

JUNIOR RABBITS (4-H)

THIS SHOW IS RUN BY 4-H RULES FOLLOWING ARBA STANDARDS

1. Rabbits will be received from 3:00 P.M to 6:00 P.M. on Thursday.
2. Cost will be \$5.00 (\$8.00 for meat pens) for each class entered.
3. Before being caged all rabbits will be examined for sickness and disease. Any rabbits showing sickness or disease as per the superintendent will be removed immediately for the safety of all other animals
4. **All exhibitors will be responsible for the feeding of their exhibits and cleaning of pens.**
5. No exhibit is to be removed from its cage or the building without the superintendent's permission except during the show.
6. The Bi-County Fair will not be responsible for loss by fire or otherwise.
7. All 4-H exhibits are to be pre-entered two to three weeks before the fair. Rabbits must be permanently ear marked in the left ear (This can be done at check in). This is for identification purposes and coincides with the rules of the American Rabbit Breeders Association.
8. Failure to abide by department rules or show respect to department officials or other exhibitors shall result in immediate disqualification.
9. Exhibitors will be released at 12:00 noon on Monday.
10. Boosters will show in a separate category for the show and for showmanship.
11. 4-H rabbit and poultry projects must be in exhibitor's possession ninety (90) days prior to show. Pens of three and fryers are an exception because of the age limit must only be in possession 30 days.

RABBITS AND CAVIES

Conformation Judging

Note: A Rabbit can only be entered once in one of the following classes

- Class 1 Purebred Sr. Buck (Older than 6 months)**
- Class 2 Purebred Sr. Doe (Older than 6 months)**
- Class 3 Purebred Jr. Buck (Younger than 6 months)**
- Class 4 Purebred Jr. Doe (Younger than 6 months)**
- Class 5 Crossbred Sr Buck (Older than 6 months)**
- Class 6 Crossbred Sr Doe (Older than 6 months)**
- Class 7 Crossbred Jr. Buck (Younger than 6 months)**
- Class 8 Crossbred Jr. Doe (Younger than 6 months)**
- Class 9 Meat Fryer (Younger than 100 days and under 5.5 lbs)**
- Class 10 Meat Pen (3 rabbits younger than 100 days and under 5.5lbs each)**
- Class 11 Cavy Boar**
- Class 12 Cavy Sow**

1. Show will take place in the show arena. Only rabbit exhibitors and parents in the arena for safety reasons during the show. Rabbits can be staged in the show arena up to 30 minutes prior to the beginning of judging competition.
2. Rabbits can be moved within classes above at the discretion of the superintendent or at the request of the judge.
3. Each Breed Winner from purebred and crossbred classes will compete for Best in Show and Reserve in Show (Note: 2 Rabbits from breed are eligible to win the two top honors)

SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

1. Showmanship will happen immediately after the show.
2. All rabbit and cavy exhibitors are eligible for showmanship competition.
3. 4-H ARBA Showmanship score sheet will be used. (See at end of section)
4. Rabbits must be returned to their cages in the exhibit building immediately upon completion of the rabbit showmanship competition.

SHOW ORDER

Show begins @5:30 PM Friday

1. Booster Rabbit Show
2. Booster Showmanship
3. 4-H Rabbit Show
4. 4-H Showmanship

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to Best in Show and Reserve in Show, Booster-Best in Show and Booster-Reserve in Show and Grand Champion Meat Pen. Rosettes will be given for Breed Champions. Ribbons will also be given within classes. Awards will also be given top Booster Showmanship, Junior Showmanship (Novice and Junior 4-H Age) and Senior Showmanship (Senior 4-H Age)



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Rabbit Showmanship

General Note to judge: Judge the contestants actions and knowledge- Do not judge the behavior or condition of the rabbit

Step	Actions	pts	Terms	pts	pts
Carry	Proper support Maintain control	5			5
Pose	Correct pose for breed Introduction- greeting/name, Step back	3	Breed, Compact, Cylindrical, Full Arch Mandolin, Semi-Arch, Commercial	2	5
Ears	Check both ears Read tattoo	3	Mites, Canker, Carriage, Thickness, Color Torn or Missing Portions, Fur Covering	2	5
Turn over	Smooth motion, Proper control Rest weight on table	5			5
Eyes	Properly open eyes Not forcing open	3	Proper Color, Blindness, Wall eye, Moon Eye Weepy Eye or Signs of Conjunctivitis	2	5
Nose	Proper hand position Show both nostrils Check inside legs for nasal discharge	3	Snuffles, Nasal Discharge Foreign Spots or Colors	2	5
Teeth	Proper hand position Show upper and lower incisors	3	Malocclusion, Buck teeth, Wolf Teeth Peg Teeth, Broken Teeth	2	5
Front Feet/ Legs	Check straightness of legs Check toenails, pad & dewclaw Proper thumb position	3	Broken, Extra & Missing Toes Mismatched, White, Missing Toenails Bone Density, Dewclaw, Pads	2	5
Belly	Check under jaw & chest Check abdomen & sides Smooth and complete coverage	3	Abscess, Tumor, Abnormalities Pigeon Breast, Blemishes, Mastitis	2	5
Rear Feet/ Legs	Check straightness of legs Check toenails and hocks Proper thumb position	3	Broken & Missing Toes Mismatched, White, Missing Toenails Bone Density, Straightness, Sore Hocks	2	5
Sex	Proper position of rabbit and hand Expose vent/ penis & testicles	3	Buck/Doe, Vent Disease, Hutch Burn Split Penis, Descended Testicles in Int/ Sr	2	5
Tail	Extend tail, Move side to side Examine underside	3	Wry, Dead, Bobbed, Broken Color, Straightness	2	5
Fur	Return to pose, Smooth motion Proper control, Stroke coat from tail to head to show fur type	3	Density, Texture, Sheen, Luster Rollback, Flyback, Rex, Standing, Wool Undercolor, Ring Color, Surface Color, Molt	2	5
Judging Comments	Final pose, Head, Ears, Shoulder Chest, Midsection, Loin, Hindquarters Rump, Breed specific (markings/color)	10	Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Balance Condition, Finish Did not use word "Nice"!	5	15
Overall Presentation	Show coat/ Apron/ Long sleeves Smile, Hair neat No rings, No dangling jewelry, No gum	5	Humane treatment/ controls animal at all times Good eye contact, Follows directions Thanks judge	5	10
Knowledge			Answers to questions	10	10
Judge			Total Score		100

Comments: