

Showmanship Tips



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Preparation

- It all starts at home
 - Keep your pig healthy (external, internal parasites)
 - Train your pig to be a showpig, 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.

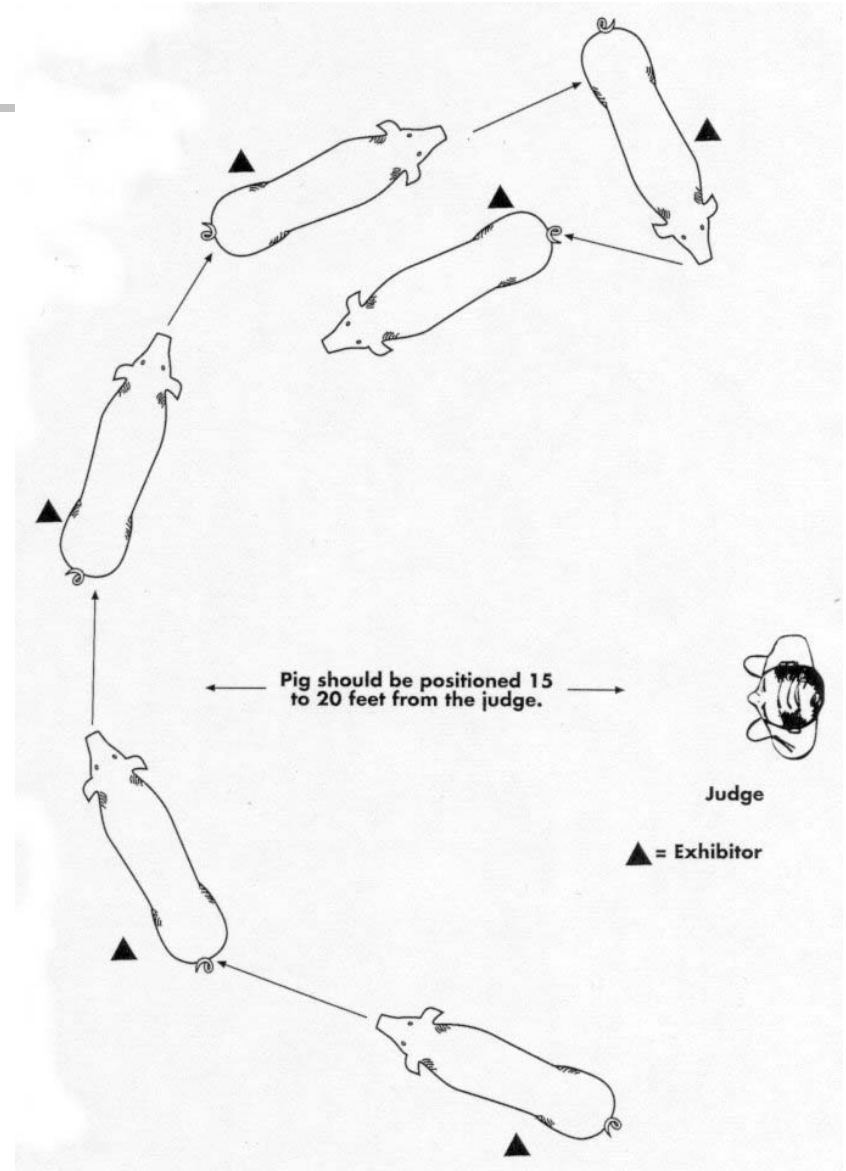
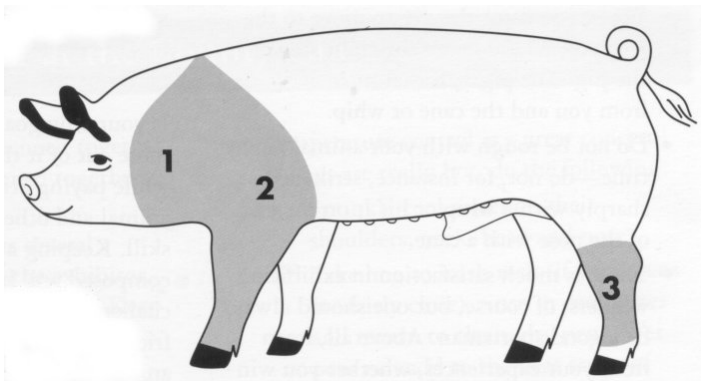


Basics in the Ring

- 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.

Basics in the Ring

- Slow pace
- Give judge different views.
- Don't over use cane or whip.



Basics in the Ring

- Posture slightly bent over with cane or whip level with the back of the pig.
- Never place show stick between judge and pig.
- Never stop showing.
- Relaxed look



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 and crouch behind. Be attentive!!
- Clean off pigs 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.

Dress for the Show

- Comfortable clothes
 - Not flashy
 - Solid color top appropriate for a hog show.
 - Hard sole shoes.
 - No hats.
 - No ear rings



GOOD LUCK AT THE FAIR!!



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