Chapter 6 - Lesson 4 Handling & Restraining Livestock

Activities

- 1. Visit a veterinary clinic or local stables and practice haltering and leading horses. Learn how to groom and soothe horses.
- 2. Practice tying knots for the casting harness.
- 3. Using a saw horse or dummy, practice flanking a calf. Visit a local veterinarian or rancher, and you may be able to flank a live calf.
- 4. Make a rope halter. Practice haltering a dairy cow when you visit a local dairy or veterinary clinic.
- 5. Find out how much a mature sow and boar weigh.
- 6. Practice casting using a saw horse or other model. Try both kinds of casting.
- 7. Using a model or child's doll, practice swapping your hands around to get to the three positions for restraining piglets.
- 8. Visit a local veterinary clinic or swine unit and watch experienced handlers moving and restraining pigs.
- 9. Visit a local veterinary clinic or farm and watch people catching sheep. Practice catching sheep if you get the opportunity.
- 10. Visit a dairy or wool goat keeper and see how he/she handles goats.