

# POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

(Adapted from "Poultry Showmanship," Level II - 4-H Poultry Leader Notebook

Tag-A-Long, Juniors 7-9 yrs, Intermediate 10-13 yrs, and Seniors 14 yrs and older

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Age (as of Jan. 1): \_\_\_\_\_

Division: (circle) Tag-A-Long    Junior    Intermediate    Senior

## SECTION 1: 4-Hers APPEARANCE AND INTRODUCTION — 10 points possible

- Well-groomed and proper attire . . . . . 5 pts  
Introduction (name, age, etc.) . . . . . 5 pts

Score Section 1 \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 2: QUALITY AND CONDITION OF BIRD — 10 points possible

- Pleasing appearance . . . . . 2 pts.  
Good, smooth plumage . . . . . 2 pts  
Breed and variety characteristics . . . . . 2 pts  
Free from diseases and parasites . . . . . 2 pts  
Gentle and not flighty . . . . . 2 pts

Score Section 2 \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 3: KNOWLEDGE OF POULTRY TERMS — 20 points possible (1 pt. each correct answer)

Holding bird, point out and name the following: (Chart can be found in Level I of 4-H Poultry Leader Guide)

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Beak                   | 8. Breast               | 15. Covert Feathers |
| 2. Comb                   | 9. Keel Bone            | 16. Thigh           |
| 3. Wattles                | 10. Back - saddle (male | 17. Leg             |
| 4. Eyes                   | - cushion (female)      | 18. Hock Joint      |
| 5. Earlobe                | 11. Tail                | 19. Shank           |
| 6. Ear                    | 12. Tail feathers       | on male, note spur  |
| 7. Hackle feathers (male) | 13. Wing                | 20. Toes            |
| Neck feathers (female)    | 14. Flight feathers     |                     |

Score Section 3 \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 4: EXAMINATION AND HANDLING OF BIRD — Routine in any order should be smooth — 35 points possible

- A. Proper carrying and handling of bird . . . . . 5 pts  
B. Examination of head, wattle, etc. . . . . 5 pts  
C. Wings, color pattern, condition of feathers, check for lice or mite damage . 5 pts  
D. Show width of back, undercolor . . . . . 5 pts  
E. Check keel bone, breast, feather color, undercolor . . . . . 5 pts  
F. Feet, toes, shank . . . . . 5 pts  
G. Tail, proper carriage, condition . . . . . 5 pts

Score Section 4 \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 5: PLACING BIRD IN CAGE — 10 points possible

1. Hold bird in basic hand position . . . . . 4 pts  
2. Open the cage door, turn the bird, put into cage head first . . . . . 3 pts  
3. Place it gently on the cage floor, and close the cage door . . . . . 3 pts

Score Section 5 \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 6: SHOWING BIRD IN CAGE — 5 points possible

1. Stand at a relaxed attention facing the judge. Allow the judge to have full view of bird at all times.  
2. Listen and follow the judge's directions carefully.

The object of this section is to get your bird to "show" or stand alertly and in proper station for its breed. Score Section 6 \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 7: REMOVAL OF BIRD FROM CAGE — 10 points possible

1. Open the cage door. Reach across the bird's back, grasp the far wing, turn the bird so it faces the cage door. . . . . 4 pts  
2. Slide second hand beneath bird's body, placing one or more fingers between bird's legs and grasping them so that the bird, when lifted, can be balanced on the palm of that hand . . . . . 3 pts  
3. Place first hand on bird's back and remove bird from cage, head first. Come to attention and watch judge for further direction . . . . . 3 pts

Score Section 7 \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 8: EXHIBITOR'S SPEAKING ABILITY AND KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT - 15 pts possible

Score Section 8 \_\_\_\_\_

115 POINTS POSSIBLE

TOTAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_