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THE BARNYARD SHOW

The Barnyard Show features a number of man's animal helpers providing some rollicking country humor in a rustic setting. It is designed for stage or amphitheatre production, suitable for either indoor or outdoor production. A single human MC or handler serves as "straight man" to the animals. ABE will provide script outlines and suggestions as well as training for the handlers. The show represents a good solid 30 minutes of entertainment and can be lengthened somewhat by stretching out some of the audience participation acts, if desired.

The order of the acts as listed below is not necessarily the order in which they need be presented.

All training and performance is accomplished by the reward system. No punishment is used. As each animal performs correctly, it is rewarded with a small amount of food, dispensed either by hand, or by means of an electric feeder.

- 1) The goat opens the show by trotting out and ringing a large bell as the audience assembles, thus calling any stragglers into the show area.
- 2) The goat then raises the park or barnyard flag to put the show officially in motion.
- 3) The goat creates a noisy commotion and demonstrates the hardness of his head and his butting power by butting furiously at an old-fashioned county-fair-type high striker, knocking rings up a pole until he rings the bell at the top repeatedly.
- 4) The goat ends his portion of the show by taking a bow.
- 5) Two smaller barnyard members then make their appearance. A bantam chicken comes onto the stage which contains only the MC and a large black top hat. She jumps up onto the hat and with a few deft pulls releases a real live magician's rabbit, who hops out onto the stage.
- 6) The rabbit then demonstrates his athletic skill by jumping through a hoop.
- 7) He also shows how thrifty he is by putting silver dollars in a piggy bank.
- 8) He fires a cannon (which shoots ping-pong balls) at any rabbit hunters in the audience.
- 9) The rabbit ends his portion of the show by playing the piano while the chicken dances.
- 10) After her dance with the rabbit, the chicken plays cards with one or two members of the audience by drawing a higher poker hand than the audience member.
- 11) She also plays the old shell game by picking out unerringly the shell under which the pea is hidden; this act is also good for audience participation.

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- 12) The chicken answers "Yes" or "No" to questions put by the audience by pointing to the answers on a quiz board.
- 13) She also answers arithmetic questions (any answer from one to ten) by counting out the answers on a gong counter, again a good audience participation act.
- 14) The chicken then ends her part of the show with a bang by breaking a balloon.
- 15) A musical duck then provides entertainment by playing first a drum and then
- 16) a guitar.
- 17) The pig then enters and presents the MC with a broom; the MC finally takes the hint and sweeps up the stage.
- 18) The pig then goes to an old-fashioned pitcher pump, pumps up a bucket of water.
- 19) He carries the full bucket to the MC, who pours it into a sprinkling can hung overhead as a rustic shower bath.
- 20) The pig reaches up and pulls a rope to dump the shower water over him, and incidentally, all over the MC as well.

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For the Barnyard Show, Animal Behavior will supply:

- 1) Sufficient animals of each species to perform all acts for that species.
- 2) All performing equipment directly manipulated by the animals; such as the bell, flag and attachments (but not the flag pole), pump and shower arrangement for the pig, all devices for the smaller animals such as piano, guitar, cards, bank, hoop, etc.
- 3) All electromechanical devices required, such as electric feeders and the like.
- 4) Design specifications for staging and sets, animal and equipment housing (which the customer is to supply).
- 5) Training for the customer's personnel at Hot Springs; script guidelines.
- 6) In the first year, seven working days of one of ABE's personnel at the customer's park at installation time, customer to pay travel and living expenses of ABE's technician for this trip. During the second year, no need for ABE's personnel would be anticipated, but such assistance could be provided at a negotiated reasonable price if requested by the customer. ABE would supply training at Hot Springs for additional customer personnel at no extra cost.

The customer will supply:

- 1) Appropriate stage or amphitheatre settings, including any special themed decor.
- 2) Any special decoration desired on the performing equipment.
- 3) Such larger backdrop arrangements as flag pole, setting for shower bath props, etc.
- 4) Animal and equipment housing and storage according to specifications supplied by ABE.
- 5) PA systems and any arrangements for traffic control and handling of the public--lighting, seating, etc.
- 6) Personnel for handling of the show and care of animals and equipment.
- 7) Shipping costs for animals and equipment.

ABE's price: \$10,000.00 for the first year's rental, \$8,000.00 for the second year, with option to purchase the show outright for \$3,000.00.