

## Calf Rearing Competition District Pakpattan

***"Rearing a healthy calf leads to a productive future"***

The ASLP Dairy project organized a buffalo calf rearing competition among the children (10-16 years) of our registered farmers in the district Pakpattan. The objective of this competition was to practically demonstrate the calf rearing module to the farmers.

Thirteen children participated in this competition. The dairy team delivered the calf rearing module before the start of the competition to the participating children and their family members. Birth weight of calves was recorded at the time of parturition by the team. Children raised the calves according to the guidelines and the resources on their own farms. The final weight gain was recorded after 80 days of birth. One calf died and a second was sold during the experimental period. The data of these two calves has been excluded from the final results.

These results demonstrated that under field conditions the average weight gain (431 gm/day) was comparable to many controlled studies in various leading research institutes of Pakistan. The calf with the highest weight was 99 kg at 80 days. The prize of the winners was distributed at the farmer festival in order to encourage the other farmers. These findings clearly indicated that we can effectively enhance animal productivity through the active involvement of children in our extension program.



***"Rearing a healthy calf leads to a productive future"***

Farmer Name	Village	Contact No.	Sex	Date of Birth	Birth Weight (Kg)	Final Weight (Kg)
Muhammad Riaz	96/D	0343-7903203	M	20-10-11	40	98.8 (1st)
Muhammad Riaz	96/D	0343-7903203	M	26-11-11	38	82
Muhammad Maangu	96/D	0306-6926756	M	28-10-11	35	57.6
Subeh Sadiq	96/D	0347-7202396	F	20-10-11	33	61.1
Javed Akhtar	94/D	0301-6527164	M	04-11-11	29	51.2
Khdam Hussain	83/D	0343-3808955	M	04-11-11	43	96 (2nd )
Muhammad Latif	94/D	0346-7197797	F	22-11-11	32	85 (3rd)
Qudrat Ullah	KHS	0301-6904937	M	17-11-11	32	59
Muhammad Latif	KHS	0343-6815875	M	13-11-11	40	53.2
Asad Ullah	83/D	0347-6772183	M	01-11-11	39	80
Hammad Mansha	84/D	0346-4898299	F	13-11-11	35	52.1