

Judging 4H Fiber Goats and Showmanship

Often when you are asked to judge at county fairs, as well as being asked to judge the open classes you will be asked to judge 4H Fiber Goats. This may be a mix of angoras, pygoras and cashmeres. In the breeds classes you will judge them according to the scorecards of their respective breeds. In the showmanship classes, the handlers are judged on the appearance of their animals, but not necessarily their quality, the appearance of themselves, and the handling of their animal in the ring. In addition participants are expected to answer questions from the judge to exhibit their level of knowledge of their animal.

The following scorecard reveals 40 points for presentation and preparation of the goat for show, 10 points for handlers appearance and 30 points for handling and showing of the goat. In many cases the 4Her's are so well prepared and practiced it will be the showmanship questions that will decide the winners.

A 4H show preparation list and a list of showmanship questions by level of experience have been included.

4H SHOWMANSHIP SCORECARD

GOAT:	POINTS
Condition – good size and weight and in good health	10
Fleece – well grown, free of matts and lice	10
Neatness – feet trimmed, horns clean, stained hair removed	10
Cleanliness – fleece free of vegetation	10
HANDLER	
Neat and clean appearance	10
SHOWMANSHIP	
Ability to show and pose goat	10
Ability to lead and control goat	10
Ability to pay attention and good attitude	10
Knowledge of animal and fleece *	20
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- See list of Showmanship questions
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4H Showmanship questions:

NOVICE

What type of animal is this? Breed? Age? Sex?
Why do you raise these animals?
What is the fiber called?
How do you get the fiber off of the goat?
What can you do with it?
Name the body parts: muzzle, withers, rump, hoof, hock, ribs, dewclaws.
Name three things you need to provide for your goat.

JUNIOR

What is the origin of your goat?
At what age does a goat have her first kid?
When is the breeding season?
What does gestation mean? How long is gestation?
When are kids born and what is it called?
What must kids ingest within 12 hour of birth to ensure a healthy immune system?
When do angoras wean their kids?
How long do they live?
Name the body parts: Chest, front and rear canons, knee, loin, heart girth, poll, pastern.
What is the fiber used for?
How much fiber per shearing?
Why is it special?
List three things you would tell someone about to buy a fiber goat for the first time.
What do you feed your goat?
What are the three types of angora fiber and how are they different?
What is the season of growth for cashmere?
How long and how fine does a fiber have to be to qualify as cashmere?

INTERMEDIATE

What is the fiber diameter of mohair/angora/cashmere?
How does it compare in fineness to other fibers?
Have you done anything with the fiber? How do you prepare it for use?
Define style and character.
What is kemp and how is it different from medulated fiber?
What is a normal temperature range for a healthy goat?
Find these body parts: thigh, heel, topline, britch, pin bones, flank, stifle, chine, elbow.
What are the meanings of terms: conformation, kemp, scours, vaccination, ruminant.
What routine vaccinations do you give your goats?
What are two common goat parasites?
How do you manage lice?
List three components of good conformation.
What is the average protein content of alfalfa hay?

SENIOR

What are some possible causes, symptoms and treatments for overeating disease?
What are the symptoms of coccidia. How would you be sure? How would you treat?
Name the four compartments of a goat's stomach.
How does nutrition affect mohair growth?
Why is it advantageous for an angora to have loose skin?
Name two very undesirable yet heritable traits and explain why they are undesirable.
Identify where you would watch for rumen contractions.
Describe how to manage a pasture for parasite control.
What is the treatment for pneumonia?

