

Clémence's Column

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR CATTLE FOR EXHIBITION SHOWS

It's easier to tame animals from a young age, to do this requires handling calves from birth, tie them, pet them, get them use to a halter and walk them because it's easier to control when they are small.

Better to make short sessions rather than too long as you don't want to tire them out, they must like it.

When they are older, attach them to the back of a hay wagon with someone next to them. Move slowly so they get used to following and walking, you will not risk losing them. When they follow well, try walking them yourself in a pen. Practice is the key to success.

Repeat this process until they do well, you can then get them used to the stick to place their legs properly so they look good at the judgment.

Then keep them near the barn and feed them well so they look good and well developed.

This is the same method for older animals, remember that it takes patience and take the necessary time for good results.

Hope these tips will help you tame your cattle for the exhibition. I wish you success and see you at Expo Boeuf 2015 in Victoriaville.

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In the next issue, I will write about "How to choose the right bull to inseminate your cows".

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