

# SHOWMANSHIP WORKSHOP

- Ensure bird has been prepared (bathed week before show, freshly watered, etc).
- Appearance of bird (neat, clean, no parasites/bugs).
- Appearance (neat, dress code for poultry show).
  
- How to walk into show ring properly carrying a bird
- How to look for directions from the judge
- How to properly greet a judge
- How to properly put animal into showmanship cage/area
- How to act while waiting for your turn with judge
- How to properly remove bird from cage
- How to hand bird to judge
- Take bird back from judge face first
- How to open wings while holding bird
  
- Don't be shy while talking to judge.
  1. Tell the judge everything you know about your bird
  
- Questions a judge might ask for beginners:
  1. Breed and variety of bird
  2. Sex of bird and how to tell
  3. Name some parts of the bird (hand outs)
  4. Type of comb (hand out)
  5. Questions about basic management & responsibilities
  6. Purpose of bird
  
- Questions a judge might ask for intermediates:
  1. Passing the bird
  2. Purpose of bird
  3. Examining the wings, under color, feet and head
  4. Questions about poultry diseases and parasites
  5. Questions on disqualifications or defects and additional anatomy
  6. What does grit and oyster shell do and where does it work at?
  7. Basic knowledge of incubation

- Questions a judge might ask a senior:
  1. Should know an expanded vocabulary and terms and definitions
  2. What is duck foot?
  3. Know all comb types and feather patterns (hen feathering and frizzle feathering)
  4. Know squirrel tail and rye tail
  5. Classes in APA and ABA with examples
  6. Know which birds have 5 toes
  7. Identify other breeds of birds in show
  8. Know disqualifications
  9. Know history and all varieties of your bird
  10. Advanced knowledge of incubation
  
- Follow judge's directions and wait until your group is dismissed from show ring.
- No two judges will ask the same questions.
- Study!
- Recommend buying the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection book.
  
- Remember to SMILE and have FUN!