

ANSC 310

Written Assignments for Lab

Due in class Tuesday, Feb 3rd.

Written description of the behavior of a live animal. We will go to one of the livestock centers to carry out the assignment using one animal each student picks from a suitable group of animals. The assignment will be graded, and returned to the student for possible revision. Additional instructions will be given during the lab regarding how to write the description.

Correct English is a requirement. If you are weak in English, have someone proof your presentation before it is due, or take advantage of the early evaluation option, or the University Writing Center.

Avoid vague terms and especially avoid assumptions about what an animal is thinking or feeling. Instead, describe behavior in a manner that will give people a visual image of what the animal looks like when performing that behavior.

Example: Don't say "the cow got mad". Instead, describe her behavior: "the cow lowered her head, stared at the observer, and began pawing once every 2 seconds."

The written portion must be typed and double spaced. An average length is $\frac{2}{3}$ rd of a page long. Don't forget to save your draft so that you can easily revise it. Also, don't forget to put a short heading on it and your name.

Graphic (plot) description of the distribution of animals in a pasture. This assignment will follow the same basic procedure as the written description and will occur during the same trip to the livestock centers. The plot should be an "instantaneous scan sample" from above the animals. The plot should be an overhead snap shot of the pasture or pen that includes features that are important to the animals of interest.

The plot should take up most of a sheet of paper, include a summary of environmental conditions, and have a key describing symbols, objects and features. Carefully made hand-drawn plots are great. You could try to use a computer drawing program, but that usually takes most people much longer than hand drawing. Make sure you use an over-head perspective.

PAY ATTENTION AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS!

Students will be given the opportunity to revise and submit their assignment for regarding to improve their grade, however, in order to encourage students to do their maximum effort for their first draft, the additional points received on the regarding will be docked by 25%.