



## CHILDREN & SHOWING POULTRY

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**Note:** I saw this pertaining to dogs 🐕 and it rang so true for poultry shows for my children, so I changed it accordingly....

**One of my friends asked:** "Why do you pay so much money for your daughter to show chickens 🐔🐓?"

Well I have a confession to make, I don't pay for my daughter to show chickens 🐔🐓.

**So, if I am not paying for her to show, what am I paying for?**

I pay for those moments when my daughter becomes so tired she wants to quit but doesn't.

I pay for those days when my daughter comes home from school and is "too tired" to train and take care of her birds but needs to and does it anyway.

I pay for my daughter to learn to be disciplined.

I pay for my daughter to learn to take care of her body, inside and out, in the way she presents herself at a show.

I pay for my daughter to learn to work with others and to be socially able to adapt to new people and situations. To embrace the many peoples, we have met over these past year(s) and knowing that we have made lifelong friends showing poultry.

I pay for my daughter to learn to deal with disappointment, when she doesn't get that ribbon she hoped for, but still must work hard at presenting the birds, grooming them, and taking care of them.

I pay for my daughter to learn to make and accomplish goals.

I pay for my daughter to learn that it takes hours and hours and hours and hours of hard work, planning, dedication to training, and practice to create a champion, and that success does not happen overnight I pay for the opportunity for my daughter to make life-long friendships.

I pay so that my daughter can be on the show floor instead of in front of a screen...

I could go on but, to be short, I don't pay for chicken showing. I pay for the opportunities that showing poultry provides my daughter with to develop attributes that will serve her well throughout her life and give her the opportunity to bless the lives of others. From what I have seen so far, I think it is a great investment!



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