

PRINCIPLES FOR SUCCESS:

MOTIVATION

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WHAT IS MOTIVATION?

Motivation is an inner power that pushes you toward taking action. It is driven by desire, passion and ambition. Who are some of your role models in life and in the show ring? It's likely that if your mentors have earned your respect, they possess the trait of motivation, which has boosted them to achieve their accomplishments.

Motivated people are inspired within themselves to work hard and achieve goals. Those who lack motivation rely on other people or things, hoping or wishing that they will receive inspiration from an outside source. Ultimately, motivation is a decision; you have to make the choice for yourself.

In the show ring, your motivation will stand out to the judge. It will be evident that you went the extra mile at home and plan to go the extra mile in the ring. Check out the following list of do's and don'ts of motivated people.

HAVE DIRECTION: Visualize a clear picture of what you want to accomplish. Whether it's mastering the art of clipping your animal or bringing home a purple banner, you need to know what your end goal is in order to acquire the skills you will need to achieve it.

DESIRE TO SUCCEED: When you choose to carve out extra time in your days, weeks and months to devote to your livestock project, your desire to succeed will refuse to waste your time and energy. Your self-motivation is increased by keeping your passion alive.

BE OPTIMISTIC: Things will not always go as planned with your animals when you set goals. Choose to react with optimism and a positive attitude instead of letting a little snag destroy your passion. Optimism fuels motivation.

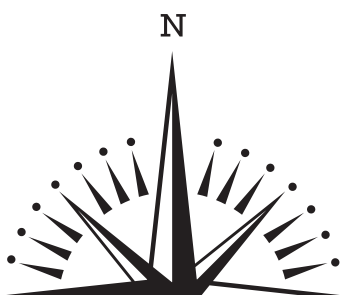


DON'T NEGLECT RESPONSIBILITY:

Don't go into situations without first sorting out your priorities. For example, set aside time to work with your animals and stick to your schedule. When the time comes, you can plan fun events with your friends without interfering with long-term goals for your project.

DON'T LACK INDEPENDENCE: Don't expect to gain motivation by not taking responsibility and action. If you always expect another person or source to inspire you, you will not achieve your goals. Decide for yourself what you want, then determine how and when you will do it.

DON'T BE INSECURE: Don't let fear of failure keep you from working toward your goal. While it's natural to experience uncertainty, remember that every day is a chance to learn and grow with your animal. If you don't win this time, you'll know what to do differently next time.



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