

# Animal Science – Department G

## Cavy (Guinea Pig)

### Sarpy County Fair Co-Superintendents

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#### GENERAL RULES:

- A. All cavy exhibitors need to have completed Quality Assurance training in order to exhibit in the Sarpy County Fair.
- B. Cavy exhibitors will be responsible for feeding and watering their Cavies. No litters allowed. Signs pertaining to the sale of animals are not to be displayed on the fairgrounds by any 4-H exhibitor or their families.
- C. All cavies **MUST** be tagged and identified on the 4-H Cavy ID Sheet, please indicate the birth date of the cavy and age of the cavy column on the cavy entry sheet. This form can be obtained from either Extension Office or online at [www.douglas-sarpy.unl.edu](http://www.douglas-sarpy.unl.edu)  
Cavy advanced entries are due **online using Showworks by July 15, 2024.**
- D. Each 4-H member enrolled in the cavy project may exhibit a maximum total of ten (10) entries. An individual cavy is limited to showing in only one division of the 4-H cavy show with the exception of showmanship.
- E. **All Cavies will be released after the show and MUST be removed from the building that day.**
- F. Any cavy exhibited in the Sarpy County Fair 4-H Cavy Show must have been born **before April 31<sup>st</sup>** of the current year. Lactating sows or any sow within one week of giving birth should not be brought to the fairgrounds. All cavies must be healthy. If unhealthy, they will not be allowed to exhibit and must be removed from the fairgrounds. This will be left to the discretion of the cavy superintendent. The cavy superintendents reserve the right to release animals prior to scheduled release in cases of extreme heat.
- G. The show will be judged according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection (Cavy Standard of Perfection is located within the Rabbit Standard of Perfection).
- H. Exhibitors showing cavies are required to wear either a white shirt with the official 4-H chevron attached or an official 4-H T-shirt, or a 4-H club t-shirt approved by the 4-H Office. No hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn while showing.
- I. Substitutions may be made **ONLY** if the substituted cavies are identified on the 4-H Cavy ID sheet
- J. Premiums for the Cavy Department are pay level 5. Showmanship is pay level 4. Information for these premiums can be found in the General Rules section of the on-line 4-H Fair Book.
- K. Entry Time: 8:00-8:30 am at Poultry/Rabbit Barn on WEDNESDAY July 31, 2024.  
Show Time: The Table Show classes will start at 8:30 a.m. The Showmanship will start at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at the north end of Poultry/Rabbit Barn.

- L. Exhibitors will be asked to help out as Barn Watchers. Please sign up for a time. Also Exhibitors are asked to help setup the Poultry/Rabbit Barn (The Monday evening before Fair) and /or cleanup the Poultry/Rabbit Barn (the Monday evening after the Fair).
- M. Awards given include: Champion and Reserve Cavy Showmanship for each division and Champion and Reserve Cavy, The Cavy must receive a purple in order to qualify for Champion and Reserve.

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### Division 90 – Cavy

#### Showmanship

##### **General Information:**

Showmanship is based on grooming and training of the cavy and appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and merit of the cavy. Primarily showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the cavy before the judge. The excellence of the cavy is not considered in scoring, although grooming and condition of the animal is assessed during scoring. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor. Exhibitors may choose to exhibit in an age division higher than the one they would be classified by their age. All Showmanship presentations are recommended to limit of 4 minutes in length. Violations for presentations in excess of 4 minutes will be left to the discretion of the presiding judge.

Any Class Champion has the option to move up to the next class level of competition. However, once you have chosen to advance to the next level of competition you **MAY NOT** Return to your previous class level of competition.

\*Cavies used for showmanship must be identified on the Sarpy County Fair 4-H Cavy Entry Sheet

Premiums in Showmanship are pay level 4.

**CLASS 938\*** **SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP** 14 to 18 year old before January 1 of current year

**CLASS 937\*** **INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP** 11 to 13 years old before January 1 of current year

**CLASS 936\*** **JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP** 8 to 10 years old before January 1 of current year

**CLASS 935\*** **NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP** 1<sup>st</sup> Year Participants Only.

**CLASS 999\*** **Clover Kid Cavy Showmanship** 5 to 7 years old before January 1 of the current year

### **Cavy Breeds**

Exhibitors may show any of the following breeds, provided cavies have been tagged and listed on entry sheets: Please indicate the age of the cavy (this would be the cavy's age at the time of the Sarpy County Fair's Cavy Show)(Senior Cavies- Over 6 months of age, or over 32 ounces) (Intermediate Boars and Sows up to 6 months of age or weight over 22 oz and up to 32 oz) (Junior Cavies- up to 4 months of age, minimum weight of 12 oz, maximum weight of 22 oz) on the Cavy Entry Form

**\*NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR**

### **CAVY BREEDS**

**CLASS 939\* ABASSYNIAN**  
**CLASS 940\* ABASSYNIAN SATIN**  
**CLASS 941\* AMERICAN**  
**CLASS 942\* AMERICAN SATIN**  
**CLASS 943\* CORONET**  
**CLASS 944\* PERUVIAN**  
**CLASS 945\* PERUVIAN SATIN**  
**CLASS 946\* SILKIE**  
**CLASS 947\* SILKIE SATIN**  
**CLASS 948\* TEDDY**  
**CLASS 949\* TEDDY SATIN**  
**CLASS 950\* TEXEL**  
**CLASS 951\* WHITE CRESTED**

### **Pets**

Classes 901 – 906 are designated for exhibitors who are showing cavies NOT recognized by the ARBA or have major faults that otherwise would severely downgrade them in competition.

Examples include: Cavies with severe faults or disqualifications.

**CLASS 952 SENIOR BOAR (OVER 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**  
**CLASS 953 SENIOR SOW (OVER 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**  
**CLASS 954 INTERMEDIATE BOAR (4 MONTHS TO 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**  
**CLASS 955 INTERMEDIATE SOW (4 MONTHS TO 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**  
**CLASS 956 JUNIOR BOAR (UNDER 4 MONTHS OF AGE)**  
**CLASS 957 JUNIOR SOW (UNDER 4 MONTHS OF AGE)**

### **Best Dressed Cavy**

This is a fun class in which exhibitors are encouraged to use their imagination to design a costume for their 4-H Cavy. 4-H youth participating in the Best Dressed Cavy class may only exhibit **ONE** cavy in this show. Refrain from using multiple cavies for the exhibit. Contest will be held at the conclusion of rabbit and cavy judging. Clover Kids are encouraged to participate and will receive a Clover Kid ribbon. No premiums will be awarded to Clover Kids.

**CLASS 958 BEST DRESSED CAVY (Any breed or crossbreeds can be entered into this contest.)**

### **Clover Kid Cavy Exhibitors**

\*Not Eligible for Premiums, Ribbon Only

\* CLOVER KIDS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR PARTICIPATION\*

Rules:

- A. An exhibitor in the Clover Kid rabbit must be between 5 and 7 years before January 1 of the current year and be enrolled in 4-H.
- B. Each exhibitor will be limited to one entry. Rabbit entries may be either bucks or does and be of any age.
- C. The Clover Kids Rabbit Show will be held following showmanship and prior to rabbit judging.
- D. Each exhibitor will receive a 4-H Clover Kid participation ribbon and the class will be conducted, noncompetitively, based on the following: 1) What the individual learned about caring for and raising the rabbit. 2) The general health of the rabbit and knowledge in health related areas. 3) How the individual uses handling techniques when working with their rabbit.

**CLASS 999\* CLOVER KID EXHIBITOR - 4-H Ages 5-7**