Right from the Start

Student Notes

Beef Cattle

This information corresponds with the Beef Cattle chapter of the Right from the Start DVD.

As we begin the halter breaking process, (1)_______________ is first.

Cattle have good (2)______________ like humans.

Every animal is (3)__________________.

Danger points include (4)______________, (5)______________, (6)______________, & (7)______________.

Equipment

The (8)_____________ is not designed to be left on the animal at all times.

The (9)____________ is usually made out of leather with a little bit a chain.

The halter should ride just below the (10)____________ and across the (11)____________.

The lead rope should be (12)______ foot long.

The (13)______ _______ is a restraining device.

The trim chute should be put on (14)__________ ground.

If the animal moves to the side and gets on the ground, they can potentially (15)_____ ______ the trim chute.

Making sure the (16)__________ on a trim cute are adjusted according to the animal is extremely important.

Halter Breaking

The (17)__________ ________ is the space an animal considers its area of safety.

(18)_________________ simulates the touch of a human.
As you approach an animal, establish what their (19)__________ is.
The more they are (20)__________ to you, the more (21)__________ they will be with you.

**Acclimating to New Environments**

Play a (22)__________ for them to acclimate them to different noises.
Have several (23)__________ around the animal to simulate a crowd.
Be ready to (24)__________.

**Footing**

Cattle can (25)__________.
The hooves are not meant for (26)__________ or (27)__________.
If they get away, they have the understanding that they can (28)__________ get away.
If you have good footing (surface), you can (29)__________ them better

**Spacing**

Keep (30)___ calf’s length in between exhibitors.
Calves start off in the (31)__________ pound range and develop into a (32)__________ pound animal in the end.
Younger kids have to be (33)__________ with livestock projects.

**Kicking**

You want to make sure that the animal (34)__________ you are there.
Be aware that the animal could (35)__________ you at any time.
They kick (36)__________ and (37)__________.
Don’t make any (38)________________ movements.

_Haltering_

Make sure the animal (39)__________ you are there.

Make sure you don’t get (40)________________ in the halter.

_Tying_

Tie animals to a (41)__________ object.

Tie them to something that has some (42)__________.

They could (43)__________ or (44)__________ at any time and potentially pen you.

Utilize a knot that can be untied (45)______________.
**Answer Key**

1. Safety    16. Bars    31. 400-500
8. Rope Halter  23. People  38. Sudden
10. Eyes     25. Slip       40. Wrapped up
12. Two      27. Asphalt    42. Height
13. Trim chute  28. Always  43. Lunge
15. Tip over  30. One       45. Easily