a higher level of showmanship if they like to.**
 - For example, if you are the junior level exhibitor and you want to compete in the intermediate level you may select that division on FairEntry, by June 15th of the fair year.
 - Exhibitors can also just stay at the level that is appropriate for their age.

HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST

The Herdsmanship Award is used to promote a positive image, as well as a cleaner and safer environment in the barns and Static Building. Judging for the award will be done on a surprise inspection basis throughout the fair, from the time the animals arrive until they leave - including the cleaning of stalls/pens on the last day of fair.

The Herdsmanship Award should be a club and chapter team effort. ALL clubs with livestock projects at the fair will automatically be judged. There is no entry required. Judging will be done once or twice daily with each club receiving a point rating per species which will be posted in the show barn daily. Each species will be judged independently, and the winning club/chapter will be awarded a \$25 cash prize per species. This will be paid at the same time as fair premiums.