

Glenbrook School Calf Club

Information & Rules for

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Congratulations on choosing to raise a lamb or goat for Calf Club Day!

Goats and lambs each have a separate competition.

Our school follows the rules set out by Waiuku Combined Schools Calf Club Association (the organisation that runs Group Day).

Leading, Calling and Rearing/Child Effort:

Split into Senior and Junior competitors:

- **Senior** ~ children 10 years and over on 1 October
- **Junior** ~ children under 10 years on 1 October

Note if there are insufficient lamb or goat entry numbers, then trophies may be awarded to overall best leading and child's effort at the discretion of the Calf Club Committee.

Early and Late Lambs/Goats:

Early and late lambs and goats will be judged separately at our school Calf Club day provided there are sufficient entry numbers.

Definition of Early or Late

- Early lambs and goats are born between 1 July and 31 July inclusive
- Late lambs and goats are born between 1 August and 31 August inclusive
- These dates are set by the Waiuku Combined Calf Club Association
- The lamb's/goat's date of birth needs to be recorded on the entry form.

Entry Requirements:

- **Calf Club Entry Form:** Please ensure you complete the entry form in full, including the breeding of your lamb or goat.
- **Waiuku Schools Group Day:** To be eligible for Group Day competition, the animal must have won a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the Glenbrook school competition. Group Day is comprised of entries from all the schools in the Waiuku area, and is held on the second Thursday of Term 4 each year. No pets are eligible for Group Day competition – only calves, lambs and goats.
- No parents are allowed in the lamb or goat rings while judging is taking place.

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 email the Calf Club Committee: calfclub@glenbrook.school.nz

Enjoy your animal and best of luck to all competitors!

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 bloom dipped, washed or brushed. Judging is done on the natural condition of the animal.
- Face, ears, feet and rear ends may be cleaned.
- Lambs should be castrated and their tails docked at around two to three weeks of age (see note below regarding exceptions to docking). There is less stress on the animal at this age. Ask the breeder about this.
- Ram lambs and Billy goats must be wethered or fully castrated at least 6 weeks prior to Group Day (if castrated a vet certificate MUST be presented to the Group Day secretary showing date of castration). Any animal deemed not to be abiding by this rule would be disqualified.

Note: All lambs tails must be docked except Gotland, Dorper (black and white), East Friesian, Wiltshire, Finn and other purebred exotic breeds on application to the committee.

Feeding

- Your lamb or goat needs colostrum milk from its mother for the first 24 hours 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. Refer to the instructions on the milk powder bag.
- All lambs must be hand reared by the child entering, using cafeteria, bucket or bottle from approximately four days of age.
- If your animal is unable to 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 lambs.
- 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. At home while training, use the milk as a reward for the lamb or goat coming when called.

On Calf Club Day the child will lead the lamb or goat to the steward. The lead is unclipped and the child takes the lead with them. 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, then 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 with 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 a straight line, it is time to try leading it around obstacles and over posts or timber. Be patient, your animal will learn quickly.



