

Carterton School Annual Pet Day 2017 - Friday 20th October



The Event

You are all invited to this year's Annual Pet Day which will be held on Friday 20th October - the first Friday of Term 4. Please join us for the morning and bring along your family pet, lamb, calf, horse, guinea pig, alpaca, camel, elephant, frog, snail, rat, goat, etc.

Don't worry if you do not have a pet or are not bringing one along, your child can enter the Flower Show and other fun events that are organised for the morning. They include Teddy Bear Competition, Flowers Galore, Best dressed Pet or Baby or Child / Guess the Teachers Pet, plus so much more.

For those bringing animals, all of the pets, including calves and lambs will be judged on our 'Village Green,' This is the area between our main school buildings in front of the Library. Allotted areas will be signposted and arenas set up for the different animals. Please - only one animal per child.

All students entering an animal for judging will receive a lovely certificate kindly donated by the ASB Bank in Masterton and rosettes [all animals except horses, goats, lambs and calves], ribbons [horses, lambs, calves, goats etc], and cups [lambs and calves] are given out for the winners. Sharpies Stock Feeds have also kindly donated a bag of sheep and calf pellets each, for this year's winners in the calf and lamb section.

Pet Day will go ahead wet or fine.

Entering your Animal

All animals - including lambs and calves should be entered BEFORE the end of this term or at the latest, Wednesday Week 1, Term 4. There are registration forms available for all animals at the school office and from Room 14. Registration forms will also be coming home. Lambs and calves are entered the Lamb and Calf forms - these too are available from the Office and Room 14. Any lambs and calves entered at school are eligible to go to Group Day held on Tuesday 24th at Clareville Showgrounds.

Categories

- * Calves-children under 9 yrs / over 9 yrs
- * Lambs-children under 9 yrs / over 9 yrs
- * Puppies [with vaccination certificates]
- * Small dogs-children under 9yrs/ over 9yrs
- * Large dogs-children under 9 yrs / over 9 yrs
- * Cats and kittens [kittens with vaccination certificates] - children under 9 yrs / over 9 yrs
- * Birds and Poultry-children under 9 yrs /over 9
- * Horses / Ponies [one class / depending on numbers]
- * Miscellaneous (eg fish, rabbits, mice, rats)
- * Other-goats, pigs, alpaca



Judging for all animals except Lambs and Calves

Judges will want to know how much each child knows and cares about their pet and what they know about keeping their pet healthy. They will be looking for the 'bond' each child / pet has too.

Students from Year 1 to 4 will be also be asked these 4 questions about their pet:

- What is your pet's name?
- Where did you get your pet from?
- What does your pet eat/drink?

- How do you look after your pet?

Year 5 to 8 students will also be asked:

- What are all the things you have to do to look after your pet?
- Tell me lots of reasons why (these animals) make good pets.

Judging for Lambs and Calves

Lambs and calves are judged in 3 Champion Categories - See lamb and Calf information at the bottom of this Newsletter.

- Ringcraft
- Care and Condition
- Type

We also have a Pet Lamb Category for those lambs who haven't been placed in the Champion Lamb Category and are obviously family pets.

Lambs and Calves are awarded ribbons and cups in the above categories plus overall Champion Lamb / Calf

Arts and Crafts

Pet Day is also the day we display any art that is going off to the A & P Show for judging, from our students. There will be a big display in the hall including Pet Posters and other art and crafts for whānau to see. Some of the work will be judged and some students will receive small certificates for their amazing efforts.



On the Day

On the day, all animals must be in a cage or suitable container, or secure on a lead - at all times. Cats and dogs need to have up to date vaccinations. Young Puppies and kittens that are not fully vaccinated - are not able

to come to Pet Day and all large dogs and young puppies must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please do not bring any animal who is not socialised properly as this can create concerns.

Drinking water is available for all outside animals, and caged animals need to have water/food in their cages.

All animals must be picked up and taken home straight after prizegiving.

Please ensure that you remove any animal droppings left by your pet as there will be buckets provided for this around the school.

What Time?

Children entering lambs, calves, other large animals and large dogs are allowed to come to school a little later on Pet Day, but all children and pets should be at school in plenty of time for judging, which starts from 10.30 am sharp. So this means - no later than 10am and you will need to let your child's teacher know the day before that they will be a little later in.



Check the Timetable

- **8:55am** - School starts with most classes working on pet related activities. [Seniors setting up]
- **10.00am** - Morning Tea [early so judges can get a cuppa before we begin]
- **10.30am** - Judging begins for all animals including calves and lambs. Displays in and around school open for inspection. Flower Show and other activities for non-pet students begin. Sausage Sizzle / Drinks for sale outside the Staffroom.
- **12:00pm** - Award ceremony outside the hall, on the Library steps [If wet, inside the hall]
- **12:30pm** - School finishes for children
- **1:00–5:00 pm** - School planning meeting for 2018
- Childcare is available for those students who may need it till 3pm. Please let your child's teacher or our school office know if this is required. Buses will run as per usual at the end of the day and After School Care will run as usual from 3-6pm.

Lastly

Pet Day - originally Lamb and Calf Club, has been a wonderful tradition that has been happening here at Carterton School for a very long time and we would love to see it continue. This can only happen if we all support Pet Day and all join in. We would love to see you all here and especially those wonderful pets. If you have any queries - please contact Lesley Kennedy at school.

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Lamb and Calf Information

If you are choosing a CALF or Lamb read these helpful hints. [Can be used for goats too]

Spend time with your calf - brushing, feeding, playing with your calf and leading it around. The same with your lamb spend time playing, feeding, leading, and calling your lamb, this will ensure a responsive pet when it hears your voice and sees you.

CALF - Remember to avoid your calf getting scours, make sure everything is ultra clean. Also make sure that your calf's bedding (it may have sawdust on the floor of a pen) is always clean - rake any soiling out of the bed regularly so your calf has a nice clean, dry place to rest. Remember to always wash your hands carefully after caring for your calf and lamb.

TRAINING AND GROOMING Start with a few minutes training each day.

Caring for and Training Your Calf

You need to train your calf to do three things on the lead:

1. TO WALK FORWARD, ALONGSIDE YOU.
2. TO TURN, WHEN REQUIRED.
3. TO STOP.

TRAINING YOUR CALF happens at the same time as feeding - so right from the first day, you need to spend time with your calf so it trusts you, and allows it to be held and lead. When the calf appears to accept the halter, you can begin teaching it to lead.



GROOMING EACH DAY, remove your calf's cover and brush it all over - remember you are brushing the hair, removing dirt and dust, not rubbing the skin so don't push too hard as your calf will move away from the pressure of the brush. Calves normally love this time, as the brush removes all the itches from its coat and also get to those 'hard to reach' places that its hooves can't reach, or it can't scratch on posts or branches of trees. Calf covers serve two purposes - they keep your calf warm and dry and also flatten and polish its coat preventing fading from the weather, and meaning your calf will have a shiny coat when it gets to calf club. The ideal cover should cover your calf from its shoulders to its rear. Be sure to watch for rubbing of hair or skin under the velcro straps.

You will need some grooming equipment - a bucket, some soap or animal shampoo, a small piece of old towel or sponge (for washing), one of Mum's old towels (for drying) and a soft brush (for grooming).

Washing your Calf Your calf should not be washed within three days of any competition - this is so your calf's coat has its natural oils on the day of competition.

You may, however, choose to wash it when it is younger so it is used to the feeling of warm water and soap on its coat - but remember: Only wash your calf on a warm day and with plenty of sunlight so its coat dries before the day becomes dark and colder. Use a mild soap or shampoo; wet the coat thoroughly with warm water and rub in enough soap to get a good lather. Massage the coat and skin so you get all the dust, dirt and scales of skin out before you rinse it - preferably with a soft stream of warm water from the hose (if it is a warm day, the water in the hose will be a good temperature to rinse the calf's coat). Be sure to rinse all the soap out of the coat because any residues of soap will limit the amount of shine you will get from the coat when it is dry. Scrape your calf's coat with the side of your hand to remove the surplus water, and then briskly rub it all over with the towel. Your calf's coat will still be damp, so you should brush it to lay the coat down flat, and leave the calf tied up in a warm, dry, clean place out of draught so its coat dries before you put its cover on.

Caring for and Training your Lamb

Right from the start you need to get your lamb used to being handled. When you go out to feed it, have a small bucket with warm, soapy water nearby and gently wipe around its face, ears and under its legs. Lambs don't need brushing because it can make their wool fluffy - which you don't want.

You must not wash your lamb. Sheep have natural oil in their wool which acts like



weatherproofing - a bit like your raincoat. It's called lanolin and washing with soap removes this so, if it rains, your lamb's wool will not act as it should, and the lamb will get cold and could get sick.

TRAINING OF YOUR LAMB starts with the first feed. Each time you go to feed your lamb, call its name and talk to it while it's feeding. You will soon find that the lamb begins to understand that you are its mother; it will run to you and follow you when you call.

You can fit a collar when the lamb is a week or so old. The collar needs to be a nice comfortable one which will not chafe its skin. Ask Mum or Dad to check it for you. When you first put the collar on, the lamb may jump around and try to get it off - this is normal. If you fit the collar before feeding, the lamb will soon forget the collar and get on with its dinner.

If you've been talking to your lamb, and it knows your voice, all you have to do to teach it to lead, is to attach a lead to its collar - at least once every day - and walk forward, with the lamb on your right, talking to it. Walk a few steps and then stop, give it some milk and make a fuss of it.

The lamb soon learns that walking forward, on your right side, means food!

CALLING - Once your lamb knows your voice, ask Mum or Dad to come out with you before feeding to hold your lamb. Then go down the lawn or paddock and turn and call your lamb. It will run to you. Immediately feed it, and make a fuss of it.

The bottle is the biggest help in training your lamb at the start but, as the competition approaches, you want to reduce the number of times you reward the lamb with the bottle, instead patting and cuddling it.

How often, and how long, to train your lamb - Start with a few minutes training each day. After each session, praise and pat your lamb.

We hope these ideas have been helpful.