

Lambs

Competition is open to lambs born between 20 July to the 20 September.

The lamb shall be judged as a pet only – no account being taken of the breed or the commercial qualities.

Rams and long tail lambs are able to be shown at the school Agricultural Day and the Cambridge Schools Group Day.

As the yolk of the wool is a natural protection against the cold and wet, washing lambs in any form is prohibited and marks will be deducted accordingly in the rearing competition.

Child will rear and show only one animal and this animal will be shown by only one child.

No halters, choker chains or horse ropes shall be used on lambs. The lamb should be fitted with a collar and lead to suit the size and age of the lamb.

Children must know the birth date of their lamb.

Classes for judging will be:

- Most obvious pet (call, follow, run)
- Leading
- Rearing

Group Day competition shall be divided into sub-junior (5 & 6 year olds), Junior (7 & 8 year olds), Intermediate (9 & 10 year olds) and Senior (11, 12 & 13 year olds). The Group Day lamb co-ordinator has the power to adjust these ages to allow competition numbers to be even across all sections.

All classes will be divided into 'Early' (lambs born 20 July - 20 August) and 'Late' (lambs born 21 August – 20 September) sections in the Group Day rearing section. The lamb co-ordinator has the authority to adjust these dates (within a few days) to create more even groups in each ring and advise the judge of this change.

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Congratulation's on your new pet lamb or goat!

Here's a few tips on how to look after your pet.

- a) Have a warm dry shelter for your pet, so it able to get out of the rain, wind or sun.
- b) A safe place to eat grass, e.g. a pen or small paddock or tethered on a lead, making sure it can get back to its shelter if need be. Watch your pet does not eat any poisonous plants such as ivy, Daphne, rhododendron, oleander, castor oil plants and primula's.
- c) Feeding your pet properly is very important, they need to be fed 4 times a day especially when small and may be reduced to 3 times a day as they get older. Use good milk powder such as Anlamb or fresh cows milk if available. A good guide that you are feeding your pet properly is to look to see if it's stomach is level with it front and back legs, not protruding out (a bloated look) or sunken in. Please make available good clean grass and clean water to drink..
- d) Make sure all bottles and teats are clean, dirty feeding equipment will cause scouring.(overfeeding will cause scouring also)
- e) Make sure milk is not too hot or too cold, blood temperature.
- f) Brush your pet everyday all over with a plastic brush, or hands. WIRE BRUSHES ARE NOT ALLOWED, as they pull natural crimp out of wool and scratch skin. Make sure mouth, eyes, ears are kept clean by a wet cloth. A cover may be used to keep your pet clean. ABSOLUTELY NO WASHING OF LAMBS WITH WATER OR SOAP. Dirty spots can be wiped with a wet cloth.
- g) Put a collar on your pet and lead it everyday. (leads should have clip fastener that clips on and off the collar easily.)
- h) Play with your pet, love it and have lots of fun with it, the more time you spend with your pet the more it will follow and love you back. Remember you are now it's mother or father.
- i) All lambs should be docked and drenched for worms if necessary. Goats feet should be trimmed, and animal checked and treated for lice if necessary. (Lambs can get lice also)
- j) Give your pet a name, learn it's birthday and breed. Learning names of other breeds and general knowledge about your pet is helpful and judges will ask questions e.g. what diseases it may get and what is a vaccination? Etc.
- k) Below is diagrams showing the general courses the pets are expected to do, you could perhaps practice leading or calling your pet in a similar pattern at home. Some schools have obstacle courses for pets to go over, so this could be practiced too. (over logs and through gates etc.)

