# PRECONDITIONING AND CONDITIONING OF A SHOW PIG

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT, AND YET MOST OVERLOOKED, PARTS A SHOWING A PIG IS MAKING THEM LOOK AS MUCH LIKE A CHAMPION AS POSSIBLE ON THE DAY THAT THEY SHOW. THE FOLLOWING IS A SCHEDULE FOR GETTING YOUR PIG READY TO SHOW SO THAT SHE MAY LOOK HER BEST ON SHOWDAY.

**PRECONDITIONING:**

1. RINSE YOUR PIG DAILY FOR THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE SHOW.
2. WASH YOUR PIG AT LEAST 3 TIMES WITH A CONDITIONING SHAMPOO OR GO-JO TYPE HAND CLEANER FOR THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE SHOW.
3. ON THE DAYS THAT YOU WASH, PRECONDITION YOUR PIG’S SKIN WITH BABY OIL, PURPLE OIL OR A SKIN CONDITIONER FROM ONE OF THE SHOW SUPPLY COMPANIES. LEAVE IT ON YOUR PIG FOR 10 – 15 MINUTES , THEN WASH IT OFF WITH SOAP**. *NOTE*: DO NOT LEAVE THE OIL ON YOUR PIG WITHOUT WASHING AS IT CAN CAUSE SEVERE SUN BURNS EVEN ON CLOUDY DAYS.**
4. WALK YOUR PIG FOR 15 MINUTES PER DAY. THIS WILL HELP HER TO BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION FOR THE SHOW RING ON SHOW DAY.

**CONDITIONING:**

1. ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW, OIL AND WASH YOUR PIG.
2. TWO HOURS BEFORE YOU EXPECT TO GO INTO THE RING, GIVE YOUR PIG A TUBE OF CALF-CALM. (ESPECIALLY IF YOUR PIG IS A RUNNER)
3. 30-45 MINUTES BEFORE YOU EXPECT TO GO INTO THE RING, MIX YOUR ***FOR SURE*** WITH ABOUT 1/3 CAN OF WATER AND GIVE IT TO YOUR PIG. THIS WILL BE DIGESTED VERY QUICKLY AND WILL GIVE YOUR PIG MORE MUSCLE TONE.
4. JUST PRIOR TO ENTERING THE RING, COMPLETELY COAT YOUR PIG WITH WATER OR SHOW SHEEN. A WET PIG WILL LOOK FRESHER AND SHOW MORE MUSCLE DEFINITION.
5. ONCE IN THE RING, KEEP YOUR PIG MOVING SLOWLY, PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT IS GOING ON AND GOOD LUCK!