

## 4-H Livestock Project Interview Tip Sheet

- Be appropriately dressed and neatly groomed. You don't need to dress up, but should be in clothes that are not dirty, torn, etc.
- Don't chew gum.
- Be prepared. Bring all necessary record sheets and completed project book with you to judging.
- Have a good, positive attitude about yourself and your project. Smile and be enthusiastic!
- Be confident. Relax and enjoy the interview. The judges are not there to criticize you, but are there to support you and give you ideas on ways to grow and improve for next year – *"To make the best better"*
- Sit up straight and use good posture.
- Speak clearly and look directly at the judge.
- Be polite and use manners. But, also be yourself.
- Be informed and prepared to talk about your project. Know what you did to complete the project, what you learned and what you might do differently next time.
- Pay close attention to your judge and his/her questions. Listen carefully to what they say. Don't be distracted by other people or noises.
- Focus your attention on the judge. Answer questions directly. If necessary, take a few seconds to collect your thoughts and ideas.
- Thank the judge when the interview is over.

### Sample general questions for animal projects

Tell me some things you learned while doing your project this year.

What did you enjoy about raising your animal? What things didn't you like about the project?

Where did you house your animal? What type of shelter did you provide?

What did you feed your animal? Did you have a withdrawal time for your feed?

Did your animal need any medications? What were the medications for? How was it administered?

Show me and tell me about the types of records you kept as part of raising your animal. Why are records important?

What activities did you do as part of your project this year? Demonstration, field trip, etc.