4-H/FFA
Market Hog Showmanship Clinic

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Quick Tips for Showmanship

IT ALL STARTS AT HOME

- Keep your pig healthy (no external, internal parasites)
- Train your pig to be a show pig: walk daily
- Practice showing using your parent as a judge
- Keep pig in a clean place with bedding (shavings)
- Wash pig at home using mild soap and rinse
- Train your pig to walk with head up

AT THE SHOW

- Make sure you feed and water your pig before showmanship
- Don’t be late for the show
- Be sure you have all your equipment

ENTERING THE RING

- Pay attention in the holding pen before entering the ring – locate judge
- Always shut gate behind you
- Head pig off before it gets to a corner
- Stay out of groups
- Show intensity by being focused

BASICS IN THE RING

- Keep hog moving 10-15 feet away from the judge
- Do not pass between judge and pig
- Keep one eye on the pig and one on the judge
- Show from the hip of the pig
- Do not walk behind the pig and look like you are following
- Try to find the judges window of view – anticipate judge’s moves
- Slow pace
- Give judge different views
- Don’t over use cane or whip
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WHEN DO YOU BRUSH YOUR PIG
• Daily – front to rear in a downward direction
• Show Ring
  • When pig gets dirty
  • When judge handles pig
  • In holding pen
  • Keep your brush in your pocket when not using

PENNING YOUR PIG
• When asked to pen your pig, drive the pig straight to the pen
• Open the pen gate and drive the pig in
• Use the way the gate opens to help get the pig in the pen
• If pig gets away, latch pen gate and try again
• In the pen, brush pig, show side view of pig, crouch behind and be attentive
• Clean off pig's snout before going out of pen
• Always latch gate when called back to the ring

BE PREPARED
• To maneuver obstacle courses
• To answer questions
• To switch pigs
  • Drive pigs to each other
  • Switch show instruments if they are not the same
  • Check other animal for dirt
1. What breed is your hog?

2. What is the exercise program for your hog?

3. How much does your hog weigh?

4. When was your hog born?

5. How old is your hog?

6. What do you feed your hog?

7. How much do you feed your hog?

8. What is the percent of crude protein in your feed ration?

9. What would you like to change about your hog?

10. Name two swine by-products.

11. How many pounds of feed must be fed for 1 pound of gain?

12. What is the health program for your hog?

13. Is your hog a gilt or barrow?

14. What would you change about your hog?

15. What is the best feature of your hog?

16. What are some different meat breeds of hogs?

17. How much should a market hog weigh?

18. What is the gestational length of a hog?

19. What is the average amount of back fat on a hog?

20. What are the main cuts of a hog?