



2025

NGAERE SCHOOL PET DAY

**WEDNESDAY
08TH OCTOBER 2025**

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW



GENERAL INFORMATION

September 2025

Animal entries are required to be back at school by Friday 19th September (last day of term)

A bit of information about the day...

- The first two days of Term 4 (Monday 06th & Tuesday 07th) are traditionally used for children to work on craft. More information about crafts will come out soon.
- **PET DIARIES:** These will be sent home with the students in the last week of this term and are to be completed over the school holidays. The diaries will need to be returned to school by the second day of term 4 - Tuesday 07th October - for judging.
- **Children are able to wear mufti** to school on Wednesday 08th October- Pet Day. Although this is counted as a 'school day' there will be no classes running. Children without pets, lambs or calves (or parents) must check in with their class teacher on arrival at school. Children with pets, calves or lambs need to arrive at least 15 minutes before their judging time.
- Children with Pets, Lambs or Calves are to report to Mrs Henderson (on the deck beside the staffroom) to collect their registration number before heading to the allocated judging areas.
- **Pet judging begins promptly at 9.15am on the court area.** Children are to be ready by 9.10am please. Miss Duncan & Ms Clough are co-ordinating the Pets.
- **Lamb judging begins at 10.00am on the field behind the Turf fence.** Mrs Larsen & Mrs Brown are co-ordinating lambs.
- **Calf Judging begins at 10.30am on the main field.** Mrs O'Neill & Mrs Perrett are coordinating the calf judging.
- **Pets** - Cats must be in cages and although we do not require dogs to be muzzled, they must be on a lead and the child entering them must be able to control them. Other pets are to be housed appropriately. **All pets are to go home following judging please.**
- Please ensure you have the necessary food and water / milk for your pets / lambs / calves.
- **BBQ food** will be available to buy, and a coffee cart will be in attendance all day.
- **Cake stall** - A paper plate in a plastic bag will be sent home to each family during the last week of this term October which will be for baking to be sold at the cake stall. Thank you if you are able to provide baking. Please have cakes, biscuits etc. to the office area before 9.00am on Wednesday 08th.
- **There will also be Raffle Tickets on sale.** If each family is able to please donate **one** (or two) of the following items to be raffled: Non perishable item(s) for the grocery raffle, a Scratchie(s) for the Scratchie Raffle and/or a bottle for the Mystery Bottle.
- As part of fundraising for EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) and Camp experiences, **Senior Classes** will be running stalls and games after judging. Tickets for games are \$1-\$2 each with many prizes up for grabs.

(Please Note: There is no eftpos available, so cash will be required for the day)

Pet Day is a fun day and it is an expectation that all children attend school, even if they do not have a pet.

All staff have a role to play on the day so please advise your child's teacher if your child is at school on their own on Wednesday. We are then able to ensure someone is released to supervise unaccompanied children.

Thank you for your continued support. I know we will all have a great day!

Any questions, **please just ask!** For some of us, we have been doing this for a number of years and forget how confusing this day may be for newcomers!

NGAERE SCHOOL PET DAY PETS INFORMATION

GENERAL & INFORMATION RULES

- **There are the following categories for Pet Day this year:**

- ◆ Lambs
- ◆ Calves
- ◆ Pets - Dogs
 - Cats
 - Other Pets

- Only one pet per child permitted at pet day. This assists our organisation – Thanks.
- Children's pets to be registered by **Friday 19th September** . There will be no late entries accepted.
- Domestic pets (ie dogs, cats etc.) to enter/exit school grounds via front entrance only please. This is for the safety of all animals and will be judged on the court.
- Lambs & Calves are to enter school grounds via rugby field gate on Cheal Road and will be judged on the field.
- Judging times are as follows:
 - 9.15am Pets
 - 10.00am Lambs
 - 10.30am CalvesPlease have your Pet at school ready to go at this time.

A Pet Diary Booklet for your pet will be sent home to be completed over the school holidays which will form part of the judging. This will help you remember the little things that change as you spend more time with them as they grow and become your friend and a great keepsake to look back on in years to come. This Diary is to be returned to school on the first 2 days back at school in Term 4 (Monday 06th and no later than Tuesday 07th).

This is a fun day to show everyone how you have spent time with your pet, cared for it and grown to be friends. Enjoy your friendship.

**ALL RESULTS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGES AND THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.
REMEMBER THIS IS A DAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN!!!**

NGAERE SCHOOL AND PTA TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY UNFORESEEN MISHAPS WITH LAMBS, CALVES AND DOMESTIC PETS ON THE DAY.

Getting You and Your Pet Ready for Pet Day:

- ★ Ensure your animal is clean and well groomed as appropriate for its breed. Check eyes, ears and nails especially.
- ★ Think about what your pet needs every day to stay healthy?
 - Food
 - Water
 - Exercise
 - Attention
- ★ What other things does your family do to keep your pet healthy?
 - Vaccinations
 - Worm treatments
 - Flea treatments
 - Vet check ups
- ★ Find out a bit more about your pet - What breed is it? What is special about its breed? How old is your pet?
- ★ Lastly, tell us something special about your pet. Where did you get your pet? What do you love about your pet?

LAMBS - GUIDELINES FOR CARE

- All lambs must be born after 1st August.
- Please do not wash lambs. A damp cloth can be used to clean faces/ears and hooves.

Lambs are judged on calling, leading, and rearing!

Leading

- Lambs should lead on your right – right hand closest to them.
- No straining or pulling on the lead.
- Walking relaxed.
- Lambs walk around a single peg.

Calling

- ➔ Spend lots of time practicing calling your lamb
- ➔ It is a good idea to practice calling before you give them their bottle
- ➔ It will be noisy on the day so you will have to use a really loud voice
- ➔ Someone will hold your lamb while you unclip them and move about 2-3 metres away to call.

Rearing

- Spend time ... and more time with your pet.
- Feed them, play with them and talk quietly with them.
- Brush them and let them get used to you handling them.
- Keep them clean. Wash off dirt when it is fresh. Use a damp cloth to clean their faces, ears and hooves.
- Love them and spend more time with them... They will love you back and become your friend.
- On Pet Day, you and your pet may have to wait. Teach them to wait – you need lots of patience – just hang out with them, watch them and find out what they like

This is a fun day to show everyone how you have spent time with your pet, cared for it and grown to be friends. Enjoy your friendship.

No washing lambs. Good luck. Have fun.

Lambs Categories:

Junior
Intermediate
Senior

(Please note the classes are subject to entry numbers)

TOP TIPS FOR REARING A GREAT PET DAY CALF

Calves are judged on Rearing and Leading

Below are some guidelines that all judges follow when judging each class, and some more tips

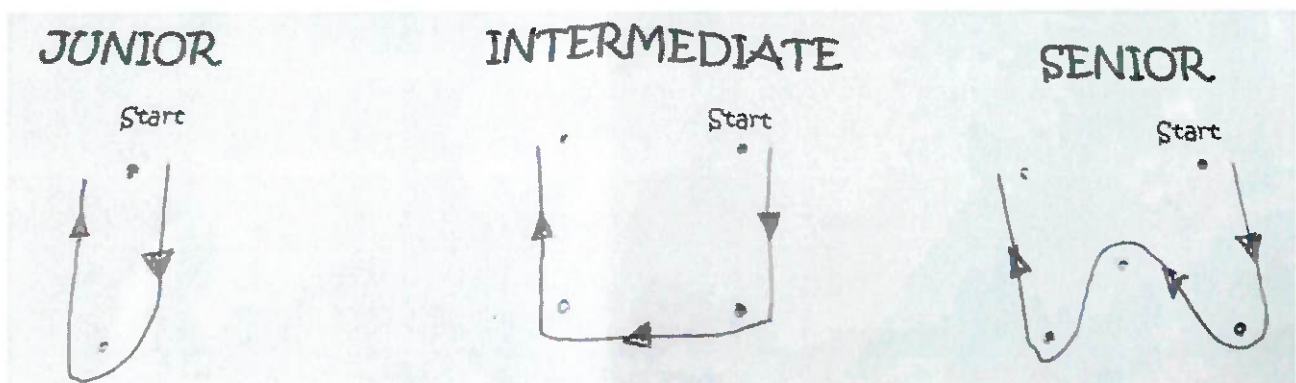
REARING

- Your calf should have access to water and meal/hay during the day
- Be fed plenty of milk (6-8 litres) per day
- Have a cover on. It is great if you can line the cover with a wool blanket and some satin, this will ensure the calf is always warm which helps it to release its old hair and the satin gives it a nice shine.
- It is a good idea to wash your calf all over a night or two before pet day and just do a tidy up around legs and bum on the day.
- Brush your calf as much as possible, ensuring you do not brush in the same spot all the time, we don't want them to go bald!
- Check that your calf does not have lice, if it does there are treatments it can have.
- If your calf has ringworm, ripped ear etc, this will NOT affect judging as this is something you cannot control

LEADING

- This class is judged solely on the child and the calf's ability to lead, how the calf is put together or reared does not get looked at in this section.
- The Judge is looking for a child and calf who have a good relationship. It is good when the calf and child walk as a team.
- In the older classes, children will be scored on their ability to follow any directions the judge has.
- It is good to buy a leading halter rather than a tethering halter as the child has more control of the calf.
- The Child needs to lead on the left-hand side of the calf.

Diagrams of the different leading circuits



Calf Categories:

Dairy

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Beef

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

(Please note the classes are subject to entry numbers)

PETS

Guidelines for Attending Pet day:

Pets are judged on how well you know your pet and how you look after your pet

- Cats/Birds/Rabbits etc. must be contained in a suitable cage at all times.
 - Dogs must be returned home immediately after judging.
 - Dogs must be on leashes at all times for the safety of other dogs and people.
 - Owners are responsible for cleaning up after pets. Please bring pooper scooper equipment.
 - Muzzles for dogs are to be used at owner's discretion.
- Animals that are in crates and cages please cover with a sheet or towel to reduce stress.
- If your pet is not used to being around people and other animals then it is not a good idea to bring them to pet day.
- ★ Practice walking your dog on a lead - we will be looking for dogs that can walk calmly on a lead, and sit when they are told.
- ★ Think about teaching your dog a trick you can show off at Show Day - Bark on command, shake hands, and roll over for example.

Pet Day Categories:

Dogs

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Other Pets

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

(Please note the classes are subject to entry numbers)

Each section receives 2 highly commended ribbons, a third, second and a first.

Out of all the sections the judges then choose a champion pet and a runner up champion.

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