

## 4-H Harness Goat Project Supplement

The age of your goat determines which level of the project you complete each year. Refer to the current year's Junior Fair Livestock Entry Form or Muskingum County Fair Book for age guidelines.



### Harness Project I

Coil

Figure-8

STANCE OF GOAT

Feet squared and goat should look alert

Hold the excess lead in your left hand, wrapped in a coil or figure-8 fashion. Keep your hand near or against your belt.

---

SHOWING AND JUDGE'S EXAMINATION

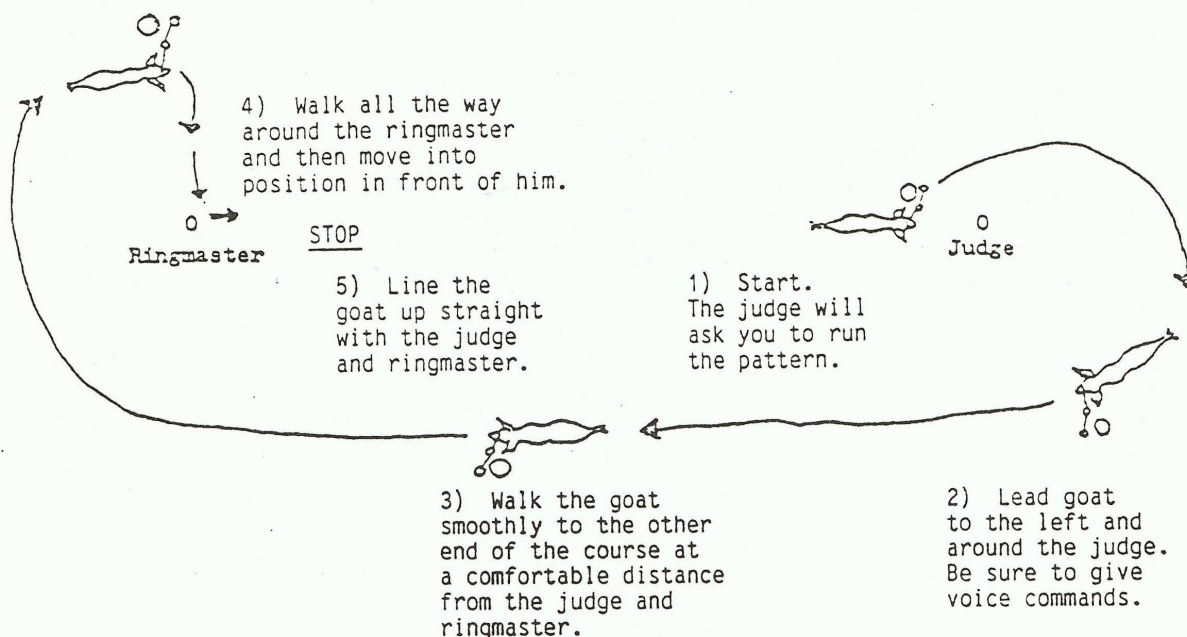
<p>1)</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>You</p> </div> <p>1) Face the goat when the judge is on the right. Stand with heels together and look proud.</p>	<p>2)</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Judge</p> </div> <p>2) When the judge stands in front of your animal - face the judge and wait till he passes before changing sides.</p>
<p>3)</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Judge</p> </div> <p>3) When the judge has passed, switch sides and resume position number 1.</p>	



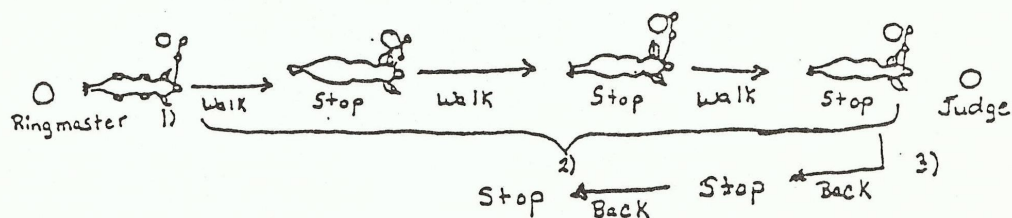
## Harness Project I

### JUDGING AT LEAD

NOTE: Do Not switch sides when at lead.



### JUDGING MANEUVERABILITY



1) The goat's feet should be fairly square. If they are out of place try walking the goat forward a little. If they are still not correct use your hand to straighten them.

2) Walk and stop the goat three times. On the third stop, pause a moment and proceed with procedure 3.

3) Back and stop the goat 2 times. After you stop the second time, square the animal's feet and stand for inspection.

NOTE: The animal should lead calmly and willingly. The goat should not have to be tugged or pulled through the course. He should respond to voice commands.

### Harness Project II

#### Score Card - Second Year

1-5 points for scoring (five is best score)

##### Circle Pattern

- Proper stance when starting pattern \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- Goat pulls cart smoothly and willingly \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- Gives voice and rein commands \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- Correct pattern and fairly straight alignment between judge and ringmaster \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points

##### Line Pattern

- The serpentines are smooth and close to the same size \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- Three loops are completed \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- Voice and rein commands are given \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- Goat responds to the commands \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- Person and goat in proper stance at completion of pattern \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- Person handled goat smoothly but firmly with pride \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points

Total points (50 possible) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

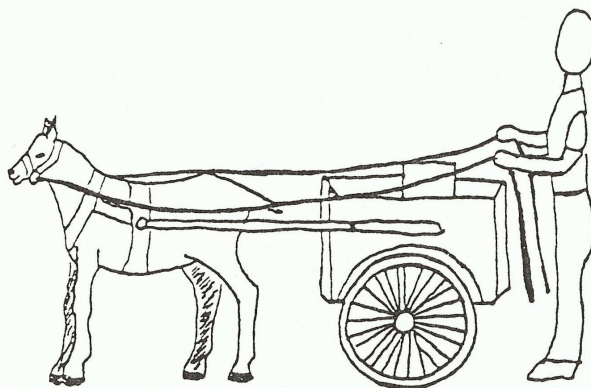
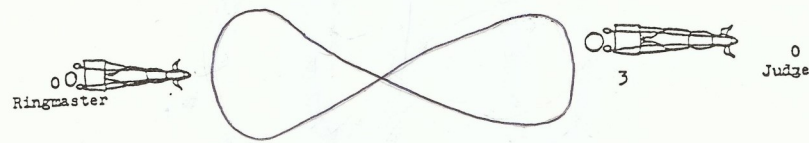


Figure - 1

1) Proper Stance. You should stand with legs together. Stand tall with arms stretched comfortably in front holding the reins. The goat should look alert and its legs should be fairly square. The important factor is to establish and keep control of the goat at all times.

## Harness Project II

**FIGURE 8 PATTERN**

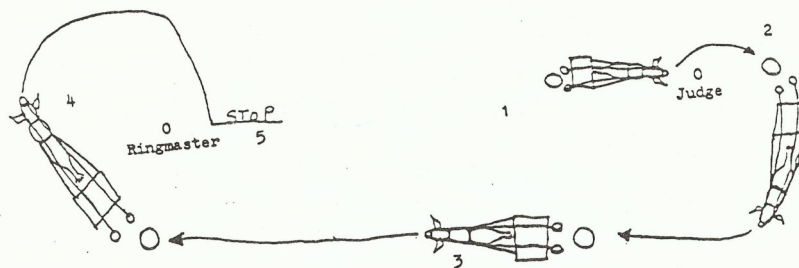


Demonstrate voice commands.

Left, right, go-back.  
Stop - as signaled by the judge

Figure 8 with use of cones.

Circle Pattern



1) Stand before the judge in proper form. The judge will ask you to run the pattern.

2) Go left of the judge and around the back of the judge. Be sure to give voice commands to the goat when you are directing it.

3) Continue driving the goat to the other end of the arena to the ringmaster.

4) Continue behind the ringmaster. The goat should be pulling smoothly and responding to your direct commands.

5) Pull in front of the ringmaster so that the head of the goat is facing the judge. Try to be in fairly straight alignment with the judge and ringmaster. Stop and wait for the judge's hand signal to begin line pattern.

## Harness Project III

### Score Card - Third Year

1-5 points for scoring (five is best score)

#### First Part

- Proper stance when starting pattern \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- Goat pulls cart and person willingly \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- Voice and rein commands are given \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- Correct first part and fairly straight between judge and ringmaster \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points

#### Backing

- Pulls to center before backing \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- Smooth, fairly straight \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points

#### Second Part

- Reversing field with correct procedure \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- Person is maintaining control of the animal \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- The person drives the goat all the way around the judge before parking \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points
- Person handled goat with good ability and pride \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points

Total points (50 possible) \_\_\_\_\_

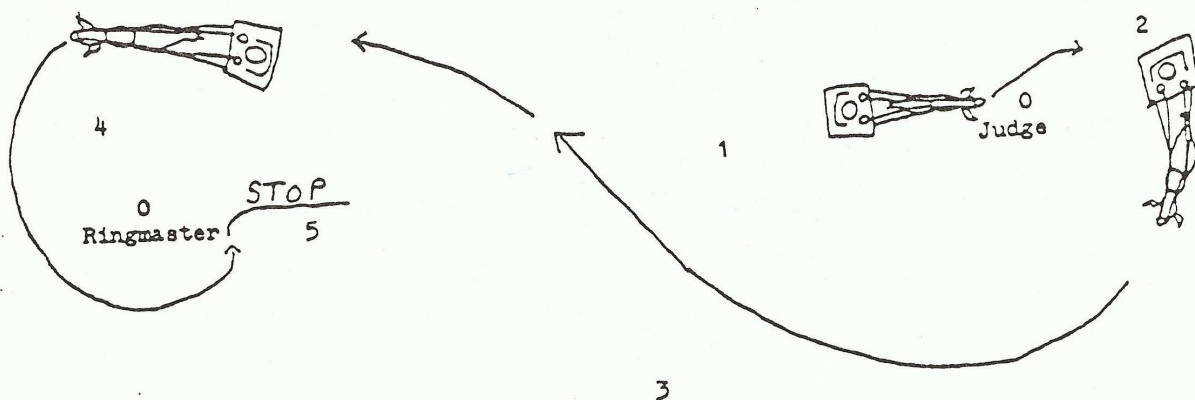
## Harness Project III

### Riding in cart:

- Figure 8 with cones
- Walk over tarp
- Demonstrate voice commands

### RIDING IN CART

#### First Part



1) Stand before the judge in proper form. The judge will ask you to run the pattern.

2) Go left of the judge and around the back of the judge. Be sure to give vocal and rein commands to the goat.

3) Go through the center of the ring. You are attempting to make a figure eight. Your goat should drive smoothly.

4) Continue behind the ringmaster and to point 4.

5) Pull in front of the ringmaster so that the head of the goat is facing the judge. Stop and wait for the judges hand signal before starting second part.

## Harness Project III

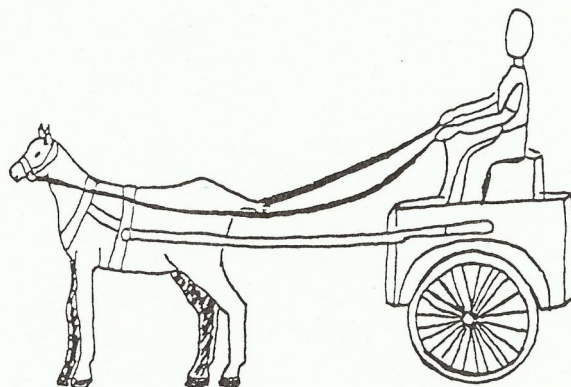
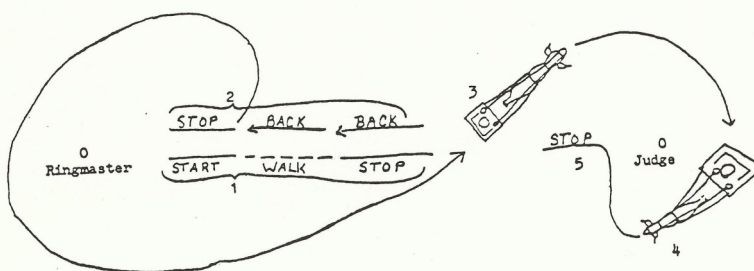


Figure - 1

1) Proper Stance. You should sit erectly in the cart holding the reins comfortably, but firmly. The goat should look alert and feet should be fairly square. The important factor is to have good control over the animal at all times.

### Second Part



1) After the judge's signal, walk forward to the center of the ring. Stop your goat.

2) Back your goat to the point at which you started in front of the ringmaster and stop.

3) Drive your goat to the left and proceed behind the ringmaster. Then continue to reverse the pattern through the middle of the ring.

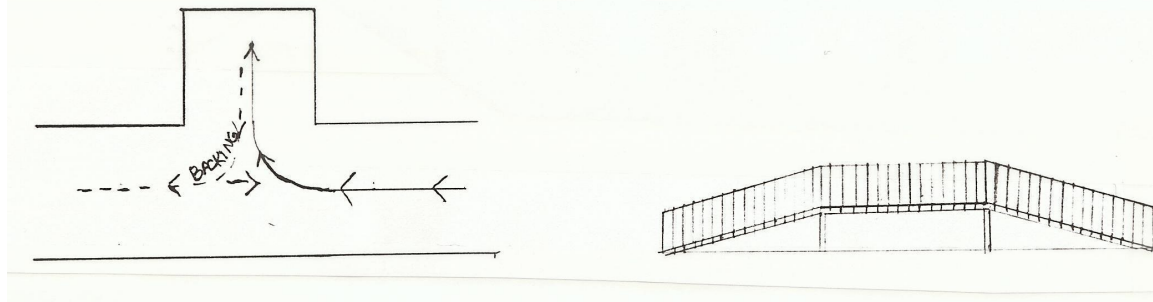
4) Continue to walk all the way around the judge.

5) Walk the goat up to the judge, so that it is facing the judge. Stand for inspection.

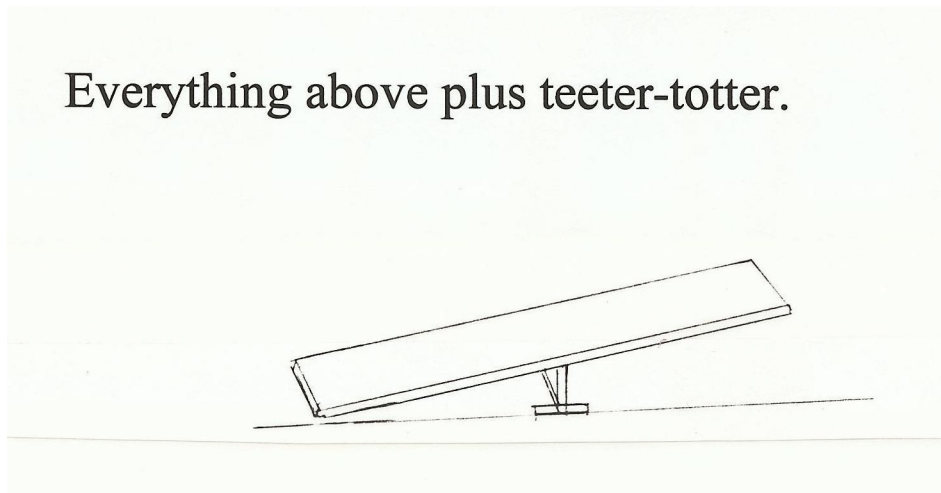


**Harness Project IV****Voice Commands**

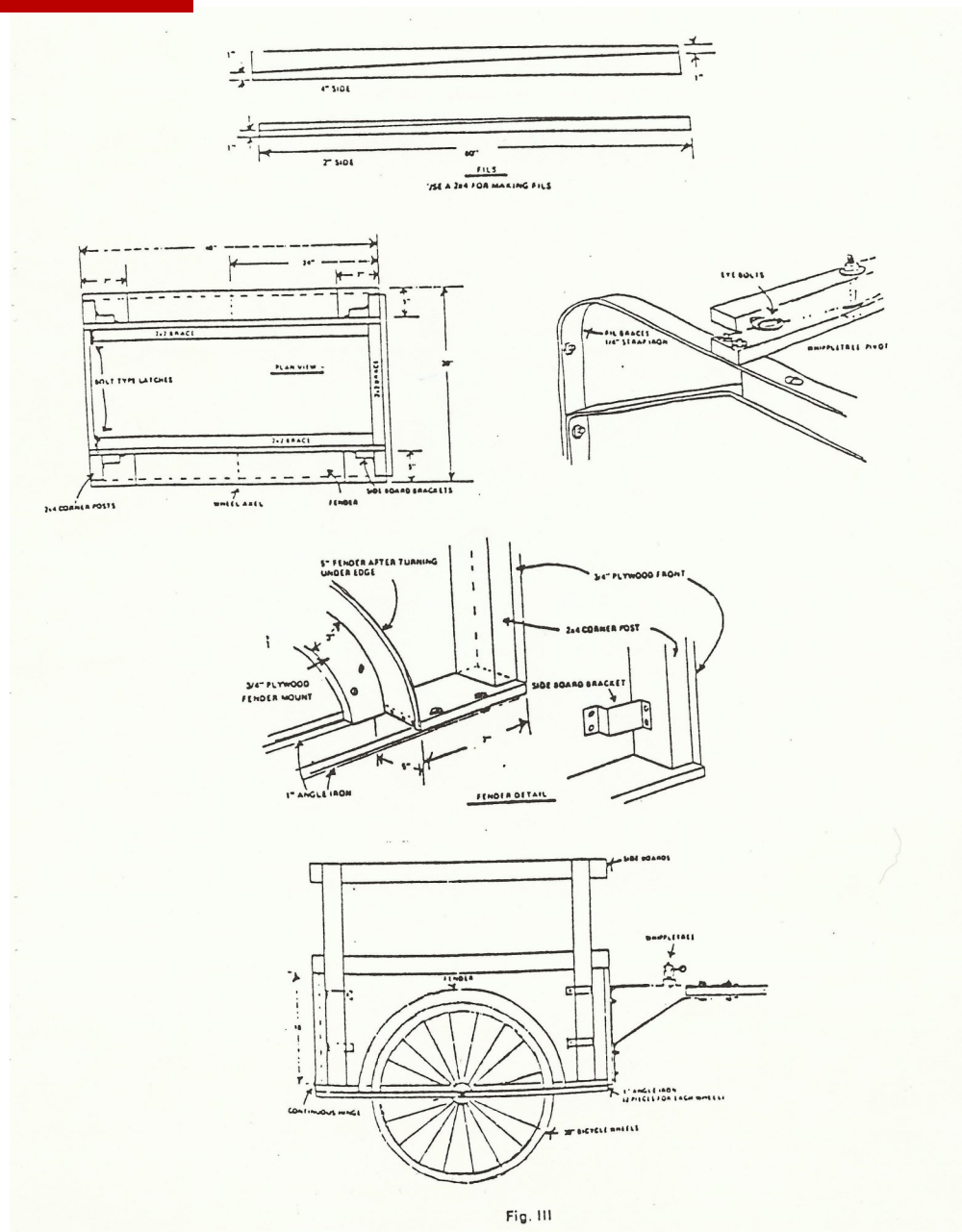
Obstacle course - which includes walk over tarp, mail box stop - driveway + Bridge.

**Harness Project Advanced**

Everything above plus teeter-totter.







## Acknowledgements:

Adapted by: Jamie McConnell, Extension Educator  
4-H Youth Development  
Updated 2020



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



[muskingum.osu.edu](http://muskingum.osu.edu)

CFAES provides research and related educational programs to clientele on a nondiscriminatory basis. For