

TRAINING YOUR LAMB

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LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY 4-H SHEEP SUPERINTENDENT

WHAT IS GOING ON

- Major changes
 - New place
 - New feed
 - New humans
 - Lost his friends
- Lambs thoughts
 - Fear
 - Anxiety
 - Unknown
 - Flight
 - Uncomfortable

THINK ABOUT IT

- What would you do?
 - Get mad
 - Frustrated
 - Resentful
 - Fearful
 - Don't care
 - Better place and feed than before

LAMBS EYES



FIRST TASK



- Get them use to new
 - Feed
 - Water
 - Place
 - and Friend



SECOND TASK

- Become friends
 - Sit in small pen
 - Let lamb come to you
 - Feed them out of your hand
- Slow and easy
- Trust and respect
- Safe
- No halter or catching



THIRD TASK

- Hands on them
 - Rub
 - Back
 - Under chin
 - Legs
- Introduce a halter
 - Show it to them
 - Lay it on them
 - Place it on them
 - Don't pull
 - Opposite of what you want
 - Don't let them step on it



FOURTH TASK

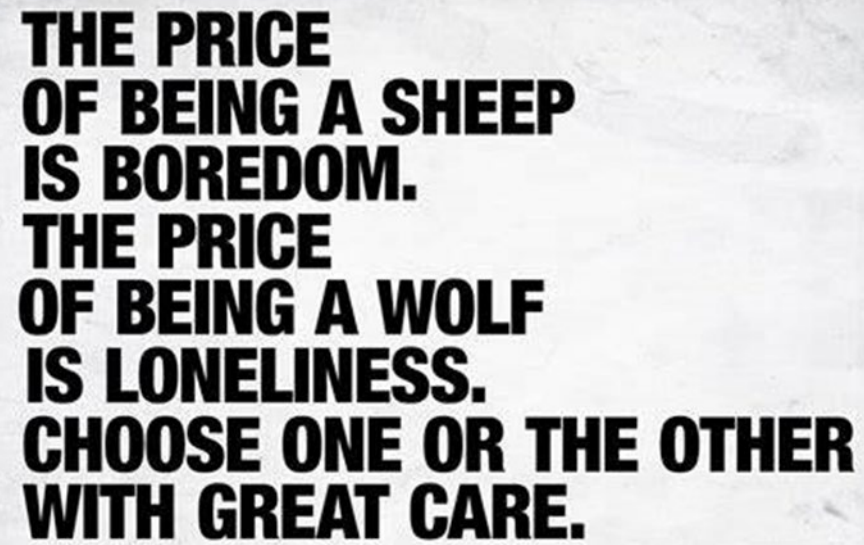
- Don't chase them
 - Coyote or predator
 - Run
- Let them come to you
 - Slow and easy
 - Calm
- It takes time
 - Everyday at feeding time
- Practice leading with halter or with hands



NO MAGIC BULLET

- Relationship with your animal
- Trust
- Consistency
- Keep your cool
- Attitude





**THE PRICE
OF BEING A SHEEP
IS BOREDOM.
THE PRICE
OF BEING A WOLF
IS LONELINESS.
CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER
WITH GREAT CARE.**

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