

Sheep and Goat Decisions: Sunday May 15, 2016

You have been raising sheep and goats but due to expenses, you need to make some decisions on which species to keep. You decide that you will make a decision by the time you are done with some daily maintenance chores.

Step 1: You and your dog go to the barn and remove three sheep from their pen and then decide to just make one trip to the paddock so you also bring 5 goats from their pen. You head into the alley pen between the barn and the paddock and close the barn door behind you. 10 pts- 2 pens

Step 2: Once the animals are in the alley pen, you decide it will be easier to put them thru the foot bath, one species at a time, so you gate sort the three sheep into the paddock first. 12.5pts-gate sort

Step 3: Once in the paddock, you and your dog put them into the chute where the foot bath is located, and close the door. 10pts-chute NOTE: Advanced handlers must remain behind the designated line while loading the chute. Open handlers can be anywhere.

Step 4: You and your dog then return to the alley pen and bring the 5 goats into the paddock. 5pts-pen

Step 5: The goats need to be settled and held near the opening of the chute while the sheep exit it and enter the holding pen. 10pts.-specific task

Step 6: The goats are then loaded into the foot bath chute and then exit to join the sheep in the holding pen. 10pts-Chute NOTE: Advanced handlers must remain behind the designated line while loading the chute once the entrance is opened and until the goats are loaded. Open handlers can be anywhere.

Step 7: All of the livestock are now back together in the exit pen and you have decided that there is a better market for sheep products so you decide to keep the sheep and sell the goats, as cute as they may be. You and your dog gate sort the three sheep from the holding pen and return them to the alley pen to go back to the barn. 12.5 pts-Gate sort **Tie Breaker**

Step 8: Once the sheep are penned, the goats need to be fed before they go to their new home, so you take them to the feeding station. 10 pts.-specific task NOTE: Advanced teams must keep the goats beyond the station panels until the grain is in the bowl and handler leaves the space. Open handlers do not have to keep the goats beyond the panels.

Step 9: While the goats are eating, you open the paddock gates heading to the pasture where your trailer is located at the far end. You and your dog go to the trailer. 20pts-Gather NOTE: Advanced handlers must keep their hand on the trailer door when sending their dog to gather the goats and open handlers can position themselves between the trailer and cone prior to sending their dog.

Step 10: As the goats are coming towards you ringing their bells, you remember that you should keep the belled collars to put on your sheep so that you will know where they are and if they are running etc. It will be easiest to remove the collars if the goats are penned, so you and your dog load them into the freestanding catch pen. 10 pts-pens

Step 11: The collars are removed from the goats and put into the bucket beside the pen. 5 pts-specific task

Step 12: You and your dog now take the goats from the catch pen to the trailer to be sold.15 pts-trailer

Time Allowances:

Advanced Teams have 12 minutes on the course and a 3 minute warning

Open Teams have 15 minutes on the course and a 3 minute warning

Goat groups will be randomly sorted throughout the day.

Sheep groups will stay consistent

Tie Breaker Task is Step 7, the second gate sort and return of goats to the alley pen

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