

Sale Name: North East Ag Fair Premium Auction - TEXAS

LOT 24 - Celeste Gaona James Madison FFA



First Name Celeste

Last Name Gaona

FFA Chapter or 4H Club Name James Madison FFA

Validation Tag or Show reference# 14082, 14081

County Bexar

City San Antonio

Animal Weight (in Pounds) 118lbs, 137lbs

Date of Reported Weight 01/10/2022

Description

Hello, my name is Celeste Marie Gaona and I'm a member of the National Honors Society, the Lamb Barn, Guide Dogs for the Blind, the 2021-2022 Livestock Judging Team, and the James Madison FFA. My journey started in my Freshman Year of 2019 with my 1st lamb named Meeko, a Hampshire Lamb (Medium Wool) as a JV member, and in 2020 I became a Varsity member and raised my 2nd & 3rd lamb, Ponyboy, a FineWool Cross, and Sodapop, a Southdown. I'm currently raising my 4th and 5th lambs who are named Prancer, a FineWool Cross weighing 137lbs, and Dasher, a Southdown weighing 118lbs. This year I participated in: the Pre-Sort Show in Caldwell, placing in 3rd with Prancer and 6th with Dasher, the Medina County Prospect Show in Hondo, placing in 3rd with Prancer and 8th with Dasher, and lastly the FFA Fall Challenge at James Madison, placing in 2nd & 4th with Prancer and 2nd & 4th with Dasher as well. In our North East

AG Fair, I placed 2nd with Prancer and won Grand Champion in his breed and placed 3rd with Dasher.

June of 2021, I received Dasher he was a baby, only 2 ½ months to be exact, and he was quite small and fragile, but with time he fit into his build. He has always had quite a diva personality in him but yet a gentle and friendly side to him. When I first started working with him, he never wanted to use his halter and saw it as an enemy and instead, this little diva made me carry him around like he was a baby. I found it quite funny yet adorable that I would have to carry a 60lbs lamb around in the barn when I needed to bathe him. But with time, he soon became used to the halter and me and that's also when I found he wasn't hay motivated but feed motivated. Once we began practicing Showmanship, we had a bit of a rough start but with time, I realized he's an easy-going lamb and works well with what I want. In the show ring, he's very concentrated on me and positions himself well especially in a side view. He's a rockstar in the show ring and I couldn't ask for a better buddy and lamb to walk into the show ring with. He's never given me a hard time like his older brother Prancer but you always need another lamb to balance out the differences!

July of 2021, I received Prancer and at first, he fooled me with his skittish personality but I had no idea what this lamb had in store for me. He was only 3 ½ months old and very scrawny but with some feed and Champion Drive on him, he began to fill out into his well-muscled figure. It took some time for Prancer to warm up to me but he did fairly quickly, with his brother Dasher's positive responses to me. The first time I worked with Prancer he didn't listen to me at all, his hoof placement was completely off and he was having a hard time listening to me while other people and lambs were around him. This completely frustrated and worried me at the same time as I thought this lamb didn't have potential at the time because no matter how hard I tried I couldn't get him to listen; however, with Mr. Witzel's help of working on small details at a time and reassurance, I was able to turn this lamb completely around. In our first show, it was a bit rough as he was still learning to get used to me but we pulled through with a 3rd placing. I kept working with Prancer as I knew this lamb had some potential and I'm glad I did because, with persistence and effort, I was able to receive another 3rd placement with him and soon the 2nd placement. Overall, Prancer has been one of my best working lambs and I'm glad I have this champ by my side.

Any funds donated, will be utilized in contributing to my next years' lambs and my future college fund. Last year, I received \$2,025 in donations, and that money was used to purchase both Dasher and Prancer, and I hope to do the same this year by reaching my goal of \$3,000. Myself, Dasher, and Prancer thank you for taking the time to read through my Lot and thank you for any funds donated.

Quantity: 1



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