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Evergreen
STATE FAIR
MONROE WA

4-H Herdsmanship Handbook

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The Evergreen State Fairgrounds
A Division of Snohomish County
Conservation & Natural Resources / Parks and Recreation
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DEPARTMENT U - HERDSMANSHIP

ENTRY & JUDGING

Entries and Judging are handled by individual Department Superintendents. See Department Schedules.

Sponsor By: Evergreen State Fair
Awards: Ribbons & Premiums

Department Rules:

The purpose of this Department is to encourage better care and display of animals in the barn. Judges may conduct several examinations throughout the day. All 4H members who enter animals into the Fair are automatically subject to perform duties of Herdsmanship. 4H program parents and leaders may direct but not participate in the care of cleaning of animals, pens or stalls.

Eligibility:

1. Herdsmanship is mandatory for any exhibitor entering animals in the Fair.
2. Herdsmanship duties are to be performed continuously throughout the day.
3. Points will be awarded per exhibitor, each day they are exhibiting, based on rating by the department superintendent using the score card below.
4. Points/premiums are not awarded based on number of animals, stalls or pens but on exhibitor's individual performance in Herdsmanship duties
5. Number of qualifying animals must be entered on entry form.
6. Cloverbuds, in areas they are allowed to compete, are eligible for a 10-point participation ribbon.
7. Premiums are paid to individual exhibitors only – not to clubs.

Exhibitors are to keep their spaces and stalls clean by removing any trash, litter or soiled bedding and placing it in a designated area. Exhibitor is responsible for supplying all tools associated with Herdsmanship including but not limited to wheelbarrow, shovel and pitchfork. All animals and stalls must be presentable to the public during public hours (10am – 10pm daily).

Daily Points Allowed: Blue – 10 Red – 7 White – 5
(Cloverbuds – add the number "9" to the front of each of the following department entered (99UJ = Cloverbuds – Dogs)

Be sure to list each day that they participate – so points can be awarded accordingly.

PREFIX Codes:

8UA Dairy Cattle	4UF Poultry, Pigeons, Waterfowl
7UB Dairy Goats	4UH Rabbits
4UB Pygmy Goats	9UI Cavies
5UB Fiber Goats	9UJ Dogs
8UC Beef Cattle	4UK Cats
7UD Sheep	4UL Horses
7UE Swine	7UM Llamas

Class Codes:

01. Cloverbuds 5-7 years old on Oct 1st
02. Junior 8-10 years
03. Intermediate 11-13 years
04. Senior 14-18 years

HERDSMANSHIP SCORE CARD:

Animals:	20%
Cleanliness, grooming, condition of animal, arrangement, regularity of feeding and watering.	
Stalls and Pens:	20%
Bedding, arrangement of equipment, supplies, cleanliness, orderliness and neatness. Tack areas neat and organized. Aisle ways and wash racks are also a part of your Herdsmanship.	
Educational Effect:	35%
Each animal and exhibit will be identified by a stall card or entry tag. Display cards and ribbons neatly along with a sign telling about each exhibit (names, age, breed, weight, whether brood animal or any other applicable special characteristics). These cards should be the same size as your stall card and displayed above them.	
Exhibitors:	25%
Attentiveness, appearance, attitude, and skill in handling your animals will be considered part of your score, and courtesy to the public.	
TOTAL:	100%