

Creative Writing Essay

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I first learned about showing Gelbvieh cattle from my dad. It's been a family tradition for four generations. My first Gelbvieh show was at the 4-H achievement days. I showed a Gelbvieh heifer named Betty. Before the day of the show there was a lot of work to do to prepare for it.

When Betty was just a calf, we already had our eyes on her. Throughout the summer, we kept looking at how she was developing and maturing. She continued to get better as she got older, and when it was time to wean calves, we decided that she was going to be my show heifer for that year.

After we brought Betty in, we started working right away. We spent multiple days a week on halter breaking so that I would be able to lead her with ease. Training Betty's hair was another task we worked on often. We would wash and dry her because we needed to train her hair to go in a certain direction. I learned to brush her hair forward with a scotch comb. I would also spray Revive in her hair to help moisturize it.

To help Betty mature and develop, we fed her a certain kind of show feed called Woody's. It helped her grow by providing her with food that has good nutrients. I went outside every morning when I woke up to feed her, and I fed her again later in the day towards the evening.

Finally, the day of the show came. That morning we had to get up early to get ready. First, we had to make sure we had what we needed for the show in our trailer. Then we loaded Betty into the trailer and drove to town. Next, we found an empty pen to unload Betty. Lastly, we parked the trailer and started getting ready for the show.

When it was my turn to show I was extremely nervous, but I was also excited. I knew that if I stayed calm Betty would too. As I walked into the ring, I was calm and confident. I focused on setting her up and watching the judge. We were close to the end of the show and the judge lined us up for our placings. I was nervous, but I ended up being reserve champion!

After showing Betty, I realized that I loved it so much that I did not want to stop. Through the preparation and hard work, I learned how to be dedicated by consistently feeding Betty and taking the time to work with her. I also learned how to be persistent especially when learning to show was a challenge. I enjoy carrying on the family tradition of showing Gelbvieh cattle. It has helped me see that at the end of the day it doesn't matter if you win or lose as long as you work hard and have fun.