**General Showing Guidelines – In Hand**

**Before the Show**

* Get horse/pony as clean as possible
* Practise before going in the ring (basically run round a bit and get horse listening to you)
* Practise getting your horse to stand still and square

**At the Show/In the Class**

* The ring steward will let you in the ring.
* The horse will be on the right rein for most of the time – you leading him on the outside of the ring, this allows the judge the best view of your animal.
* The judge will ask you to walk round the
* The steward will then stop you, usually in a queue up to the corner of the ring. One by one you will be required to run with your horse in trot around half if not all of the arena. When that’s done all of you will walk round again. At this point you will be pulled into a line up – sometimes this is any old how, sometimes you will be pulled in in an initial order going from left to right.
* One by one the judge will ask you to bring you horse forward. You may be asked questions such as how old the horse is, breed and what you do with him.
* Whilst the judge is asking questions get your horse to be standing square – this is where the judge will have a good look at its
* When they’ve seen enough they will ask you to walk away from them turning to the right at a set point (usually the end of the ring) and then trot back.
* When everyone’s been judged individually you will then be asked to walk around the ring again while the judge makes his mind up.
* Then the judge will pull you in in the order of placing, i.e. the first competitor gets pulled in first.

**What to Wear**

**Horse**

* In Hand Bridle (or plain snaffle bridle)
* White halter for Welsh/Fell/Dales
* No numnah/saddlecloth
* No boots/bandages
* Plaited if required (depends on breed)

**Handler**

* Beige trousers with the black legged ones / black trousers with the pale legged ones or Canary/corn/beige jods
* Tweed jacket / or a waistcoat (doesn’t have to be tweed)
* Shirt and tie
* Velvet hat (or velvet hat silk)
* Long hair tied back
* Short black boots/comfy shoes that you can run in
* Show cane (optional)
* Brown gloves (optional)

**Please note each judge will judge slightly differently, so please use this as a guideline only.**