

# Truth or Manure

*(A supplement for the Level 2 -Managing for Animal Care and Well-Being Lesson)*

## Object of the game

In this knowledge trivia game your goal is to impress your friends with the amount of knowledge you have about Managing for Animal Care and Well-Being. By the end of the game it is your job to be the best manager of 4-H Livestock projects at the table.

## Supplies Needed

- Truth or Manure Question Cards
- Truth or Manure Response Cards
- Small pieces of individually wrapped candy (lifesavers, mints, starburst, mini candy bars, etc.)

## Setting up the Game

Set up tables so that players sit as a group around one big table (tables set in a square or u-shape work well). Each player gets one "Truth" and one "Manure" response card and six pieces of wrapped candy. (Make sure to tell the players that they may not eat the candy until the game is finished and the facilitator has given them permission). The rest of the wrapped candy is put in a pile in the middle of the table.

## Playing the Game

The game begins with the facilitator drawing one of the **Question Cards** and reading the question. All players need to decide (independently) as quickly as they can whether the question statement is **Truth** or **Manure**. The players indicate their answer by placing face-down either their Truth or their Manure **Response Card**.

The facilitator determines which player was the first to put their **Response Card** down. The player who answered first turns over their **Response Card**. If the response is correct, they can take two pieces of candy from the pile in the middle of the table. If their response is incorrect, they must put two pieces of their candy into the pile in the middle of the table.

Everyone else then turns their **Response Cards** over. All other players with the correct response will receive one piece of candy, and all of those with the wrong response will have to put one piece of candy into the middle of the table.

If the response to the question statement was "manure", and the first person who responded, responded correctly, that person can "earn" another piece of candy by stating "why" the response was manure. The question card that was used is put to the bottom of the pile.

## Being named the "Best Manager of 4-H Livestock Projects" (Winning the Game)

The game ends when all the pieces of candy are gone from the middle of the table. Players then count up their pieces of candy and the person with the most pieces is named "Best Manager of 4-H Livestock Projects", thus proving that they know Truth from Manure.

In the event that all players but one has lost all their candy, the remaining player is deemed as the "Best Manager of 4-H Livestock Projects". If at any time during the game a player loses all their candy, they are then out of the game.

Make sure to have some extra candy saved back to ensure that every player gets some at the end of the game.

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