

C. Showing Animal in the Ring -- 60 points

1. Leading -- 25 points

- a. Enter leading the animal at normal walk around the ring in a clockwise direction, walking opposite the head on the left side, holding a lead strap with the right hand quite close to the halter with the strap neatly, but naturally (preferably not coiled), gathered in one or both hands. Holding close to the halter or with the hand inside the halter ensures a more secure control of an animal.
- b. Animal should lead readily and respond quickly to the exhibitor. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to respond quickly with the animal to the signals given by the judge.
- c. Halter of right type for showing dairy cattle, fitting properly and placed correctly on animal. The nose band should fit across the bridge of the nose midway between the eyes and the muzzle. A leather halter with leather or chain lead is preferred.
- d. As the judge studies your animal the preferred method of leading is walking slowly facing the animal and holding the lead strap in the left hand with the remainder of it neatly, but naturally, gathered in one or both hands. At all other times walk facing forward at a quicker pace. When given the signal to pull into line, move quickly to that position in the ring.
- e. Lead at a comfortable pace with the animal's head held high enough for impressive style, attractive carriage and graceful walk. Never allow a large gap to occur between your animal and the one ahead of you. Do not crowd the exhibitor ahead of you nor lead in front of that animal so it cannot be seen by the judge.

2. Posing -- 15 points

- a. When posing and showing an animal stay on the animal's left side and stand faced at an angle to her in a position far enough away to see stance of her feet and her topline.
- b. Pose animal with feet squarely placed. The hind leg nearest the judge is posed slightly behind the other one when showing heifers or bulls. The hind leg nearest the judge should be far enough ahead to allow the judge to see both the fore and rear udder when exhibiting cows.
- c. Animal should be trained so the exhibitor can move it quickly and easily into the correct pose. The position of the rear legs should be reversed when the judge walks around to view the animal from the other side. Do not over show. When judge is observing the animal, let it stand when posed reasonably well.
- d. Face animal uphill, if possible, with her front feet on a slight incline.

7. Striking animal unnecessarily to make it move: *serious discrimination*
8. Holding lead strap too far from halter: *slight to serious discrimination*

Posing Animal in the Ring

1. Legs incorrectly posed (unbalanced, stretched, rear legs in wrong position): *slight to serious discrimination*
2. Animal posed downhill (front end too low): *slight discrimination*
3. Positioning animals front feet by stepping on them: *slight discrimination*
4. Positioning animals rear legs by stepping on rear feet or pasterns: *serious discrimination*
5. Leaving too much space when pulled into line: *slight discrimination*
6. Crowding or bumping other animals when pulled into line: *serious discrimination*
7. Overshowing, unnecessary fussing or maneuvering animal: *slight to serious discrimination*
8. Failure to switch rear legs when judge moves around animal: *slight discrimination*

Showing Animal to Best Advantage

1. Unable to recognize type faults of animals: *slight to serious discrimination*
2. Unable to show animal to best advantage: *slight to serious discrimination*
3. Does not know birth date, fresh date, breeding date, due date: *slight to serious discrimination*
4. Violations of PDCA Show Ring Code of Ethics: *disqualification*
5. The exhibiting of bulls in showmanship classes should not be encouraged

Poise, Alertness and Attitude

1. Watching the judge too intently (unaware of other animals or own animal): *slight to serious discrimination*
2. Inattentiveness (pays little attention to judge, seems more interested in what's happening at ringside, distracted): *slight to serious discrimination*
3. Slow response to judge or ring officials: *slight discrimination*
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct (discourteous to officials or other exhibitors, disrespectful of judge, inappropriate comments or gesture): *serious discrimination to disqualification*