

2009 Sheep & Wool Skillathon

Written test

20 questions for seniors, 15 for intermediates, and 10 for juniors

1. What is a castrated male sheep called?
 - a. Ram
 - b. Buck
 - c. **Wether**
 - d. Steer

2. What is the wool that is sheared from one sheep called?
 - a. Clip
 - b. Lock
 - c. **Fleece**
 - d. Shawl

3. How many teeth does a lamb have on its lower jaw?
 - a. 0
 - b. 4
 - c. **8**
 - d. 10

4. How many compartments (parts) does a sheep's stomach have?
 - a. 1
 - b. 3
 - c. **4**
 - d. 5

5. What might cause a lamb to prolapse (push out) its rectum?
[the rectum is the last part of the digestive tract]
 - a. Sheep related to it have prolapsed.
 - b. Its tail is docked too short.
 - c. It coughs a lot.
 - d. **All of the above**

6. What is colostrum?
 - a. A hormone
 - b. First milk**
 - c. A medicine
 - d. None of the above

7. How should you give deworming medicine to a sheep?
 - a. Squirt it down its throat**
 - b. Inject it under the skin
 - c. Inject it into the muscle
 - d. Put it in its feed

8. What is the name of the hormone that maintains pregnancy in the ewe?
 - a. Estrogen
 - b. Prostaglandin
 - c. Progesterone**
 - d. Oxytocin

9. If a ewe is mated on October 1st, 2009, when will she give birth to her lamb(s)?
 - a. January 1, 2010
 - b. February 1, 2010
 - c. March 1, 2010**
 - d. July 1, 2010

10. Which disease(s) can people get from sheep?
 - a. Soremouth (orf)
 - b. Club lamb fungus (ringworm)
 - c. Foot rot
 - d. A and B**
 - e. All of the above.

11. Which of the following are the drugs being used “extra-label”?
 - a. Squinting Ivomec® Plus injectable into a sheep’s mouth
 - b. Drenching a lamb with SafeGuard® liquid
 - c. Giving a ram Valbazen® drench at 2x the dose listed on the label.
 - d. All are extra-label drug use and require veterinary approval.**

12. Which kind of feed has the highest percentage of protein?
- Alfalfa pellets
 - Whole barley
 - Orchardgrass hay
 - Soybean meal**
13. Where should a subcutaneous (sub-Q, SQ) injection be given to a sheep?
- In the muscle
 - In the vein
 - Under the skin**
 - In the mouth
14. Which is the “true” stomach of the sheep?
- Rumen
 - Reticulum
 - Abomasum**
 - Omasum
15. Which sheep is most likely to develop kidney stones in its urinary tract?
[the disease is caused urinary calculi]
- Wether**
 - Ram
 - Ewe
 - All are equally likely.
16. From which wholesale cut of lamb would you get a sirloin chop?
- Leg**
 - Loin
 - Rack
 - Shoulder
17. Which feed has the highest energy content (or percentage)?
- Good quality alfalfa hay
 - Whole shell corn**
 - Pelleted soybean hulls
 - Crimped oats

18. How much should a ewe lamb weigh before being bred?
- a. 85 pounds
 - b. Half of her mature size
 - c. **Two-thirds of her mature size**
 - d. 100 pounds
19. What kind of wool has the most “crimp” per inch?
- a. **Fine wool (Example: Rambouillet wool)**
 - b. Medium wool (Example: Dorset wool)
 - c. Long wool (Example: Romney wool)
 - d. Carpet wool (Example: Karakul wool)
20. “Halal” describes lamb (and other food) which is acceptable for people of which religion to eat?
- a. Christians
 - b. Jews
 - c. **Muslims**
 - d. Hindus