

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING LARRO "BESSIE"

Feeding and watering: Mix equal parts of cracked corn or scratch and Larro Surepig. Feed Bessie $1\frac{1}{2}$ quarts of this mixture each evening after closing time.

DO NOT feed Bessie for at least half an hour after she has been worked on the wagon. Feeding sooner will encourage bad habits and may make handling more difficult.

Bessie should have plenty of water at all times. Refill her pan if she wallows in it and spills it.

Handling instructions during performance: Have a small amount of food ready in the bowl. When you open her crate, be quick to grasp the center strap on her harness and attach the red leash. She is eager to perform, so be careful at this point not to let her get away from you.

With the leash attached, place the bowl in front of her, allow her to eat, holding her closely all the time.

Now place another bite of scratch or corn in the bowl and lead the pig toward the wagon, which should be placed with its right side against a wall. The pig walks on your right, and the pig will be between you and the wagon as you approach the wagon from its left and rear. Bring the pig up to the back portion of the left shaft and allow her to step over. Place the bowl at the front of the shafts. She is now in position and will eat while you clip the harness snaps to the square rings on her harness.

CHECK THE HARNESS CAREFULLY AT THIS TIME. Make sure that ONE CENTER STRAP RUNS DOWN HER NECK ON TOP, and the other centerstrap RUNS BETWEEN HER FRONT LEGS.

Bessie is trained to walk with her left shoulder close to your right calf. Walk with a slow firm pace. If Bessie should begin to run ahead of you, stop for a moment and change direction by a few steps. As you turn, a gentle tug on the leash will bring Bessie back to your leg. DO NOT LET BESSIE STOP OF HER OWN ACCORD, and make every effort to prevent foraging on her part. If Bessie receives food independently from what you give her, your control over her may weaken.

On the first day, feed Bessie a small amount of food in the bowl every forty or fifty paces. After that, you need not feed her so often.

Important DO'S and DON'TS: Never remove Bessie's Harness. If it becomes twisted, give her some food in the bowl and keep her busy while you straighten it.

ALWAYS TAKE BESSIE away from the wagon and lead her around on the leash alone for about 5 minutes before you put her back in her crate.

NEVER feed Bessie as soon as she returns from a work session.

NEVER work her for more than a half hour at a time.

ALWAYS avoid overwork especially if the temperature is above 75°.

IF POSSIBLE, spray Bessie with a hose before you take her for a walk. This will help keep her cool and improve her appearance. Walk her in the shade whenever possible.

NEVER allow Bessie to eat scraps of popcorn and other refuse from the fairgrounds. If she tries to pick up something like this, walk steadily on and give a GENTLE tug on the leash. She will respond to this.

ALWAYS try to remove Bessie from the wagon at some new place. If the same place is used over and over again, Bessie will quickly learn to walk to this place as often as she sees it. Soon her efforts to reach this spot may become strenuous and she may become difficult to manage.