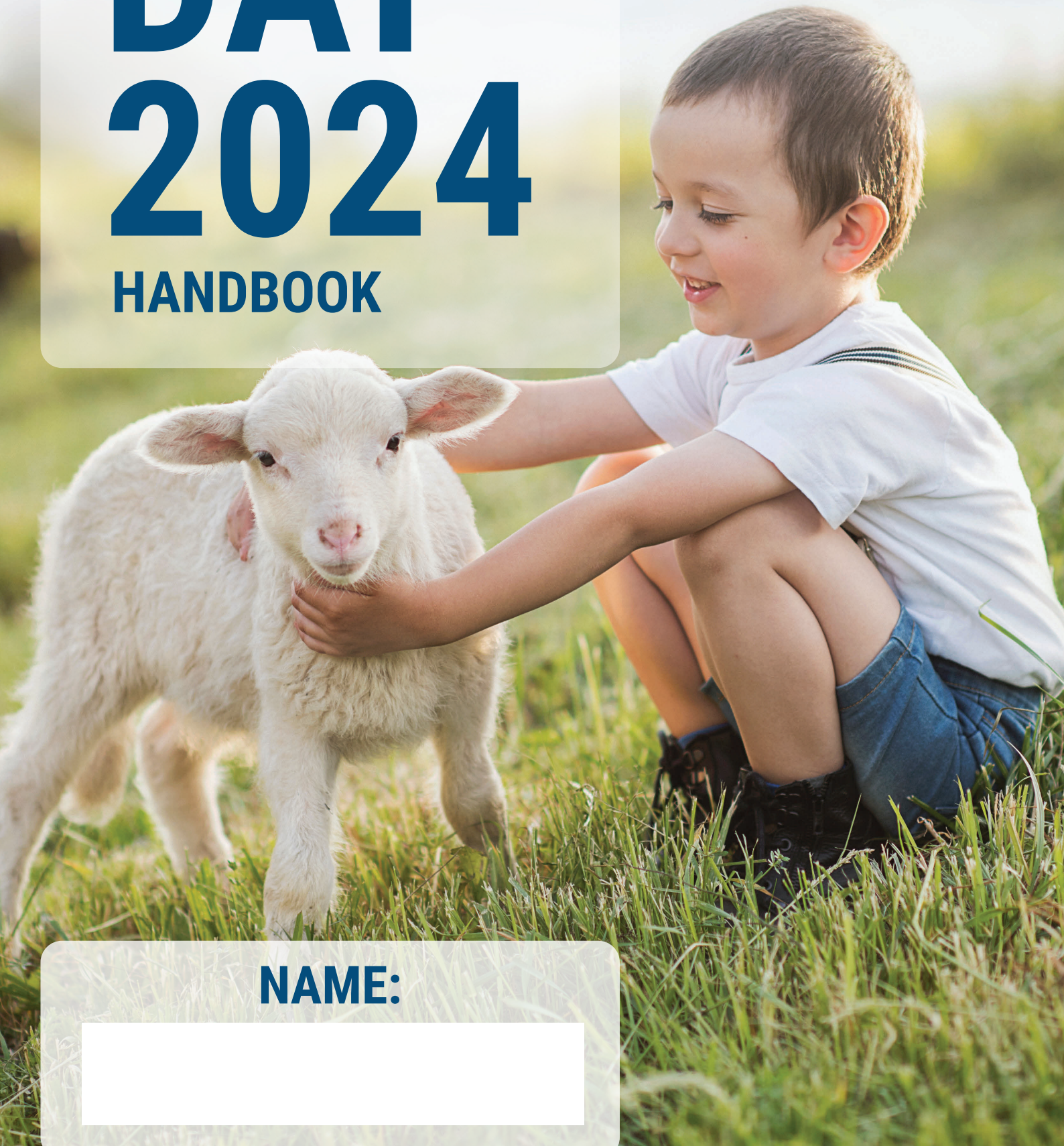


AG DAY 2024

HANDBOOK



NAME:

My Pet

Name:

Vaccination record

Date of birth:

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About my Pet:

My pets breed? Traits? Likes and dislikes?

My favourite thing about my pet...

My Ag day is on:



Photo of
my pet

My animal checklist

- ☐ Happy to wear a collar or halter
- ☐ Happy being led & walks beside me
- ☐ Can move forward turn/stop when I want it to (when being led)
- ☐ Lambs/Kids - come when called
- ☐ Likes to be brushed
- ☐ Disbudded, (Kid goats, Calves)
- ☐ Castrated or docked if applicable
- ☐ Has had its vaccinations
- ☐ Drenched for internal parasites



Spot 6 differences !

Can you spot all 6 differences in the photos below?



Preparing for the day

What to bring:

- ☐ Clean lead & collar/halter, fence pigtail for tethering animal
- ☐ Milk bottle & bucket for water
- ☐ Any food your animal needs
- ☐ Cleaning cloths for wiping nose, eyes, ears, hooves + bums (in that order!)
- ☐ Tidy clothes for you in the ring, rain hail or shine
- ☐ Fold-out chair - it could be a long day!



Typical questions from the judges

Practise your answers!

- What is your animals name ?

- Is it a boy or a girl?

- What breed is your animal?

- What do you feed your animal and how often?

- What vaccinations has your animal had and why do you need to vaccinate your animal?

General Tips & Guidelines

Calves | Lambs | Goats

Naming

Make sure you give your pet a name, record the date of birth and breed.



Shelter

Ensure they have shelter that is in a sunny spot and free from drafts. Warmth is really important, so that their energy can go into growing and staying well, rather than trying to keep warm.

Kid goats in particular are susceptible to pneumonia. Covers are recommended as they provide extra warmth - just check for chaffing and you can even line with silk (removeable for washing) if you need to. Covers also keep their coats nice and clean – so it will have a clean, shiny coat for Ag Day.

Make sure there is also enough space for them to run around.

Health / Feeding

Provide bedding such as straw, dry shavings or woodchips and top up regularly.

Check your animal doesn't have access to any poisonous plants/trees. Some common trees such as Rhododendrons, are very poisonous if any part is consumed.

It is recommended that you clean milk from goats and calves mouths after each feed (with a damp cloth) to prevent scale developing.

Feeding recommendations can change, so check in with your local farm store. Hay/grass are an essential part of a ruminants (tummy) development. Supplement pellets are also useful for rewards during training. Ensure they have access to clean water too.

Hygiene

Wash bottles and teats after each feed, and any other feeding equipment

- This is important to avoid bugs that can give your pet a runny bum (diarrhoea)
- Use hot soapy water
- Ensure you wash your hands well after feeding and playing with them and rinse well

Some bugs that can affect young animals include Rotovirus, Campylobacter and Cryptosporidium, which are also infectious to humans. If your animal does develop diarrhoea consult with a veterinarian as soon as possible as young animals can become dehydrated quickly. Your veterinarian may suggest feeding electrolytes. Sometimes nutritional changes can also upset your animal's tummy.

Bonding & Training

Spend as much time as you can with your animal so you form a bond, and especially try to be the person that feeds them, rather than anyone else.

Pat and brush your animal while feeding so it gets used to you and your voice, then introduce the halter/collar and start to take it for walks – get it used to as many sights and sounds as you can. Practice calling your animal.

Closer to AG day you could set up the leading course with cones or fence standards.

Diary and Events

Most schools require you to keep a diary about your animal - check with your school.

Your school will have events for your pet and judging – make sure you read up what is required on the day so you can train your pet appropriately. It also pays to check your Group Day and A&P show requirements if you are aiming to attend.



Calves

Calves are affectionate, friendly pets and really enjoy attention and grooming!



It is preferable to choose a heifer but if you would like to choose a bull calf, check that your competition rules allow this.

Try to **get them early in life** (1-2 weeks is good) and once they have had their all important colostrum milk feed (first few feeds).

A **comfortable halter** is really important – soft rope or leather for calves. Fit the halter as soon as you can so they get used to it, and only leave it on for an hour each day as it will rub hair off. A calf cover with a lining sewn in to keep it warm is a good idea and it will **keep their coat shiny, smooth and clean**. It should have velcro straps on the back allowing for easy removal for grooming and for the calf to grow. It should cover the calf from its shoulders to its rear, but watch for rubbing and adjust as needed.

Daily grooming is important, brush all over. Use a comb for the tail, and a firm brush for the coat. You can wash your calf 7 days before show day, warm water and dog or horse shampoo are good. Make sure you dry them well afterwards and brush straight away. **Avoid leaving them wet** as they can catch a chill easily. On AG day dirty patches can be spot cleaned.

A key to getting your calf to lead well is to **spend as much time as you can with it**. Practise your walking, stopping and turning. You should always walk on the LEFT with the calf on the RIGHT. Practice in all weather conditions.

Calf horn buds need to be removed (this is called disbudding) at about two weeks of age. **All animals MUST be given effective pain relief** at the time of disbudding, regardless how old it is. This means, at a minimum, local anaesthetic must be used, but it is also a good idea to provide longer acting pain relief (such as a long acting anti-inflammatory) to **keep your pet comfortable. Consult your vet.**

Calves will **require vaccination** to protect them against various illness such as Tetanus, Pulpy kidney, Black leg. Discuss worming & vaccination requirements with your veterinarian.

Products we recommend

FEEDING



Excal 2L Calf Feeder Bottle
207391

Starter bottle

Faster Feeder



Speedy Feeder 3 Speed - 2.5L
207404



Rail Hanging Calf Feeder
212221



Antahi 4L Nursing Bottle
225199

COLLARS & LEADS



Nylon Calf Halter Leading (4 Colours)
203454 - 458



Nylon Calf Lead (6 Colours)
204262 - 266



Leather Calf Halter
203437



Leather Calf Lead
204257

GROOMING



Plastic Grooming Brush Model 1
203257



Plastic Grooming Brush Model 2
203258

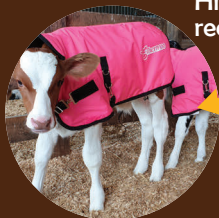


Magic Brush Grooming Range



Grooming Kit Standard & Premium
203299, 203298

OTHER



Thermoo Calf Covers (3 sizes)
225245 - 248

Highly recommended



Shoof Calf Cover Polyester
213911



Kerbl Dung Scoop & Rake mini set
(3 colours) 223165

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Lambs

Lambs are affectionate, fun pets and love to play!

Try to get them early in life, a few days old after their colostrum feed, to form a bond.

Spend time talking, reading and cuddling your lamb so it gets used to you and your voice. Train the lamb to come when called by stepping away with a bottle behind your back (a parent can hold the lamb back). **Call clearly and loudly and practice often!** Judges will look at how well lambs come to their name and how easily you can reattach the lead.

Practice leading your lamb on the RIGHT. Start with short walks and never drag the lamb along. Once the lamb is happy walking on a lead, set up a practice ring to walk around and steer the lamb using the hand with the lead in it. Never let the lead dangle on the ground. (P.S - Our 15cm Miami dog collars fit lambs perfectly!)

You can **clean parts of your lamb** - use a warm damp cloth on ears, face, under front and back legs and their tail/bottom area - do it daily for them to get used to. Don't wash your lamb with soap as this removes the lanolin that they need to keep warm/waterproof. **Brush lightly only and spot clean any stubborn stains.** Sometimes your lamb will need its bottom cleaned for dags/stains - this is a job for mum or dad.

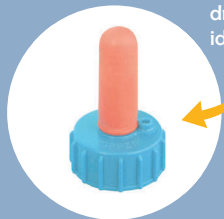
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We **highly recommend our lamb wool jackets** for keeping young lambs & kid goats warm. Made from recycled wool, it will stretch & grow as your animal does and won't overheat being natural fibres. This product is perfect for the first few weeks of a lambs life.



Products we recommend

FEEDING



Excal Lamb
Topper Teat
207505

Fits a soft
drink bottle,
ideal starter



Excal Lamb
Feeder
207500



Excal Lamb
Grower Teat
209985

Comes
with Excal
topper
teat,
replace
with
grower
teat when
older



Rail Hanging
Lamb Feeder
212233

COLLARS & LEADS



15mm Kerbl Miami Dog Collar (6
Colours)
221458 - 461



Kerbl Dog Leash
(6 Colours)
223568 - 573



Nylon Collar
(4 Colours)
203236 - 240



Nylon Lead
(6 Colours)
204262 - 266

GROOMING



Plastic Grooming
Brush Model 1
203257



Soft Bristle Military
Grooming Brush
203255



Magic Brush
Grooming Range

OTHER



Tie Out
Cable
210664

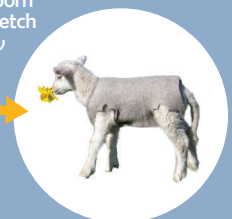


Kerbl Dung Scoop & Rake
mini set
(3 colours) 223165



Tie Out
Anchor
206839

For newborn
lambs stretch
and grow



Recycled Wool
Lamb Jackets
226027

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Kid Goats

**Super curious and fun,
they can be quite mischievous!**



We recommend you select a doe if you can or if it is a buck, that it is castrated at 1-2 weeks of age (ask for this to be done before you take it home).

About 5+ days old is a good age to bring the kid home after it has had its mothers colostrum milk. They **can eat grass after 1 week**, so make sure they have access to it and later you can introduce hay and roughage to help it develop its rumen.

Practice, leading your kid on the RIGHT. Your right hand should grip the lead palm upwards and be approximately 10cm from the collar. The left hand should grip the lead, knuckles upward. Try to **lead your kid at a reasonable pace** ensuring that you walk at the same pace as your kid without dragging or pushing it. Ensure you **call in a clear loud voice** so it can hear you.

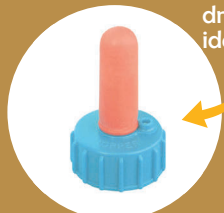
You can **clean them with a warm damp cloth** around face and ears, and under the front and back legs as well as their bottom if its dirty. **Groom daily with a soft brush**. You can wash before show day (except for fibre kids) but don't have to. Hooves need checking and hair between the claws and around hooves need trimming.

Kid goats **need to be disbudded**, discuss this procedure with the person you got your goat from, or your vet. All animals **MUST be given effective pain relief** at the time of disbudding, regardless how old it is. This means, at a minimum, local anaesthetic must be used, but it is also a good idea to provide longer acting pain relief (such as a long acting anti-inflammatory) to **keep your pet comfortable**.

Your kid will **need protection from diseases** like tetanus, pulpy kidney, blackleg etc. Discuss worming & vaccination requirements with your veterinarian.

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Excal Kid
Feeder Bottle
207494



Excal
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209985



Rail Hanging
Feed Bucket
(3 colours) 223249

COLLARS & LEADS



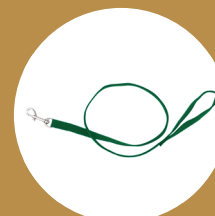
15mm Kerbl Miami Dog Collar
(6 Colours)
221458 - 461



Kerbl Dog Leash
(6 Colours)
223568 - 573



Goat Webbing Halter
(2 Colours)
210246 / 210248



Nylon Lead
(6 Colours)
204\262 - 266

GROOMING



Plastic Grooming
Brush Model 1
203257



Hoof Pick & Brush
Combo
224217



Body Grooming
Brush
224220



Finishing
Grooming Brush
224221

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Diary

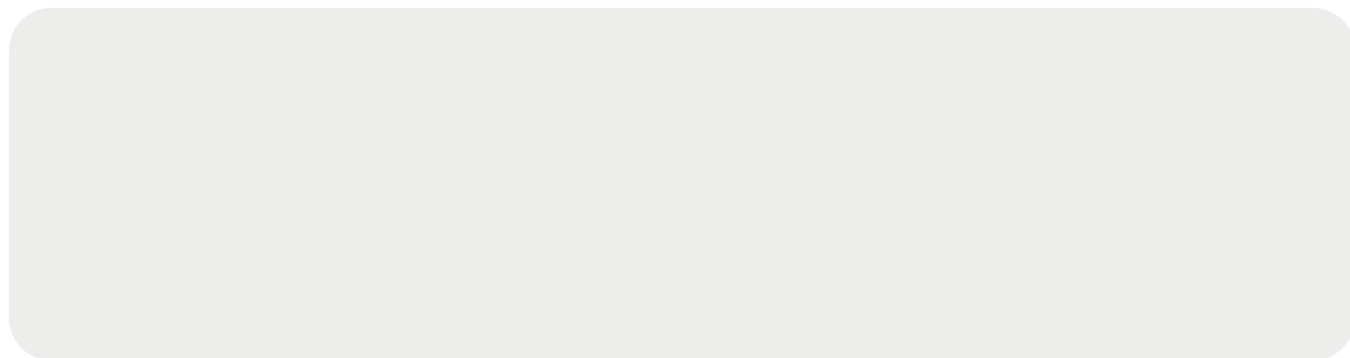
Use this diary to keep notes on your pet as they grow. Some good things to write down are their feeding habits, behaviour, what they are learning, milestones and any fun stories about them.

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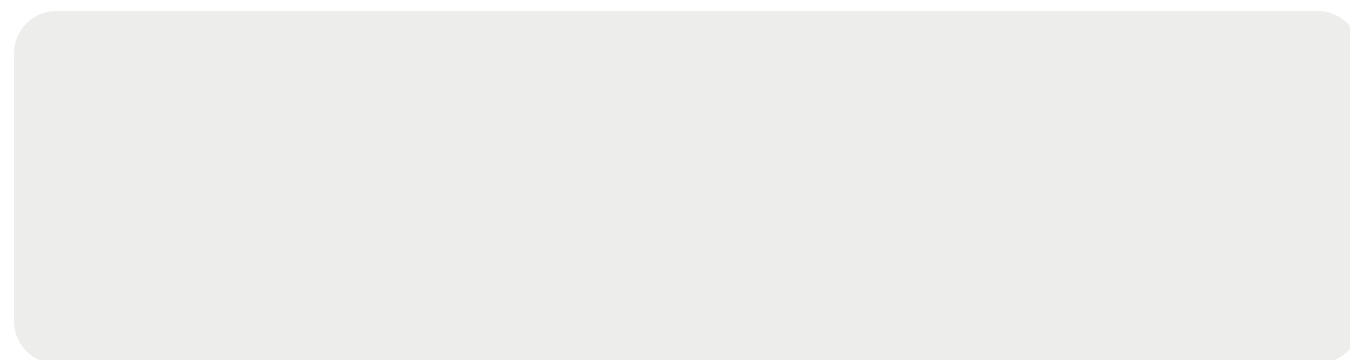
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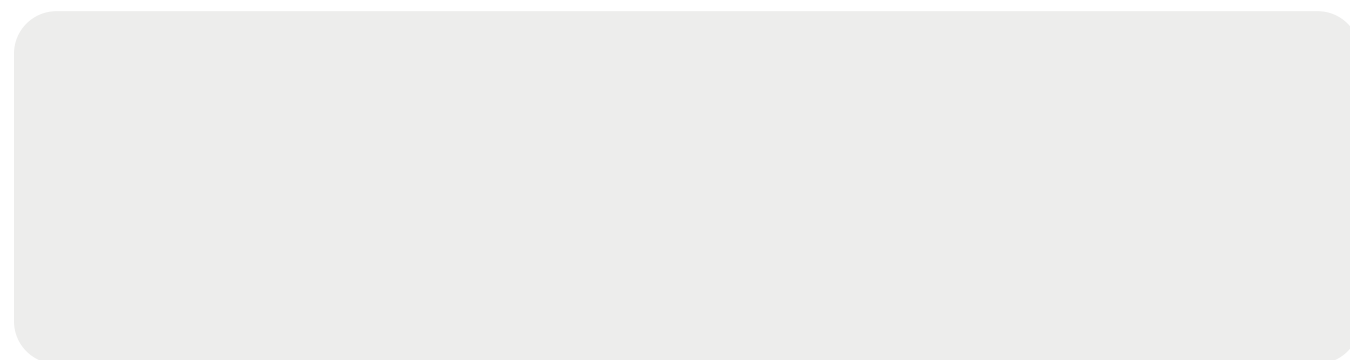
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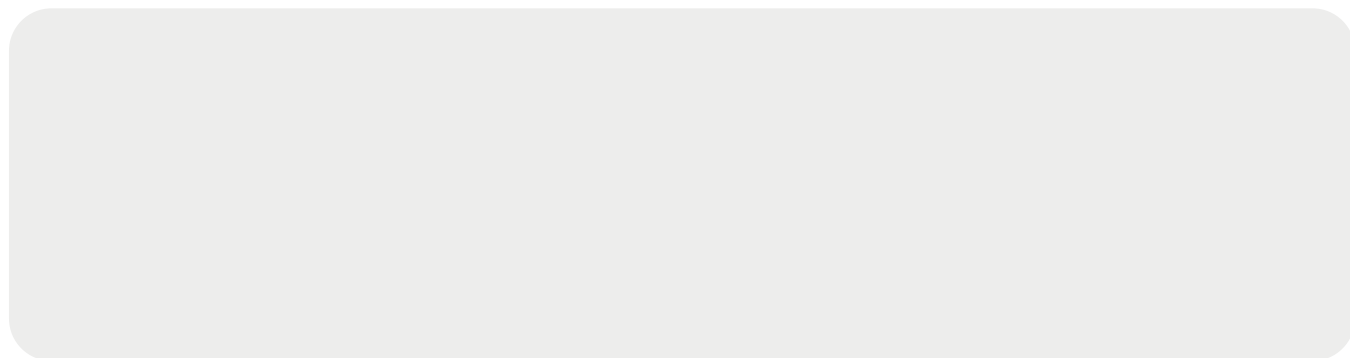
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Week 7



Week 8

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Week 14

Week 15



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