

Corral is an outdoor choreographed performance exercise utilizing the students from the New Dance and Cultures Department at CalPoly Pomona University, Pomona, CA. The dance students were divided into four groups; sheep, pigs, horses and cows. Each animal grouping represents different styles in movement and manner but also embodies the rich history of animal husbandry within the strong animal science department at CalPoly Pomona.

The on-site rehearsals took place at the Engineering Meadow located in the center of campus life at the university. The meadow was demarcated into “pens” and open field sections using caution tape to create fence lines and boundaries. Students made signs to communicate with each other from long distances and color-coded buttons were utilized to distinguish the different animals groups. Gallops, trots, flocking (following) and contact improvisation were incorporated into the overall choreographed movements and behaviors.