

Questions for Fitting and Showing Competitions: Swine

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“Questions for Fitting and Showing: Sheep”

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Junior 4-H Questions

1. What is the sex of your pig?
2. What do you call the opposite sex?
3. What is the breed of your pig?
4. Name another breed of pig?
5. What vaccinations has your pig received?
6. What wormer has your pig received and how was it administered?
7. Name body parts of pigs
8. Name wholesale cuts of pork.
9. What is average daily gain (ADG)?
10. What is the ADG of your pig?
11. What has your pig been eating?
12. How much do you feed it per day? (I try to get them to answer in pounds)
13. What percentage protein is in your feed?
14. What is a subcutaneous (s.c., SubQ) injection and where do you give it?
15. What is an intramuscular (IM) injection and where do you give it?
16. What is the meaning of withdrawal time for a drug?

In the Junior Finals, some Intermediate/Senior 4-H/FFA Questions may be used to break ties

Intermediate/Senior 4-H/FFA Questions

Any of the Junior 4-H Questions Plus:

1. What do you call an intact male pig?
2. What are female pigs called?
3. Name 5 key nutrients.
4. What is a normal body temperature for pigs?
5. What is gestation length in pigs?
6. What is the estrus cycle length?
7. How many boars would you need to breed 100 sows/gilts?
8. What is a maternal breed? Name two.
9. What is a terminal cross?
10. Are pigs fed animal protein by-products?
11. Is B.S.E. a problem in pigs?
12. What is a normal birth weight for a pig?
13. What would be an average life expectancy for a sow?
14. How many stomachs does a pig have?
15. What kind of feed do pigs have a difficult time digesting?

16. What do you call an animal with four stomachs?
17. Name two grains.
18. Can you safely feed beef feed to your pig? Why or why not?
19. Can you safely feed swine feed to your lamb? Why or why not?
20. Name one vitamin and one mineral contained in your pig feed.
21. What do you like or dislike about this pig?
22. If you could improve your pig what part or attribute would you change?
23. How did you prepare your pig for the show?
24. Do you know if your pig has the *callipyge* gene? What is it?
25. Define Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship
26. Name one (or more) swine disease and tell me what you know about it?
27. What is a prolapse? Symptoms? How to treat? (There is more than one type)
28. What is coccidiosis? Symptoms? How to treat?
29. What is polioencephalomalacia? Symptoms? How to treat?
30. What is ovine ecthyma? Symptoms? How to treat?
31. What is mastitis? Symptoms? How to treat?
32. What is pneumonia? Symptoms? How to treat?
33. Do pigs get white muscle disease? What causes it?
34. What factor(s) is (are) used to determine USDA Pork Grade?
35. What is the USDA Pork Grade of your pig (or that pig)?
36. What is the ideal market weight (or fat thickness or ribeye area)?

Other Skillathon type questions:

Protein requirements of pigs of various ages

Identify retail cuts

Roast (Usually at least 2 inches thick) versus steak or slice (usually $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 inch thick)

Leg cuts, loin cuts, shoulder cuts, shank, neck

Identify various parasites such as round worms, tape worms, keds, ticks, lice, flies

Identify feedstuffs such as molasses (smell it), soybean meal, corn, wheat, oats, barley, peas, limestone (its ground up rock with no smell), meat and bone meal (smell it)

Identify swine equipment

Grain judging