

## Livestock Photography Do's and Don'ts

## Do's

Do clean off your animal and make sure there is no straw or manure on them.

Do dress appropriately, in your club shirt, show jeans and boots or show shoes.

<u>Do</u> set up your steers legs properly with their front feet square and their back left foot slightly ahead on their back right foot. Make sure the camera is pointed at the show side.

**Do** find a plain neutral background for the photo.

**Do** take the photo from a good angle, straight on and try not to have to much background showing.

Your final product should look something like this:



There is a neutral, non distracting background and the member is dressed appropriately in their club shirt, show jeans and boots. The photo was taken straight on and the animal in centred. The steer is cleaned off and his feet are placed properly.

## Don'ts

<u>Don't</u> have a messy looking animal with hay and manure all over them. We want the steers to look clean and groomed.

<u>Don't</u> take the photo with a busy background, with things like other animals, feeders or corral panels in the background. We do not want to distract from the member and their

steer.



<u>Don't</u> wear hats, sunglasses, wash pants, hoodies or rubber boots. How you look is just as important as how your project animal looks.



## **Don'ts Continued**

**Don't** let the steer stand however they want. You don't want them stretched out and you want to be looking at the show side.



**Don't** take the photo from an angle or off centered. Do not cut out any part of the animal.







We hope you enjoyed these tips! Thank you to Kyle and Abby Kirzinger from the Viscount 4-H Beef Club for putting together this awesome document.