

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) Contest 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 Grand Champion in each showmanship class. The Reserve Champion will receive a rosette.

HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST

The Herdsmanship Award is used to promote a positive image, as well as a cleaner and safer environment in the barns. 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 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.

Costume Contests

Sponsored by the Nashua Plainfield FFA Chapter

Exhibitors may use their imagination to create a costume for their animal – as this class will be judged on creativity and uniqueness. *Please note: This class will be judged by someone other than an official show judge.*

Rules:

- Props may be used. No noise-making props allowed!
- The exhibitor is allowed to dress up along with the animal.
- Changing the natural color of the animal is not allowed.
- Each animal used in the costume class must be shown in another class within their respective species.
- Limited to one animal per Clover Kid.
- No entries will be accepted that can harm or injure the animal.

Clover Kid Costume Class

1. The Clover Kid Costume Contest will be open to Clover Kids (K-3rd grade) who exhibited in the Bottle Bucket Calf, Goats, Lamb, Poultry or Rabbit shows.
2. Exhibitors must sign up at the Fair Office by 5 pm on Saturday, July 11th if they are planning to participate.
3. The show will be held upon completion of the Dairy Celebrity Showmanship on Sunday, July 12th.

NEW IN 2021:

10000 Costume Challenge Class- Open to youth in 4th and 5th grade. Sign up must be completed in FairEntry by June 15th.

- a. Exhibitors will be notified when to pick up a box of items from the extension office before the start of the achievement show.
- b. The challenge items must all be incorporated into the costume of the exhibitor and/or animal.
- c. All previously stated rules (see above) must be followed or exhibitor will be disqualified from participation.