



**DEPARTMENT 50 - SHEPHERD'S LEAD
SARA ANI – Superintendent**

Shepherd's Lead is a contest to show the relationship between the shepherd and the wool products made from sheep (clothing products). The competitor leads a young sheep (ewe or wether) around the ring while wearing an outfit made from wool, either sewn, knitted, or crocheted. The contestant is judged on the handling of the sheep, as well as the outfit.

Narratives must be mailed to Sara Ani, 6229 Woodcrest Ave., Baltimore, MD 21209 by June 1.

SPECIFIC RULES:

1. To enter, you do not have to own your sheep or carry the sheep project.
2. The sheep must be fitted and trained to a halter. Animal can be a breeding ewe or a market lamb. Aged ewes are allowed, but all sheep must be entered and shown in the market lamb and breeding sheep or wool sheep show.
3. The contestant will be judged on the mode of dress selected. The outfit must be attractive and lend elegance to the contest. The garment must be made of at least 60% wool. Contestants must furnish their own garment. Garments from previous years are not acceptable.
4. The judging criteria will be as follows with a possible score of 100 points.
 - a. Outfit 40 points
 1. Wool outfit that is made or purchased. Credit will be given for garments made by the contestant.
 2. The contestants own presentation and appearance (poise, confidence, and the outfit's attractiveness).
 - b. Presentation and Control 30 points
 1. Overall appearance of both the contestant and the sheep combined in the show ring.
 2. Control of the sheep in the show ring.
 - c. Animals 30 points
 1. Condition and overall appearance and attractiveness of the sheep (fitting, etc).
 2. How well the sheep is halter trained and behaves in the show ring.
5. **Narratives must be typed; handwritten narratives will not be accepted. The narrative should include the following information: a) Description of the outfit; b) Information about the animal being led (name, breed, etc); c) Other activities and interests of the contestant.**

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Proposed Premium: - Blue - \$3, Red - \$2, White - \$1

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ONLINE ENTRIES—be prepared to type

Breed
Indicate lamb Owned or Borrowed
If borrowed, name of owner

Sample Narrative:

This is Suzie Clover with her Tunis yearling. Suzie is 14 years old and this is her fifth year as a 4-H sheep exhibitor at the County Fair. Today Suzie is wearing a hand-knit sweater made from 100% merino wool. Merino has a very close crimp and can be spun into a very fine yarn, which makes it soft. Merino wool is naturally a very white fiber so when dyed can produce almost any color yarn. Suzie chose this sweater to complement her wool-blend slacks and she hopes to wear this outfit to fall semi-formal events at her high school. Suzie has been raising and showing Tunis sheep for her entire 4-H career and she has a flock of eight breeding ewes and one ram at home. In addition to the sheep project, Suzie has exhibited her photography projects at County and State Activities Day and is the reporter for the Carefree 4-H Club. Suzie hopes to increase her flock in the next year so that she has a larger lamb crop to sell and she can begin saving money for college. When Suzie isn't working with her sheep, she likes to play basketball and swim.