

SO YOU WANT TO SHOW AN ANIMAL PROJECT?

WHY SHOULD YOU?

1. Scholarships!! College opportunities!
2. Life Experiences!
3. Responsibility!
4. Awards!
5. FUN!
6. Meet new friends!
7. Traveling! (Options: Houston, San Angelo, San Antonio, Austin, etc.)

WHY NOT?

1. If you are constantly busy and don't think you will have time, DON'T DO IT!
2. If it is a financial burden to your family, DON'T DO IT!

***YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RAISE AN ANIMAL PROJECT IF YOU ARE IN AN AG CLASS!
IT IS MERELY AN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY WE GIVE OUR STUDENTS!!**

How does it work?

1. You purchase a show quality animal
2. You feed the show quality animal show quality feed in a "proper" environment
3. You work with that animal the way the Advisors advise you to. It is a COMMITMENT!
4. You go to the show (Prospect Show, County Show, and/or a Major Show)
5. You attempt to "make the sale" by showing your animal to the best of your ability
 - *If you get advice from an Advisor about your project and don't take it, you could be lowering your chances of making the sale; however, it is your animal and you may choose to do otherwise.
6. You are responsible for all costs associated with the project - animal, feed, vet, etc.
7. This is YOUR project. It is not your parents, siblings, or your teachers' project. YOU are responsible for the care of your animal.

What now? HERE ARE SOME MORE QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF!

1. Do you have time for the project?
2. Do you have the funds to invest into your project?
3. Are you willing to work hard in order to succeed?
4. Do you have a place to keep your animal?
5. Do you have support to take you to shows, help you feed, help you work with your animals?
6. HAVE YOU TALKED TO A FFA ADVISOR? WHICH ANIMAL?

*Now that you have asked yourself these questions,
decided which project is right for you, and have a plan...LOOK AT YOUR OPTIONS!*

OPTIONS...

1. WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO TO SHOW AN ANIMAL PROJECT?
 - a. Be a member of the FFA
 - b. Ask your parents to become a part of the Manor FFA Alumni
 - c. represent Manor FFA with character, integrity, and leadership at all events and shows
2. WHAT IS THE NUMBER ONE GOAL OF AN ANIMAL PROJECT?

To teach a student character, integrity, and leadership!
3. WHAT IS THE SECOND GOAL?

To raise the project, work hard, put in many hours, and hopefully to make the sale and be rewarded at the end! Does this always happen? NO! There are no guarantees with any animal project or that there will even be a show.

So now what?

- If an animal is not fed “show quality” feed then you will NOT have a show quality animal
- ALL animals must have clean water all day, every day!
- Animals will NOT grow if you do not take care of them.
- Advisors can help you find animals or you can purchase on your own, but remember not ALL animals are show animals! Trying to “save” money with projects by purchasing a “good deal” will not always save you money. YOU PAY FOR WHAT YOU GET!
- Be prepared to care for that animal from the day you purchase it - this means time, money, and resources must be readily available. This includes but is not limited to feed, equipment, shavings, medications, supplements, vet bills, etc.

Helpful Tips:

- You must PASS to show! No PASS, No SHOW!
- ALL animals will have a “validation” date and entry deadline, watch for these dates. If you miss these you will not show.
- It is your project. Take care of it. It is not there for your parents, siblings, or your teachers to take care of. Be responsible.
- YOU DO NOT NEED TO RAISE AN ANIMAL TO BE IN THE FFA! There are many more opportunities available to you, contact your advisor for more information.

**All information is subject to change
due to COVID-19 restrictions.**