

# SHOW PIG SERIES

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Supplies & Equipment



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# SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

## PEN & BEDDING

A 6' by 10' size pen is enough room for one pig. If possible try to only have one pig per pen so you can keep better track of how much feed each is eating

We made our pens with pallets and they worked great! You don't need to go out and buy a really fancy setup, whatever you can do works



\*\*All products in this PowerPoint are linked to where you can buy them if you click on the picture!\*\*

# SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

## PEN & BEDDING

I would recommend the "Flake" over the "Fine" shavings



\$6.29



\$8.49



Before putting down your bedding each time, spray the floor and walls of your pen with an insect control. This helps to control flies and other insects that could bite your hog and leave marks

If you get your pigs when it is still chilly, I would suggest to mix sawdust and straw together to give them some extra warmth. You could also put a heat lamp on if needed



\$13.29

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# SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

## FEED & WATER

Don't forget a feed scoop that will show exact measurements

\$52.50



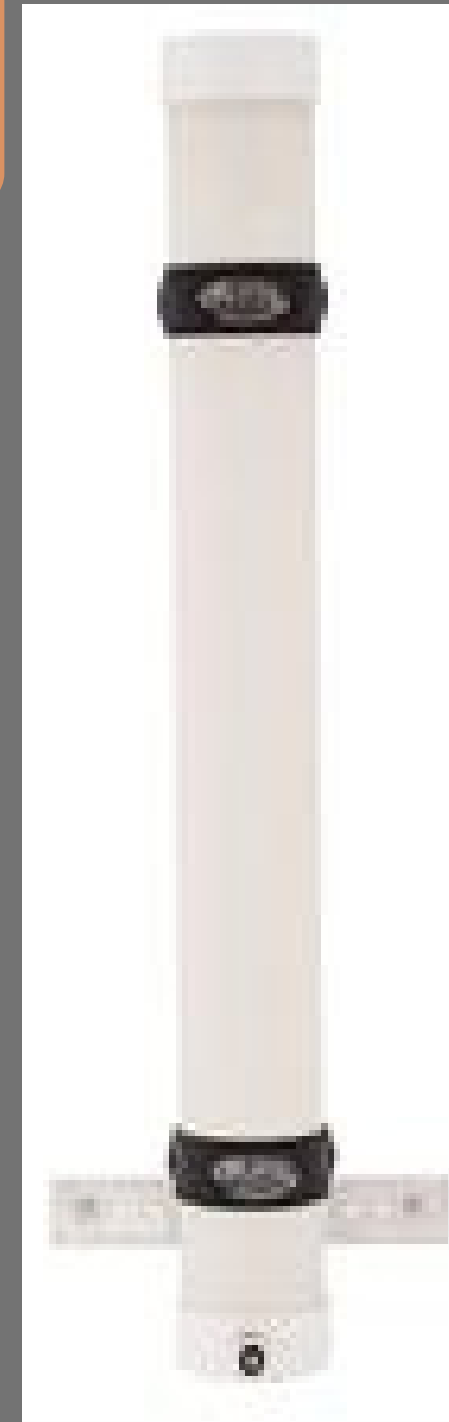
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\$13.99



You can buy these pipe waterers like this or you can get the supplies and make one yourself for much cheaper!



\$8.99



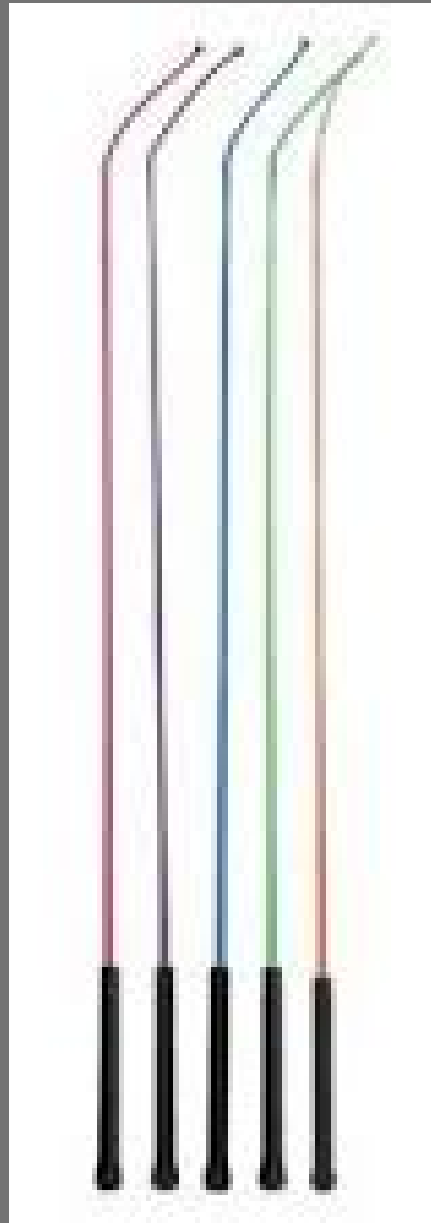
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# SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

## MISC.

\$13.19



\$9.99



Products & supplies for daily skin and hair care (Shampoo, conditioners, brushes, etc.) will be next!



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# SHOW PIG SERIES

## **SKIN & HAIR**

Daily Care

# DAILY CARE



**HARD  
WORK**



This is where the Champions are made!

KEEP WATCHING TO SEE WHAT IT TAKES



# DAILY CARE

## WASHING

### Shampoo

Try to only wash with soap once a week.

Shampooing your hog every day will take too many natural oils out of the skin and hair

I still rinse and spray conditioner on daily - even when I am not shampooing!



\$15.75



\$22.19



\$3.98



\$2.78

Personally, I prefer a loofah over a brush for scrubbing, but a harder bristled brush works just fine too



\$8.99



\$2.00

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# DAILY CARE

## WASHING

### Medicated Shampoo

To take precautionary measures, it's a good idea to shampoo your hog with a medicated shampoo a few days before a show and a few days once back home from a show to protect their hide & hair



\$16.25



\$19.50



\$8.99



\$2.00

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# DAILY CARE

## AFTER WASHING-CONDITIONING

A soft bristle brush works best for brushing in oily products



\$26.50



\$24.49



\$7.99



\$23.89



\$28.50



\$10.95



\$10.95

A tampico brush is great to toughen the hide so it doesn't turn red and irritated so easily-also great for getting any dead skin and dirt off

Daily conditioning is a MUST if you want to stand out in the show ring!

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# DAILY CARE

## TANNING

No longer than 10 minutes in the sun for the first 4-5 sessions



\$26.50

\$8.50



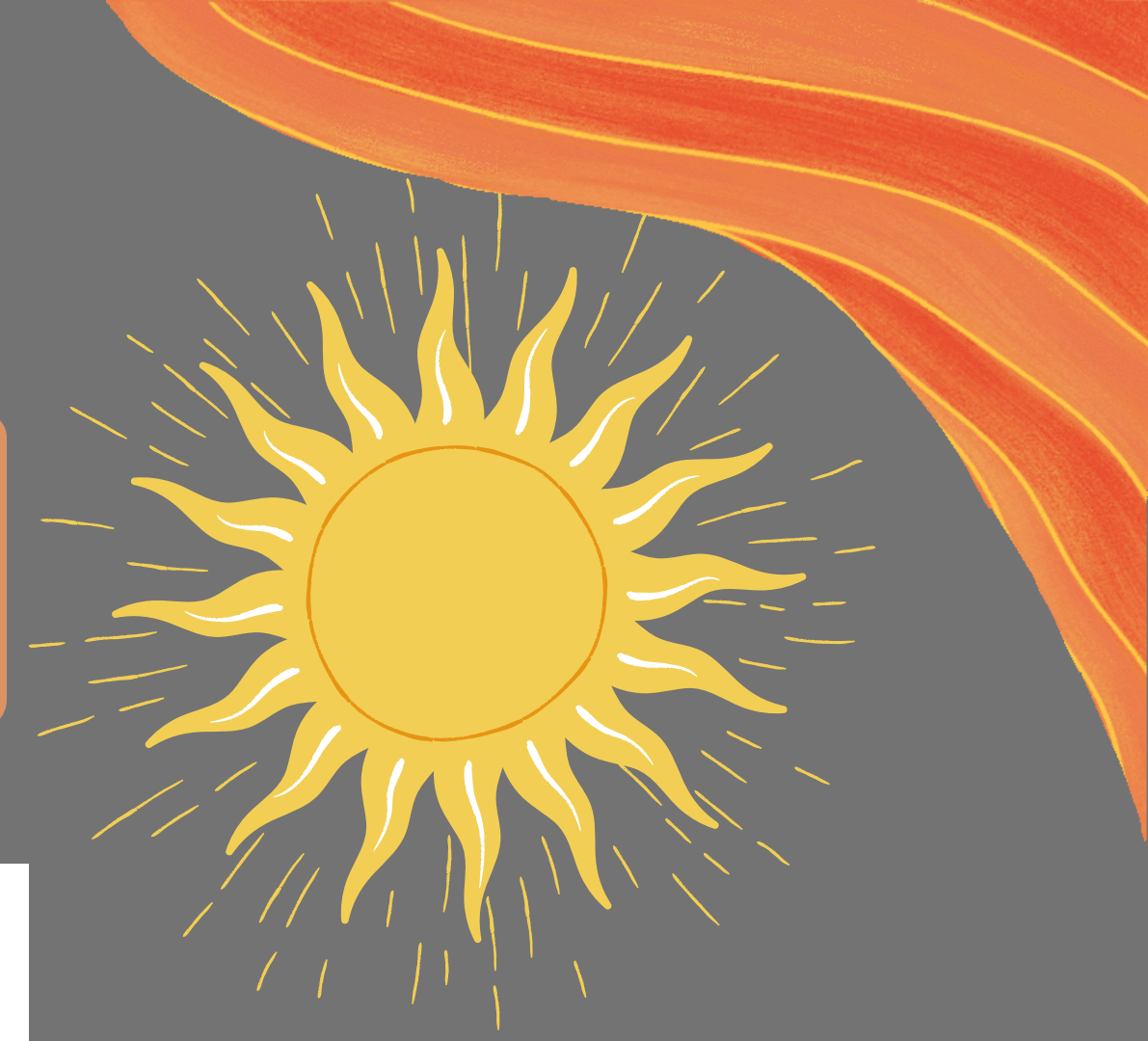
DON'T FORGET SUNSCREEN ON WHITE PARTS!

Tanning is optional but it will darken the color of your hog just giving it a sharp, eye catching look in the ring



\$4.22

Work your way up to 20-25 minutes- this is the longest I would recommend



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## **SKIN & HAIR**

Show Day Prep

# SHOW PREP

## A FEW DAYS BEFORE SHOW

### \*OPTIONAL\*

- **CLIP THE HEAD**

- This can be done with a very short guard (3/16th size)
- Once the head is clipped blend a little ways back into the neck with a bigger guard

- **CLIP A LITTLE OVER THE TOP**

- Use a guard! (recommmend 9/16-11/16th guard)
- We normally only do this if they are super hairy

- **EVERYONE HAS THEIR STYLE OF CLIPPING-HERE IS A FEW VIDEOS TO HELP:**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGXj110-mLE&t=164s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzY6110dG-8>

# SHOW PREP

## DAY BEFORE SHOW



- **WASH WITH SHAMPOO**

- (Whitening soap if there is white on your pig)

- **USE A CONDITIONER AND LET SIT FOR A FEW MINUTES BEFORE RINSING**

- **MAKE SURE TO BRUSH FOR A FEW MINUTES ALL OVER AFTER TO LAY ALL THE HAIR DOWN**

- Dont forget the belly and legs!

# SHOW DAY

## NO-OIL

(Defiance Co. Fair)



\$29.95

If conditioned correctly throughout the summer, water from the sprayer will be enough to make them glisten!

\$6.95



\$14.99

Soft bristled brushes are best for show days so they don't irritate the skin and leave marks



\$10.75

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# SHOW DAY

## OIL SHOWS

Most Jackpot, higher level shows-  
Be sure to check the rules first!

\$6.95



\$14.99



\$10.75



\$11.95



\$26.50

A light aerosol oil like Pepi is great for those hot show days-you don't want your pig getting too hot in the show ring



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# SHOW PIG SERIES

## WHAT TO PACK

Show Day

# PACKING LIST

- WHIP
- SPRAYER
- MINI BUCKET
- PAN OR CLIP ON FEEDERS
- FEED & SUPPLEMENTS
- HOSE
- SHAMPOO/WHITENING SHAMPOO
- CONDITIONERS AND OILS (IF PERMITTED)
- BRUSHES & RAGS
- PITCHFORK
- SHAVINGS
- ZIP TIES
- PAPER TOWELS
- PEN DIVIDERS (IF NEEDED)



Another packing list  
you can print:

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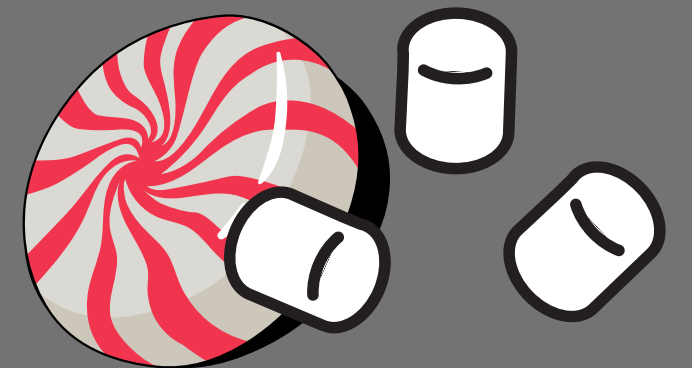
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## **SHOWMANSHIP**

At Home & In the Ring

# TRAINING AT HOME

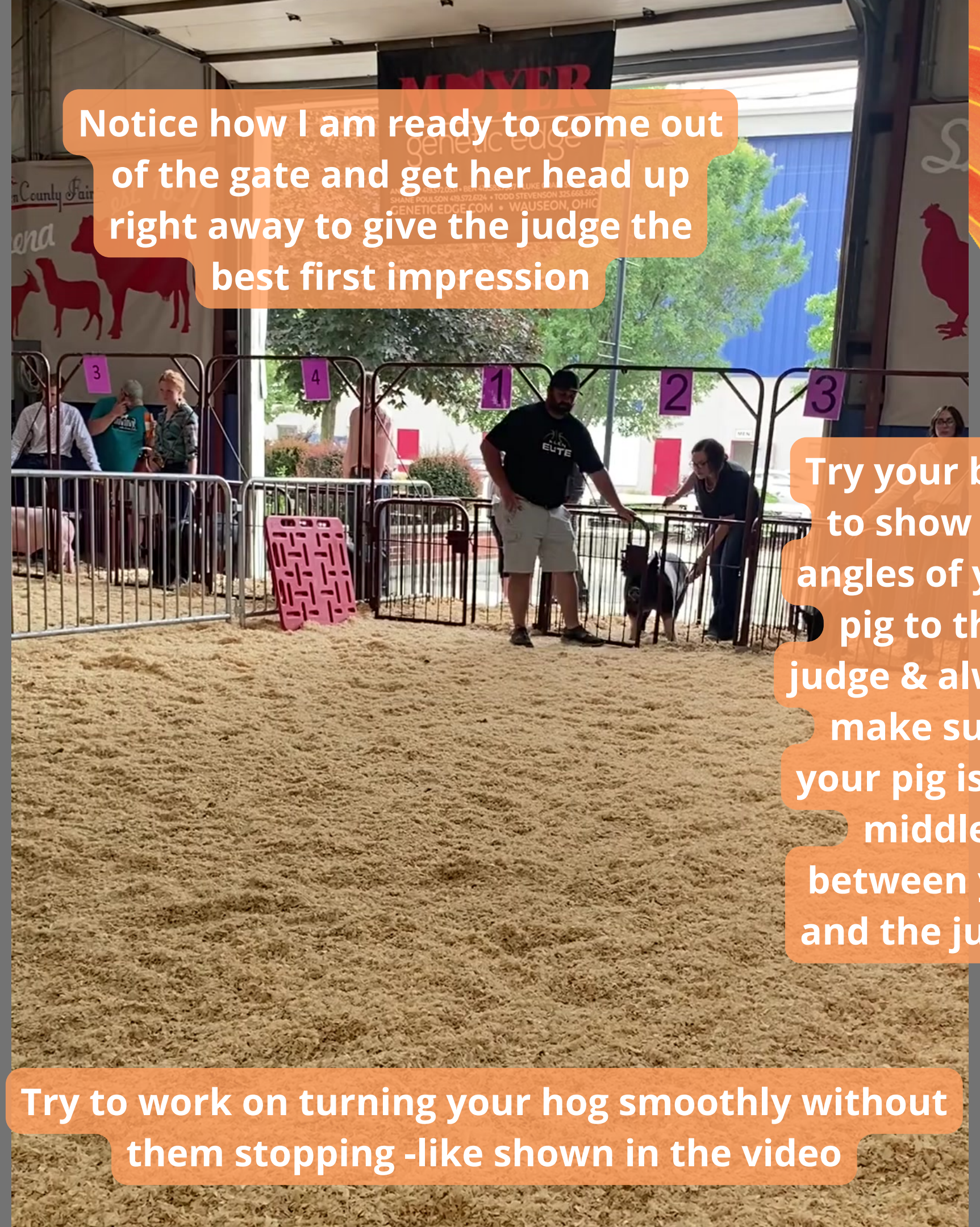
- **START AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**
  - The younger they are, the easier it will be
- **START OFF SLOW**
  - You don't need to drive them the first few times they are out-just get them used to the feeling of the whip, you can even just sit in the yard with them
- **IF THEY NEED HELP GETTING OUT OF THE BARN TRY:**
  - Coaxing them with feed or marshmallows/peppermints
  - Let them naturally come out themselves
  - Use hog boards as a last resort



# TRAINING

- **AFTER A WEEK OR SO, YOU CAN START WORKING WITH YOUR HOG TO GET THEM TO DRIVE LIKE THIS** →
  - **WORK THEM SLOWLY UP TO 45 MIN. - 1 HR. EACH DAY**

Getting your show pig to do all of this effortlessly is going to take some time. With hard work and determination you will get there. Don't give up!



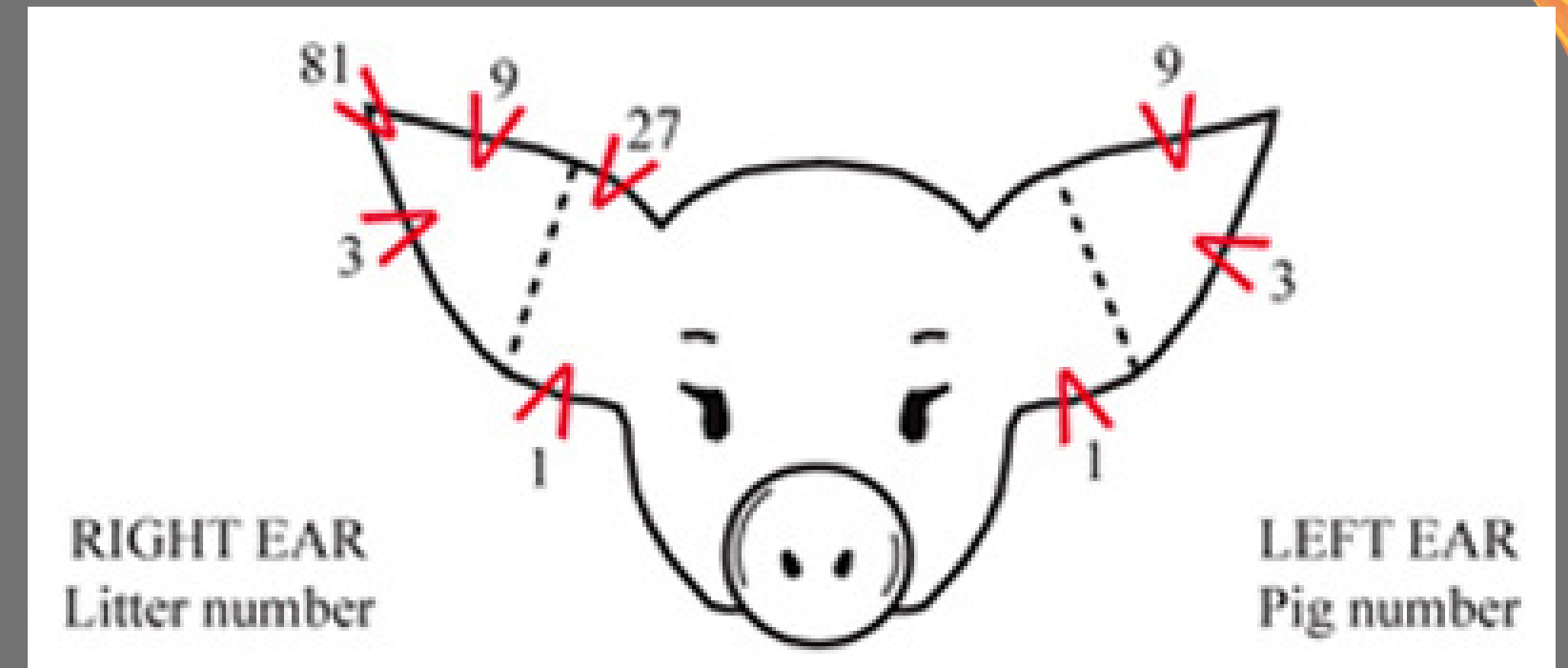
Notice how I am ready to come out of the gate and get her head up right away to give the judge the best first impression

Try your best to show all angles of your pig to the judge & always make sure your pig is the middle between you and the judge

Try to work on turning your hog smoothly without them stopping -like shown in the video

# WHAT TO KNOW FOR SHOWMANSHIP DAY

- **EAR NOTCH OF YOUR HOG**
  - LEFT EAR=LITTER NUMBER
  - RIGHT EAR=PIG NUMBER
- **PEDIGREE OF YOUR HOG**
  - SIRE & DAM
  - EX: CRUEL INTENTIONS X KING COBRA
- **WEIGHT & BIRTH DATE**
  - WEIGHT IF MARKET ANIMAL
  - BIRTH DATE IF BREEDING ANIMAL
- **WHAT YOU LIKE/DISLIKE ABOUT YOUR HOG**
  - EX PROS: RIB SHAPE, WIDTH, & STOUT FEATURE (BONE)
  - EX CONS: COULD BE MORE EXTENDED OR SOUNDER



This is information that is always helpful and good to know about your project-just be sure to know them for showmanship day

# HELPFUL LINKS

## GENERAL TIPS FOR SHOW PIGS

- <https://surechamp.com/getting-started-with-show-pigs/>

## SHOWMANSHIP

- <https://surechamp.com/getting-started-with-show-pigs/>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DN0oLfo\\_Oh8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DN0oLfo_Oh8)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aN2gQ-1I6ng>

## TRAINING YOUR SHOW PIG

- <https://www.thewinnersbrand.com/protips/swine/training-show-pigs?>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwrvW3dv\\_98&t=208s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwrvW3dv_98&t=208s)



**HAVE FUN**

**&**

**GOOD LUCK**

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