

MAJOR DOMESTIC ANIMAL SHOW

Prior to the actual opening of the show, a school teacher cow puts her head out of the school house door and rings a large bell, which is a signal to the people in the area that the show is about to begin. She continues ringing the bell (semi-automated) until the audience is assembled. As the show actually begins, the MC comes on stage and

- 1) The school children, a group of lively bantam chickens, dash across the stage and enter the school house. (automated)
- 2) The goat raises the American flag to open school for the day. (semi-automated)
- 3) A pig plays the piano (Happy Birthday -- to greet the birthday child of the day). (automated)
- 4) In music class, three ducks enter to play a drum, a piano, and a guitar all together, in "harmony" (automated) while
- 5) three chickens dance in slightly separated booths (mirrors are used to augment the apparent number of participants, so it appears that the entire class is dancing). (automated)
- 6) As a finale to the music class, the cow plays a large harmonica. (automated)
- 7) A goat butts a "high striker" and rings a gong. (semi-automated)
- 8) A chicken plays the Old Shell game with audience participation, (semi-automated)
- 9) the chicken also answers "yes" or "no" to questions put by the audience, and (semi-automated)
- 10) counts by ringing up the answer on a gong counter, again answering questions put by the audience. (semi-automated)
- 11) A turkey plays cards with one or two members of the audience, invariably picking the highest poker hand. The gag, of course, rests with asking of the defeated humans and the audience, "Who is the turkey?" (semi-automated)
- 12) As part of the "hygiene" class, a pig pumps water into a bucket. (semi-automated)
- 13) carries the bucket across the stage, and prepares to take a shower, after the MC pours the contents of the bucket into an elevated sprinkling can, but (semi-automated)

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- 14) as he pulls the rope of the primitive sprinkling can shower, the MC is inundated with the contents, while the pig stays dry. (semi-automated)
- 15) And as the grand finale of the physical education class, a large group of ducks troupes up a ramp and down a slide into a pond, creating all sorts of wet, hilarious motion. (manual)

Total showtime: approximately 20 to 25 minutes.

(Manual) - Manual operation; minimum amount of equipment. Manual bridging, signal and food reward delivered by handler. Maximum effort on part of handler.

(Semi-automated) - Semi-automatic operation; intermediate amount of equipment. Handler decides when response is correct or at an otherwise appropriate moment handler presses a button and signals animal that act is complete. Food reward is automatically dispensed. Intermediate effort on part of handler.

(Automated) - Automatic operation; maximum amount of equipment. Handler simply starts the action and equipment takes over. Animal is cued to start and stop at exactly the right moment and reward is automatically delivered. When appropriate, mechanical doors open and shut automatically. Little or no effort on the part of the handler.