

DIVISION XV – RABBITS/CAVIES

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RABBITS

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT RULES

1. Open to 4-H Rabbit project members enrolled in GBIA only.
2. Each Rabbit exhibitor may enter a maximum of five rabbits, but may be limited to fewer because of cage availability. Can be any combination of purebred, pet quality, crossbred and altered rabbits.
3. Rabbit exhibits shall be at least 90 days of age by Wednesday, the first day of Fair, except for meat pen & have been in the exhibitor's possession by May 1. (Possession meaning taking care of)
4. To exhibit at Fair, all Rabbit project members are required to:
 - a. Enter Educational Display in Rabbit lot, unless enrolled in both Rabbit & Cavy projects, then either Rabbit or Cavy lot
 - b. Attend two work parties during the year, completing a minimum of 2 hrs per work party
5. All Rabbit Exhibitors are required to feed their animal(s) and clean the cage(s) daily prior to 9:00 a.m.
6. All Rabbit Exhibitors are required to complete Herdsmanship duties during the Fair.
7. All Rabbit Exhibitors are required to bring their rabbit(s) to the type table or, if unable, the exhibitors shall make other arrangements for their rabbit(s) to be brought to the type table.
8. All Rabbit Exhibitors are required to enter Fitting & Showing with their own rabbit entered in Type.
9. All Rabbit exhibitors are required to clean under their rabbit cages before their rabbit(s) will be released at end of Fair. (Unless otherwise directed)
10. These rules are in addition to the General 4-H rules written in the beginning of the 4-H section of this Premium Book.

TYPE CLASSES

Points Allowed

Blue – 15, Red – 10, White – 7

CLASS A	AMERICAN FUZZY LOP	CLASS H	MINI REX
CLASS B	DUTCH	CLASS I	NETHERLAND DWARF (by pattern)
CLASS C	FRENCH ANGORA	CLASS J	SATIN
CLASS D	FRENCH LOP	CLASS K	SILVER
CLASS E	HOLLAND LOP	CLASS L	SILVER MARTIN
CLASS F	JERSEY WOOLEY	CLASS M	TAN
CLASS G	MINI LOP CLASS	CLASS N	OTHER (SPECIFY BREED)
CLASS O	PET QUALITY, CROSSBREED, SPAY OR NEUTERED (Changes Made)		

Lot 1 Senior Buck
Lot 2 Intermediate Buck
Lot 3 Junior Buck

Lot 4 Senior Doe
Lot 5 Intermediate Doe
Lot 6 Junior Doe

RABBIT/CAVY DIVISION

Determination of show lot will be as follows:

Commercial or heavy breeds having a 9 lbs minimum, senior ideal weight

- o Senior 8 months of age or older
- o Intermediate 6 to 8 months of age
- o Junior Under 6 months of age

Fancy or small breeds less than 9 pounds, senior ideal weight

- o Senior 6 months of age or older
- o Junior Under 6 months of age

Refer to exacting weight for each breed in ARBA "Standard of Perfection, "2006 thru 2010". A scale will be used at time of judging and over or under weight calls for disqualification. Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons will be awarded for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex for each breed exhibited as determined by the Judge. No Additional Premium points are awarded. Champion Ribbon awards will be given for Best in Fur, Best in Wool & Best in Show. Reserve Champion Ribbon awards will be given for first & second Runners Up in Show. (Provided quality of animals merit the awards)

CLASS P MEAT PEN

Points Allowed
Blue – 15, Red – 10, White – 7

Any breed, crossbreeds allowed; not over 11 weeks of age; not over 5 pounds per rabbit for heavy breeds and 4 pounds per rabbit for medium breeds. Each rabbit will be judged on meat type, condition of flesh, uniformity of body and weight and fur. Entry in this class counts as one of five maximum animal exhibits.

Lot 1 Pen of three fryers

CLASS Q BREEDERS' CLASS

Points Allowed
Blue – 15, Red – 10, White – 7

Breeders to exhibit a rabbit in this class from their own line. Any breed, crossbreeds allowed. Exhibitor must have owned the doe at time of breeding but may use any buck for service. The owner will make the final selection from the litter. The animal (1) has to be born no earlier than May of the previous 4-H year, (2) be 3 to 16 months of age and (3) make weight according to ARBA Standard of Perfection for that breed. Rabbits will be judged according to the standards set in the ARBA Standard of Perfection for that breed. (Entry in this class counts as one of five maximum animal exhibits and may be entered in Type Class). Exhibitor needs to provide the Judge a copy of the Pedigree for animal entered. Enter in this class by age class of exhibitor.

Lot 1 Junior
Lot 2 Intermediate
Lot 3 Senior

CLASS R FUR (Only one rabbit allowed per member)

Points Allowed
Blue – 15, Red – 10, White – 7

Lot 1 White
Lot 2 Colored
Lot 3 Rex

CLASS S WOOL (Only one rabbit allowed per member)

Points Allowed
Blue – 15, Red – 10, White – 7

Lot 1 White
Lot 2 Colored

CLASS T TANNED PELTS

Points Allowed
Blue – 10, Red – 8, White – 6

Lot 1 Normal
Lot 2 Satin
Lot 3 Rex
Lot 4 Angora

CLASS U STRETCHED PELTS

Points Allowed
Blue – 6, Red – 4, White – 2

Lot 1 Normal
Lot 2 Satin
Lot 3 Rex
Lot 4 Angora

CLASS V RABBIT EQUIPMENT (Designed and built by exhibitor)

Points Allowed
Blue – 10, Red – 8, White – 6

Lot 1 Carrying Cage
Lot 2 Feeder
Lot 3 Nest Box
Lot 4 Metal Hutch
Lot 5 Other

CLASS W RABBIT EQUIPMENT (Made from kit)

Points Allowed
Blue – 8, Red – 6, White – 4

Lot 1 Carrying Cage
Lot 2 Feeder
Lot 3 Nest Box
Lot 4 Metal Hutch
Lot 5 Other

CLASS X RABBIT FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Points Allowed
Blue – 36, Red – 27, White – 20

Lot 1 Junior Fit & Show Lot 3 Senior Fit & Show
Lot 2 Intermediate Fit & Show

Champion and Reserve Champion rosettes will go to winners of Junior, Intermediate and Senior Division.

CLASS Y COSTUME (Ribbons will be presented in each division)

Lot 1 Fair Theme Lot 3 Most Creative
Lot 2 Funniest

CAVIES – GERBILS & HAMSTERS

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT RULES

1. Open to Cavy project members and Self-Determined Animal Science project members with Gerbils or Hamsters only.
2. Each Cavy or Self-Determined Animal Science Exhibitor may enter a maximum of five cavies, gerbils or Hamsters, but may be limited to fewer because of cage availability. Can be any combination of purebred, pet quality, crossbred and altered Cavies.
3. Cavy or Self-Determined Animal Science exhibits shall be at least 90 days of age and have been in the exhibitor's possession by May 1. (Possession meaning taking care of)
4. To exhibit at Fair, all Cavy project members and Self-Determined Animal Science project members are required to:
 - a. Enter Educational Display in Cavy lot, unless enrolled in both Rabbit & Cavy projects, then either Rabbit or Cavy lot.
 - b. Attend two work parties during the year, completing a minimum of 2 hrs per work party.
5. All Cavy or Self-Determined Animal Science Exhibitors are required to feed their animal(s) and clean the cage(s) daily prior to 9:00 a.m.
6. All Cavy Exhibitors are required to complete Herdsmanship duties during the Fair.
7. All Cavy Self-Determined Animal Science Exhibitors are required to bring their animal(s) to the type table or, if unable, the exhibitors shall make other arrangements for their animal(s) to be brought to the type table.
8. All Cavy or Self-Determined Animal Science Exhibitors are required to enter Fitting & Showing with an animal entered in Type.
9. All Cavy or Self-Determined Animal Science Exhibitors are required to clean their animal(s) cage(s) before their animal will be released at end of Fair. (Unless otherwise directed)
10. These rules are in addition to the General 4-H rules written in the beginning of the 4-H section of this Premium Book.

TYPE CLASSES

Points Allowed
Blue – 15, Red – 10, White – 7

CLASS AA	ABYSSINIAN	CLASS GG	WHITE CRESTED
CLASS BB	AMERICAN	CLASS HH	GERBIL
CLASS CC	AMERICAN SATIN	CLASS II	HAMSTER
CLASS DD	PERUVIAN	CLASS JJ	OTHER (SPECIFY BREED)
CLASS EE	SILKIE	CLASS KK	PET QUALITY, CROSSBREED, SPAY
CLASS FF	TEDDY		OR NEUTERED (Changes Made Here)

Lot 1 Senior Boar	Lot 4 Senior Sow
Lot 2 Intermediate Boar	Lot 5 Intermediate Sow
Lot 3 Junior Boar	Lot 6 Junior Sow

Determination of show lot will be as follows:

- o Senior 6 months & over, weight over 30 ounces
- o Intermediate 4 – 6 months, weight 22 – 30 ounces
- o Junior Up to 4 months, weight 12 – 22 ounces

Refer to exacting weight for each breed in ARBA "Standard of Perfection, "2006 thru 2010". A scale will be used at time of judging and over or under weight calls for disqualification. Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons will be awarded for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex for each breed exhibited as determined by the Judge. No Additional Premium points are awarded. Champion Ribbon awards will be given for Best in Fur, Best in Wool and Best in Show. Reserve Champion Ribbon awards will be given for first & second Runners Up in Show. (Provided quality of animals merit the awards)

CLASS LL BREEDERS' CLASS

Points Allowed
Blue – 15, Red – 10, White – 7

Breeders to exhibit a Cavy in this class from their own line. Any breed, Crossbreeds allowed. Exhibitor must have owned the sow at time of breeding but may use any boar for service. The owner will make the final selection from the litter. The animal has to be born no earlier than May of the previous 4-H year and make weight according to the ARBA Standard of Perfection guidelines up to 16 months of age. Cavies will be judged according to the standards set in the ARBA Standard of Perfection for that breed. (Entry in this class counts as one of five maximum animal exhibits and may be entered in Type Class). Exhibitor needs to provide the Judge a copy of the Pedigree for animal entered. Enter in this class by age class of exhibitor.

Lot 1 Junior Lot 3 Senior
Lot 2 Intermediate

CLASS MM CAVY EQUIPMENT Designed and built by exhibitor

Points Allowed
Blue – 10, Red – 8, White – 6

Lot 1 Carrying Cage Lot 4 Metal Hutch
Lot 2 Feeder Lot 5 Other
Lot 3 Nest Box

CLASS NN CAVY EQUIPMENT Made from kit

Points Allowed
Blue – 8, Red – 6, White – 4

Lot 1 Carrying Cage Lot 4 Metal Hutch
Lot 2 Feeder Lot 5 Other
Lot 3 Nest Box

CLASS OO CAVY FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

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CLASS PP COSTUME Ribbons will be presented in each division

Lot 1 Fair Theme Lot 3 Most Creative
Lot 2 Funniest

WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR 4-H RABBIT AND CAVY ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, and Self-Determined Animal Science exhibits and livestock entered

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 a.m. Judging of 4-H & FFA Rabbit Exhibits. Breeder's class follows animal judging. Judge any primary rabbit that is housed in the barn.

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 4-H Cavy Judging Contest
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 4-H Rabbit Judging Contest

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

10:00 a.m. 4-H Cavy Knowledge Bowl
11:00 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Knowledge Bowl

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Primary member Animal Exhibits are accepted in Presidents Hall
9:00 a.m. 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Fitting and Showmanship Class, Type judge cavies and cavy member equipment and exhibits
1:00 p.m. Primary Member noncompetitive Fitting and showmanship, Type judging of Day of Show primary animal exhibits

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

10:30 a.m. 4-H Small Animal Round Robin
1:00 p.m. 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Costume Class
3:00 p.m. 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Awards
6:00 p.m. Livestock Barns closes; check out 4-H Livestock after chips have been removed under cages.