

Glenbrook School

Calf Club



2015



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Saturday 17 October 2015

Once again it's Calf Club time. In this booklet you will find all the information required to assist you with the rearing and training of your animals.

Included are entry forms, so as soon as you get your animal you can record its details directly on to the form.

Entry forms can be returned at any time, although a deadline date will be advised closer to the event. Each child may have only one entry. Each area of competition is split into Senior and Junior competitors:

- Senior – children 10 years and over on 1 October 2015
- Junior – children under 10 years on 1 October 2015
- Pre-schoolers are welcome to enter, however they will not be officially judged

Please ensure you complete the application form in full, including the breeding of your calf, lamb or goat.

All calves must have Animal Health Board ear tags, as well as TB status forms or exemption forms from MAF. There are no exceptions – no tags, no entry. Please ensure you get this sorted out with the supplier of your calf at the time of collection.

Pet day calf participants

All animals that attend a school pet days must be:

- tagged with a NAIT-approved RFID ear tag and
- registered with NAIT

There is no requirement for pet day participants to record animal movements to and from school pet days.

To be eligible for Group Day competition, the animal must have won a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the school competition. Group Day is comprised of entries from all the schools in the Waiuku area, and is normally held about two weeks after our own school club day. No pets are eligible for Group Day competition – only calves, lambs and goats.

No parents will be allowed in the calf, lamb or goat rings while judging is taking place.

Separate information will be available for chickens and the PTA option.

We hope you all have fun rearing and getting to know your animals. Don't forget to name them early so they get used to their name.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact a committee member.

Enjoy your animal and best of luck to all competitors.

Instructions for Calves

Definition of Breed

Dairy (heifers only)

- light breeds – Jersey, Ayrshire and their crosses
- heavy breeds – Friesian, Shorthorn, Red Poll and their crosses

Light or heavy breed crosses are determined by the sire (father)

Beef (heifers or steers – no bulls)

Steers of any breed or crossbreed (ie if you have Friesian or Jersey steer, it can be included in the this category)

In order to decide which category your calf should go into, it is essential you record the breed of both the mother and the father on the attached entry form.

Early or Late Calf:

- Early calves are to be born between 1 June and 15 July inclusive
 - Late calves are to be born between 16 July and 31 August inclusive
- These dates are set by the Waiuku Combined Calf Club Association

The calf's date of birth needs to be recorded on the entry form.

Note:

Calves with more than four teats are acceptable and will not be marked down. Also they can still have horns.

Calves should be castrated at around two to three weeks of age. There is less stress on the animal at this age. Steering by rubber ring or full castration by a vet must be done 6 weeks prior to Group Day. If full castration is done a vet certificate showing date of castration must be presented at Group Day.

Feeding

The calf needs to have its mother's milk for three to four days to build up antibodies against disease.

All calves must be hand reared by the child entering, using cafeteria, bucket or bottle from approximately four days of age.

Like all animals the calf responds quickly to human kindness and is easy to teach to drink from a bucket or bottle. Be careful not to over-feed with milk. Feeding instructions will be on the milk powder bags.

Good grass, hay and /or meal will be necessary after two weeks of age. Always have clean water available for your calf.

Ensure you provide adequate shelter for your calf. Also, a cover will help maintain your calf in good condition. A good cover can be made from a heavy sack and lined with an old blanket or towel. Slit the stitching down the side and bottom, cut

a piece for the neck and edge with a blanket stitch. Fasten with baling twine. Alternatively, covers can be purchased from places like RD1.

Your calf will need to be brushed daily, paying special attention to the neck and other parts not reached by the cover.

Leading

For the first few times just tie up your calf so they get the feel of the halter. Don't worry if they fight a little, most of them will. After they settle down, give them some meal and a lot of love. Then lead them to their milk. After the first few times you can gradually lead them further and further.

Rope or nylon web halters are the best types to use. The leather ones look nice but are not as easy to handle.

Hold your lead in your right hand standing beside the calf's shoulder. This is most important as a lot of good calves lose points because they are either pulled along or held back too much. Some calves walk faster than others so the child has to adjust their pace to suit the calf. Remember the compulsory stop (count to three and move on).

Don't wrap excess lead around your hand – loop loosely.

Attached is a diagram of the course layout. If you are able to set up a replica course for practising, it should make leading on the day a bit easier.

Judging Requirements

Condition	Fitness rather than fatness, well covered with firm flesh, not too much fat or showing signs of poor feeding methods.
Leading	Carriage, movement, docility and obedience to owner's directions.
Growth	Well balanced development, length without legginess, wide well sprung ribs.
Bloom	Eyes bright, coat soft and shiny, movement alert and brisk
Skin	Soft, pliable and elastic

Reminders for Calf Club Day

- Do not clip, singe or oil calf.
- Brush calf hair one way so it sits flat.
- If the calf needs washing do it a few days before calf club, otherwise the hair may go all fluffy.
- Make sure calf ears, feet and tail are clean.
- Keep a heavy cover on the calf, preferably with a wool lining.
- Hold the lead 10-15cm away from the halter.
- If the calf will not lead, don't hit it with your hand. Try a light tap with the end of the lead from behind your back.
- Lead your calf from your right (the left side of the animal).
- No posters are required for calves.
- You must bring your TB form for your calf on Calf Club Day.

Instructions for Lambs and Goats

The lambs and goats each have a separate competition. They are both split into Early and Late, lambs or goats.

Early or Late Lambs/Goats

- Early lambs/goats are born 1st July and 12th August inclusive
- Late lambs/goats are born 13th August and 23rd September inclusive

The date of birth must be recorded. It also helps if the animal's breed characteristics (ie parentage) are known. This information should be recorded on the entry form.

Rearing

The judge will look at the general appearance of the lamb or goat and will look for lice etc. The lamb or goat must not be clipped and the main fleece is not to be washed. Judging is done on the natural condition of the animal.

Lambs should be castrated and their tails docked at around two to three weeks of age. There is less stress on the animal at this age. Ask the breeder about this. Wethering by rubber ring or full castration by a vet must be done 6 weeks prior to Group Day. If full castration is done a vet certificate showing date of castration must be presented at Group Day.

Feeding

For the first 24 hours your lamb or goat needs colostrum milk from its mother if possible. Young lambs and goats need small feeds, little and often. It is important not to over feed at this stage. Feed on whole milk or Anlamb.

All lambs must be hand reared by the child entering, using cafeteria, bucket or bottle from approximately four days of age.

For quantities refer to milk powder container.

If your animal is unable have mothers milk for the first 24 hours use the following replacement colostrum recipe. This is to be fed to the animal for the first 48 hours and feeding can then be transferred to whole milk or Anlamb.

- 800ml blue top milk
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 tsp cod liver oil
- 1 dsp sugar

Heat 150ml at a time and keep the rest refrigerated.

Your animal will need to have grass and fresh water available at all times. Shelter from the weather also needs to be provided. Goats will feel the cold more than sheep.

Lambs and goats need to be vaccinated at approximately six weeks old. Your local vet can help you with this.

Calling

This should start at the earliest possible age with the child feeding the animal and talking to it, so that it can associate the child's voice, touch and smell with the food given.

On Calf Club Day the child will lead the lamb or goat to the steward. The lead is unclipped and the steward will hold the animal while the child crosses the ring. The child stands and calls the lamb or goat. When it comes to the child, the child must talk to it, but not touch it, turn and walk about three metres with the animal following. At this point the child clips the lead on and leaves the ring.

Leading

Leading should start at an early age (approximately 3-4 weeks), but only when your animal has confidence in you. Use a collar with a lead clipped to it. Children will be expected to hold the lead in the right hand not less than 200mm and not more than 350mm from the lamb or goat. The lamb or goat must walk with the animal's shoulder alongside the right leg of the child leading and the slack of the rope held in the left hand. The lamb or goat is not to be dragged or walked in front of. If the lamb or goat stops it should be started off again without any force being applied.

When your lamb or goat will walk beside you at a good pace in straight line, it is time to try leading it around obstacles and over posts or timber. Be patient, your animal will learn quickly.

The following activities will be penalised:

- Releasing the grip with the right hand
- Touching the animal during leading
- Slapping the animal
- Slapping the animal with the back of the lead
- Jerking the lead
- Pushing the animal with the child's lead

Hints to be observed:

- See that the lead is not too tight
- Keep the animal moving at a reasonable pace, but walk at the same pace as the animal
- Stand beside the shoulder of the animal at all times.

Attached is a diagram of the course layout. If you are able to set up a replica course to practice on, it should make leading on the day easier.

Reminders for Calf Club Day

- Main fleece must not be washed
- Face, ears, feet and bottom may be cleaned
- Lambs must be docked
- Lamb/goat must lead freely and not be dragged
- Lead your lamb/goat from the left side (your right side)
- Lambs/goats must not be brushed unless necessary to remove dirt
- No poster is required for lambs/goats

Instructions for Pet Entries

The pet section is divided into three categories:

- Dogs
- Small Furrries (guinea pigs, rabbits, mice etc)
- Horses

Some categories may be split in to Junior, Intermediate and Senior grades, depending on the number entries.

There are two areas of the competition:

Project – out of 50 marks

Child Effort – out of 50 marks

Project

The project consists of a poster-type layout on the pet, showing:

- Feeding
- Housing
- Grooming
- Handling
- Importance of cleanliness

You will also be required to write a short story about your pet.

The projects will be judged prior to Calf Club Day and the entries will therefore need to be in before the day. Date will be confirmed in the school newsletter.

The project is done on card supplied by the school and will be available from the school office.

The poster represents 50% of your overall mark, so it is essential that you complete one. Posters that have been done by hand rather than on a computer will gain more points; also hand drawn pictures of you pet rather than a photograph.

Child Effort

This is judged on the day.

The judge will look at the animal's condition and talk to the child to see how well they understand and relate to their pet.

Rules

Small Furrries

- Must be in carry cages (not a box).
- They will be housed in a classroom for display and judging.
- Pets must not be taken out of their cages.
- You may decorate your cage if you wish – these will also be judged

Horses

- Must not be ridden.
- They will be judged only on Leading and Child Effort.
- Horses must have an adult present at all times and must not leave their roped off area.

Dogs

- All dogs must be on a leash and be able to be handled by the child.
- Bring a secure peg to put into the ground to tie your dog to and a bowl of water
- Do not take your dog around the other animal rings as it may frighten some of the other animals
- Dogs will be in a special area – to be advised
- Bring plastic bags and clean up your dog droppings
- Parents must accompany their child and dog
- No parents will be allowed in the dog ring while judging is taking place

All dogs will be required to walk a short course on a lead. Practise before calf club so your child is confident to do this, by themselves, on the day.

Preschoolers

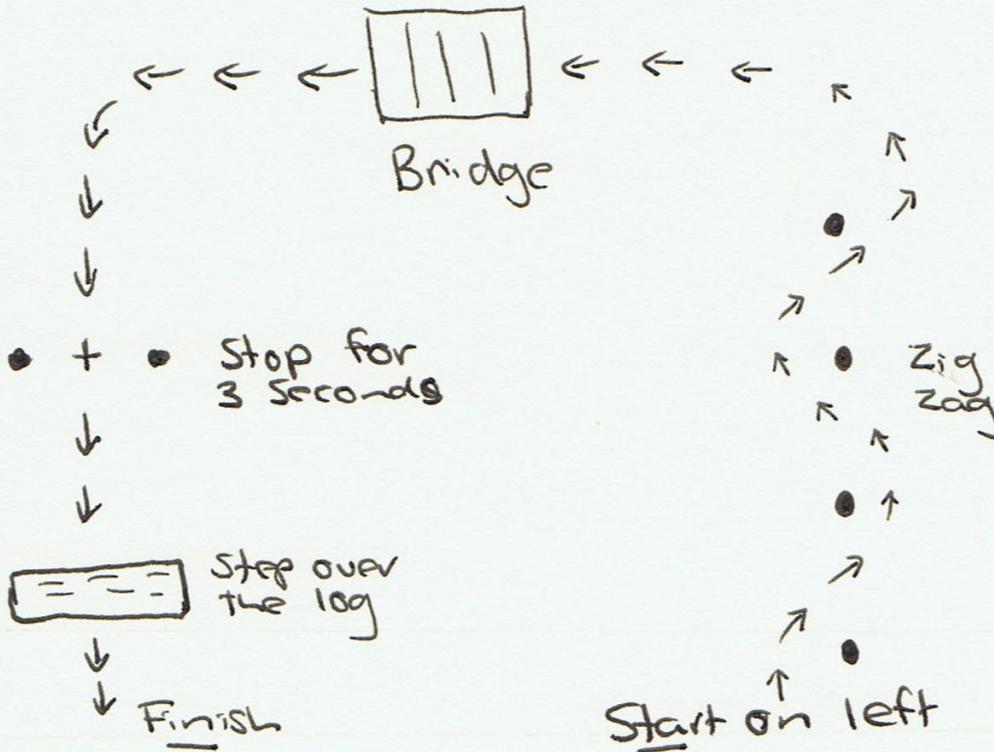
Preschoolers are able to enter the pet section. They are not required to do a poster and will not be officially judged. However, all preschoolers will receive a certificate and ribbon.

Chickens

Information and entry forms for chickens are covered in a separate booklet.

Course Layouts

Calves, Lambs and Goats



The minimum size of the animal rings is 15m x 15m. Dog ring may be smaller.

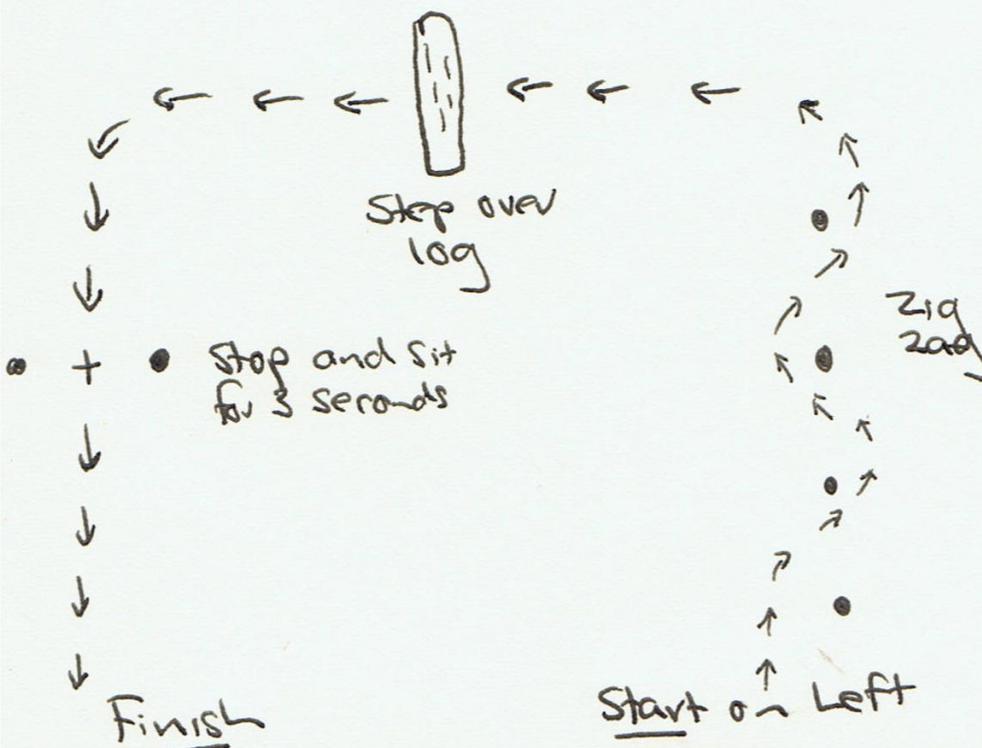
The bridge is generally made from rough sawn timber.

Remember to start on the left of the first marker and follow the course as indicated here.

The steward will let you know when to start.

The judge will move around the inside of the ring as you progress around the course.

Dogs



Don't forget the compulsory 3 second stop.

Calf, Lamb and Goat Entry Forms

Glenbrook School Calf Club Calf Lamb Goat (please circle one) Entry Form			
Child's Name:			
Child's Age (as at 1 October 2015):			
Breed of Calf/Lamb/Goat: (Father)		(Mother)	
Date of Birth of Calf/Lamb/Goat:			
Name of Calf/Lamb/Goat:			
Calf Gender:	Male	Female	(please circle)
Parent/Guardian's Signature:			

Glenbrook School Calf Club Calf Lamb Goat (please circle one) Entry Form			
Child's Name:			
Child's Age (as at 1 October 2015):			
Breed of Calf/Lamb/Goat: (Father)		(Mother)	
Date of Birth of Calf/Lamb/Goat:			
Name of Calf/Lamb/Goat:			
Calf Gender:	Male	Female	(please circle)
Parent/Guardian's Signature:			

Glenbrook School Calf Club Chicken Entry Form			
Child's Name:			
Child's Age (as at 1 October 2015):			
Name of Chicken:			
Parent/Guardian's Signature:			

Pet Entry Forms

Glenbrook School Calf Club Dogs, Horses, Small Furries Entry Form
Child's Name:
Child's Age (as at 1 October 2015):
Type of Pet :
Name of Pet:
Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Glenbrook School Calf Club Grass Seed Head Creature
Child's Name:
Child's Age (as at 1 October 2015):
Type of Pet :
Name of Pet:
Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Glenbrook School Calf Club Seed Potatoes
Child's Name:
Child's Age (as at 1 October 2015):
Type of Entry:
Parent/Guardian's Signature:

Pre-School Entry Form

Glenbrook School Calf Club Pre-School Entry Form
Child's Name:
Type of Pet (eg calf, lamb, dog, horse,):
Name of Pet:
Parent/Guardian's Signature: