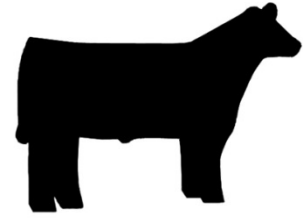


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Show Breaking Calendar and Technique



- June – Early July
 - Allow the animal to get comfortable around you to build trust
 - Start getting the animal used to a halter and show stick
 - Start with the rope halter, then move on to the show halter
 - Start using the show stick with the calf in a calm, light way, until they get used to it
- Late July - August
 - Practice walking your calf around the yard on the show and rope halters
 - Practice using the show stick to set up your animal and scratch it's belly
 - Wash and dry the calf a few times a week to help avoid stains
- Late August – Fair
 - Continue walking your steer and practice setting it up for the show
 - Wash and dry the animal frequently to help avoid any stains

Showmanship Summary

- Preparing for showmanship
 - Make sure your steer or heifer is clean and ready to go
 - Make sure you are professionally presented
 - Collared shirt tucked in, long jeans, close toed shoes, belt
 - Be sure to watch the classes before you
 - Observe what the judge is looking for, and watch what older/more experienced showman are doing
- Going to the Ring
 - Listen for your class – you don't ever want to be late!!!
- Makeup Area
 - Don't fight other exhibitors for a spot in line, be patient and calm – your animal can sense it
 - The judge is always watching – even when you're in the makeup area
 - Keep your eyes on the judge when you're in the holding area
- In the Ring
 - As you enter, make solid eye contact with the judge
 - Be aware of your surroundings
 - Do not get too close to the exhibitor in front of you
 - Stay in line with the other animals
 - Get your calf set up as quickly and effectively as possible, and then watch the judge as you rub the steer or heifer with the show stick

Grooming/Fitting

- Fitting your market steer/heifer at the fair
 - To fit your animal, you will want to pull, or comb up, the hair on the front and back legs

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- Knee and hock down
- It is best to practice at home a few times before you take the steer or heifer to the fair
- How to fit your animal
 - First, you will want to wash and dry your animal
 - Then, you can use a comb to come the steer or heifer's leg hair (again, from the knees and hocks down) up
 - Lightly spray some adhesive on the legs, then comb it up
 - Spray a little, comb a lot
 - A little adhesive can go a long way
 - After pulling the legs, use your clippers to cut off any stray leg hairs and to even out the leg hair
 - You want the fit leg to blend into the rest of the animal's body – look natural and proportional
 - When you have finished fitting the steer or heifer, do not mess with the legs or let the calf lay down until after it has finished showing
 - Once the animal is finished showing, you need to break down its leg hair to get the adhesive out
 - First, spray the adhesive remover on the leg (ex. – *Weaver's ProRemover* and *Sullivan's Hocus Pocus*)
 - Rub the adhesive remover into the leg to work out the adhesive
 - Wash the adhesive remover out of the leg, and wash with soap
 - Dry the leg hair with your blower

Finish

- As you near the fair, your steer or heifer may need a little more fat cover or need to burn off some fat
 - If the animal is too skinny and you want to increase rate of gain and build finish (fat), you need to feed a ration that is higher in energy – TDN
 - A few options include:
 - Sunglo's Liquafat
 - Umbarger's Cattle Blaster
 - If your animal is over-conditioned and you need to control or take off finish (fat), feed a ration that is lower in energy – TDN
 - A few options include:
 - *Honor Show Chow's Full Control*

Facilities and Equipment

- Grooming chute
- Rope halter – 1 per animal
- Show halter – 1 per animal
- Neck rope – 1 per animal
- Show stick
- Feed pan

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- Water tub
- Blower
- Scotch comb
- Curry comb
- Grooming clippers
- Adhesive and Adhesive Remover
- Shampoo