Cattle Showmanship 101



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Home Breaking Daily Routine Set Up Show Day

Agenda

Home Life

Most Important

- → Housing
 - ◆ Environment? Cement vs Dirt & Structure
 - Bedding- mulch or sawdust
 - ◆ Manure Management- equipment and routine
- → Water
- → Feed
- → Feed Pan
- → Hay- grass
- → Turnout/exercise

Showmanship Starts at Home

It's all about the things that you do every day!

Getting them BROKE

- → Breaking Halter
 - ◆ Pressure/release
 - ◆ Donkey, tractor
- → Tie them up
 - ◆ Daily
 - ◆ Length
- → Radio
- → Positive
- → Expose them at home to what they will see at the show





Daily Routine

- → Tie Up
- → KEEP THEM CLEAN- weather
 - ◆ Grooming Practices
 - Rinsing (3x/wk)
 - Soap/Fully Wash (1-2/wk)
 - Condition- Daily
 - Kleen Sheen
 - Da Juice
 - Revive
 - ◆ No Hair- Healthy Hide









Hair Training

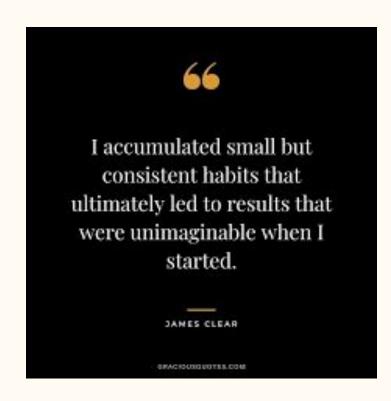
- → Tools
 - Hose with an end you can control the stream
 - ◆ Metal Curry
 - ◆ Foamer & Soap
 - ◆ Scrub Brush
 - ◆ Rice Bristle Brush
 - ◆ Comb
 - ◆ Blower- single, double, boxel, beast
- → Steps
 - ◆ Rinse
 - ◆ Metal Curry- Hair Down
 - ◆ Soap (Rinse again if Rinse Day)
 - ◆ Scrub All Hair forward
 - ◆ Rinse off Soap
 - Rice Bristle Brush Hair Forward
 - ◆ Comb Hair up
 - ◆ Blow Dry- Hair Forward





Exercising Effectively

- → Daily
 - ◆ After being tied/hair care
 - ◆ Walk for 15- 20 minutes
 - Engaged vs. Cardio
- → Show Ring imitation
 - ◆ Different times throughout the day
 - ◆ Halter
 - Rope halter vs show halter
 - Show stick
 - Animal's Attention



The Set Up

- → Know your animal's structure
 - ♦ What to hide, what to showcase
 - ◆ Long Strided vs. Short Strided
- → Walking into it
 - ◆ Absolute requirement
 - ♦ Half step/full step
- → Once Set
 - ◆ Scratch chest
 - Does your animal need help?
 - Head up
 - Loin Down
 - Tail down
 - Front feet underneath
 - Over or under staggered?

Chuck video

Walking Into the Set Up

- → Mechanics Behind it
 - Animal looks best
 - Most natural
 - ◆ Feet in Diagonal Pairs
 - ◆ Count to 3
- → Know your animal's structure
 - ◆ Big strided? Short Strided?
 - ◆ Where are they most comfortable
 - ♦ Half step/full step

Marley video

What the Judge is Looking For

- → First Impression
 - ◆ Outfit
 - ◆ Eye contact
 - ◆ Confidence
 - ◆ Who is in control? Animal or you?
- → Intensity
 - ◆ Eye contact
- → Walking Pace
- → Set up accuracy
 - ◆ Circling
 - ◆ Poking feet
- → Judge moving around
 - Out of the way- SAFELY
- → Consistency- who looks the best the most often
- → Your animal matters- who makes the best picture
- → Questions
 - Meaningful answers



The Ideal

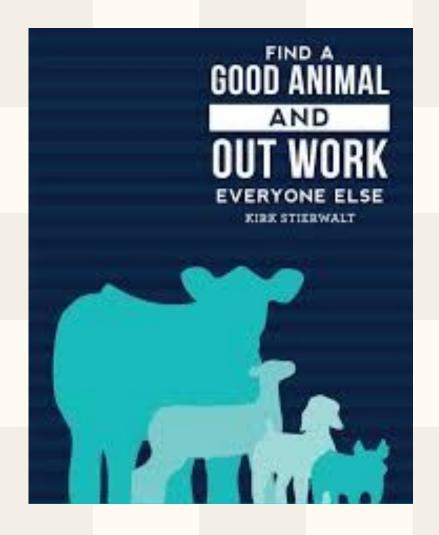
- → It isn't about you- showcase your animal.
- → Ideal standard
 - ◆ Balanced
 - Prettiest picture



Show Day

- → Always
 - ◆ Clean
 - ◆ Fed/Full
- → Fit vs No Fit
- → Animal behavior
 - Does your animal need something to take the edge off to make this a positive experience?
 - TRY AT HOME FIRST
 - ◆ How is your animal feeling?
- → Know the flow of the ring
- → Age of exhibitor and expectations
 - ◆ Animal engagement (laying down)
 - ◆ Intensity
 - ◆ Showring awareness
 - ◆ Being "smart"





THANK 100: