

PRINCIPLES FOR SUCCESS:

DETERMINATION

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WHAT IS DETERMINATION?

Determination is working intently to accomplish your goals regardless of opposition. People with determination have willpower and are intentional about reaching their goals, so it is an important trait to incorporate into your stock show life. Acquiring this trait will help you work through the challenges you might face when working with your animal or other obstacles you might encounter during your show career.

Success isn't something you're given. Showmen who have achieved success knew what they wanted, stayed on track and continually practiced to make show day look effortless. They were determined that the obstacles they faced would not defeat their dreams. These same people found ways to purposefully manage their time and surrounded themselves with other determined individuals. Their outcome was positive because they chose to stay focused and push themselves to overcome the adversity.

DO'S & DON'TS OF DETERMINATION



BE INTENTIONAL: Map out your starting and ending points by writing down the steps that you need to do to stay on track. If you know someone who's had success, ask them to share advice on creating a plan.

MAKE IT A HABIT: Discipline yourself to make practicing part of your routine. Do you need to improve on clipping? Fitting? Setting your calf? Practice these tasks until they become natural to you.

MANAGE YOUR TIME: Stay on track by making a daily, weekly and monthly schedule and allocate all of your activities to a specific time-frame.



DON'T BE DISCOURAGED: Setbacks are normal with factors including animals, weather and travel. Put a positive spin on the situation and understand that there is a better way to reach your goal.

DON'T LACK CONFIDENT ENCOURAGEMENT: Surround yourself with people who believe in and encourage you, or you will find it difficult to keep trying.

DON'T CELEBRATE TOO EARLY: Celebrating too early can break your stride and ruin the outcome. Celebrate after the win has been secured.

Being a determined person helps you grow. Successfully completing a task despite the obstacles means your confidence will increase and you are prepared for the next challenge life will bring, within or outside of the stock show life. That's why having determination is #morethanthebanner.

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