

Suggested INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP KNOWLEDGE

Intermediate: (ages 11-13)

At this level the student should have accomplished the junior level of showmanship. He should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the basic principles of selecting, care for, breeding and raising poultry. He should be aware of the fundamentals involved in evaluating poultry for exhibition and/or production purposes. He should be able to coop his birds in without help at a poultry show. *At this point parents and friends should not be assisting the youth checking his birds in at a show and/or cooping his birds out following the show.*

He should have accomplished the entire junior level plus.....

- A. He should be able to identify internal body parts.
- B. He should learn many of the other breeds in his class that he is competing against for Class Champion.
- C. He should be able to describe the difference between fancy purebred poultry and production poultry.
- D. He should be able to read a coop tag following judging and explain what the judges markings mean.
- E. He should be able to tell what a judge is looking for and name the books the judge uses to judge poultry.
- F. He should recognize some internal and external parasites, be able to give recommended treatments of each as well as preventative measures.
- G. He should be able to explain the basic fundamentals in setting up a breed pen, hatching, brooding and caring for chicks.
- H. He should be able to explain how a showroom is set up and why it's set up the way it is.
- I. He should know the name of the showroom superintendent and the showroom secretary and describe what these people do in the showrooms. He should be familiar with the name of the judge that is assigned to judging his birds.
- J. He should be able to name some defects or disqualifications of the bird (s) he is showing and the bird he is using in showmanship.
- K. He should be able to describe how to give a chicken a shot if it is needed and where he would give it by pointing out the area (s). What is the difference between subcutaneous injection and intramuscular injection?
- L. He should begin understanding the basic names of diseases that are common to poultry and suggest treatments. (Coccidiosis, Fowl Pox, Chronic Respiratory Disease, Coriza)
- M. He should be able to identify combs and some breeds with different types of combs.
- N. He should be aware of how to handle the public hassling poultry or the exhibitors in a poultry showroom. What would and should he do?
- O. He should be able to recognize a hen that is laying and explain the changes in skin pigment that occur during this process.
- P. He should know what the "Bantam Standard" and the "American Standard of Perfection" are and should be learning to use them properly. Can he explain the differences in the two books?