

## **NORMA'S NOTES FOR AG DAY – PART 3**

### **Basic training hints for Ag Day success**

Always call your baby to come to the feed, do not go to the animal...this teaches her to come to your call.

Parents - you **MUST NOT** call the baby if you need to feed it as this confuses the animal. Try to have as little to do with the animal, but encourage your child to do the work. Judges can tell immediately in the ring, if the child has a bond with the animal.

Put the halter or collar on your baby in the first week...start leading lessons in the second week. Children - practise walking along a pathway or drive. Stand at the shoulder (left side) and say 'Walk on'...walk forward and have mum or dad assist by quietly urging the animal forward with you - she will soon get the idea. Look up yourself (don't look down!), look where you are going and the baby will come too. Never run with your animal on the lead, as they may find this exciting and become unmanageable. Run and play **OFF** the lead instead.

Children - try to spend as much time as possible with your calf, lamb or kid (grooming time is great) and you will be rewarded with the trust and bond that you develop over these weeks. Your animals do not forget you even when they have grown up and will still come to call and lead when they are adults.