



## What is an Animal or Livestock Appraisal?

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At some point in an animal owner's life, situations may occur that are unforeseen and require you to prove the value of your animal. An animal or livestock appraisal is a unique service created to establish current market values of animals for purposes such as charitable donations, insurance policies and claims, divorce, estate settlements and litigation. A professional report is created for each appraisal.

### The Appraisal Process

In making an animal or livestock appraisal, a comparable market analysis is used. Comparison of the subject animal is done with other similar animals that have sold in the recent past. From these values of recent animal sales, a composite figure is calculated representing the fair market value of the subject animal. This value is time sensitive due to economics and trends in the horse industry.

### What affects your animal's value?

- Physical traits such as age, health and conformation
- Breed type and breed characteristics
- Bloodlines
- Disposition
- Accomplishments including training, show records and earnings
- Value and success of offspring
- Current economic and marketing trends



### Factors that do not affect your animal's value?

- Emotional attachment
- Perceived value
- Direct or indirect costs of ownership maintenance, veterinary bills and financial needs



### The End Result

The client is provided with a thorough, professional report which normally contains a full written description of the animal, photographs, analysis of the animal and other supporting market data to back up the conclusions and valuation.

