

# Animal Science - Department G

## Rabbits

### Sarpy County Fair Co-Superintendents

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### GENERAL RULES:

- A. All rabbit exhibitors need to have completed Quality Assurance training in order to exhibit in the Sarpy County Fair.
- B. During Fair week, rabbit exhibitors will be responsible for feeding and watering their rabbits daily. 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 rabbits **MUST** be tattooed and identified on the 4-H Rabbit ID Sheet, no later than June 15 of the current year.  
All rabbits will be physically checked for tattoos during entry. Tattoos and class information must match the information found on the Nebraska 4-H Rabbit Identification Certificate" 4-HF103 (Affidavit). Rabbits whose tattoos that are not readable or do not match the 4-H Rabbit ID sheet will not be allowed to show. Tattoos that have faded or are no longer readable should be re-done prior to the show. Attention - when using the 4-H Rabbit ID sheet, please indicate the birth date of the rabbit and age of the rabbit column on the rabbit I.D sheet. This form can be obtained from either Extension Office and/or on the Douglas-Sarpy 4-H Website: [www.douglas-sarpy.unl.edu](http://www.douglas-sarpy.unl.edu)  
**Advanced entries are due online in the Showworks program by July 15, 2023.**
- D. If total entries exceed total cage space the Superintendent will determine which class or classes will be exhibited. Each 4-H member enrolled in the rabbit project may exhibit a maximum total of ten(10) entries. An individual rabbit is limited to showing in only one division of the 4-H rabbit show except when used for showmanship or the Best Dressed Rabbit Contest.  
**Exhibits must stay for the duration of the fair or premiums will be withheld.**
- E. Any rabbit exhibited in the Sarpy County Fair 4-H Rabbit Show must have been born **before April 31<sup>st</sup>** of the current year. Lactating does or any doe within one week of kindling should not be brought to the fairgrounds. All rabbits 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 attending veterinarian. All decisions made by the veterinarian are FINAL.
- F. The show will be judged according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection.

- G. Exhibitors showing rabbits are required to wear either a white shirt with the official 4-H chevron attached, 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.
- H. Substitutions may be made **ONLY** if the substituted rabbits are identified on the 4-H Rabbit ID Sheet.
- I. Premiums for the Rabbit 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.
- J. Entry Time: 3-8 p.m. at Poultry/Rabbit Barn on TUESDAY August 1, 2023.  
Show Time: The showmanship classes will start at 8:30 a.m. The table show will start at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at the north end of Poultry/Rabbit Barn.
- K. 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).
- L. Special award/s : Bob Patterson High Point Rabbit Award, Champion and Reserve Champion Class 4 Rabbit, Champion and Reserve Champion Class 6 Rabbit, Champion Best of Show Rabbit, Reserve Champion Best of Show Rabbit. The rabbit must receive a purple in order to qualify for Champion and Reserve in Class.

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#### **Showmanship**

##### General Information:

Showmanship is based on grooming and training of the rabbit and appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and merit of the rabbit. Primarily showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the rabbit before the judge. The excellence of the rabbit 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 need to comply with the Nebraska State Fair time 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.

\*\*\*Those showman who have competed in the Intermediate division at the Nebraska State Fair and received first place will be allowed to compete in the next highest division at the county level. Those individuals who have received first place at the state level for senior showmanship division but have not received first place at the county level may compete at the county fair the

following year. Although, if the senior division winner has won first place at the county and state level, it is understood that those individuals will refrain from competing again

\*Rabbits used for showmanship must be identified on the 4-H Rabbit ID Sheet

Premiums in Showmanship are pay level 4.

- CLASS 72 SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP** 15 to 18 year old by January 1 of current year  
**CLASS 71 INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP** 12 to 14 years old by January 1 of current year  
**CLASS 70 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP** 8 to 11 years old by January 1 of current year  
**CLASS 913\* NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP** 1<sup>st</sup> Year Participants Only.  
**CLASS 999\* Clover Kid Rabbit Showmanship** 5 to 7 years old by January 1 of the current year

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#### **FANCY BREED (Also known as 4 CLASS) RABBITS**

Exhibitors may show any of the following breeds, provided rabbits have been tattooed and listed on ID sheets: Please indicate the age of the rabbit (this would be the rabbit's age at the time of the Sarpy County Fair's Rabbit Show)(Senior Rabbit- over 6 months old) (Junior Rabbit- 3 to 6 months old) on the Rabbit Entry Form

- CLASS 5 AMERICAN FUZZY LOP**  
**CLASS 6 AMERICAN SABLE**  
**CLASS 7 BELGIAN HARE**  
**CLASS 8 BRITANNIA PETITE**  
**CLASS 9 DUTCH**  
**CLASS 10 DWARF HOTOT**  
**CLASS 11 ENGLISH ANGORA**  
**CLASS 12 ENGLISH SPOT**  
**CLASS 13 FLORIDA WHITE**  
**CLASS 14 FRENCH ANGORA**  
**CLASS 15 HARLEQUIN**  
**CLASS 16 HAVANA**  
**CLASS 17 HIMALAYAN**  
**CLASS 18 JERSEY WOOLIE**  
**CLASS 19 LILAC**  
**CLASS 20 HOLLAND LOP**  
**CLASS 21 MINI LOP**  
**CLASS 22 MINI REX**  
**CLASS 23 MIN SATIN**  
**CLASS 24 NETHERLAND DWARF**  
**CLASS 25 POLISH**

CLASS 26	REX
CLASS 27	RHINELANDER
CLASS 28	SATIN ANGORA
CLASS 29	SILVER
CLASS 30	SILVER MARTEN
CLASS 31	STANDARD CHINCHILLA
CLASS 32	TAN
CLASS 33	THRIANTA
CLASS 34	LIONHEAD
CLASS 35	DWARF PAPILLION

### **Commercial Breed (Also Known as 6 class rabbit)**

Exhibitors may show any of the following breeds, provided rabbits have been tattooed and listed on ID sheets: Please indicate the age of the rabbit, as it would be at the on the date of the rabbit show, (Senior Rabbit- over 8 months old) ( Intermediate Rabbit- 6 to 8 months old) (Junior Rabbit- 3 to 6 months old) on Rabbit entry form.

CLASS 50	American
CLASS 51	American Chinchilla
CLASS 52	Beveren
CLASS 53	Blanc D' Hotot
CLASS 54	Californian
CLASS 55	Champagne D'Argent
CLASS 56	Checkered Giant
CLASS 57	Cinnamon
CLASS 58	Creme D'Argent
CLASS 59	English Lop
CLASS 60	Flemish Giant
CLASS 61	French Lop
CLASS 62	Giant Angora
CLASS 63	Giant Chinchilla
CLASS 64	New Zealand
CLASS 65	Palomino
CLASS 66	Satin
CLASS 67	Silver Fox

### **MARKET RABBITS**

CLASS 2	SINGLE MARKET FRYER (3 TO 5 LBS- not over 10 weeks old) The Champion and Reserve Single Market Fryers are eligible for the Sarpy County Fair Premium Auction
CLASS 3	MEAT PEN OF THREE FRYERS (3 TO 5 LBS – not over 10 weeks old)
CLASS 4	MARKET ROASTER (OVER 8 LBS must be under six months of age)

**CLASS 920**    **STEWERS** (A rabbit MUST be 6 months of age or older and have a minimum weight of 8 pounds or over.)

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#### **Pet Division Rabbits**

\* FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR CONSIDERATION\*

Classes 901 – 904 are designated for exhibitors who are showing rabbits NOT recognized by the ARBA or have major faults that otherwise would severely downgrade them in competition. Examples include: Any crossbred rabbits or rabbits with severe faults or disqualifications.

**CLASS 901\***    **SENIOR BUCK (OVER 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**  
**CLASS 902\***    **SENIOR DOE (OVER 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**  
**CLASS 903\***    **JUNIOR BUCK (3 TO 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**  
**CLASS 904\***    **JUNIOR DOE (3 TO 6 MONTHS OF AGE)**

#### **Best Dressed Rabbits**

\* FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FAIR CONSIDERATION\*

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

**CLASS 905\***    **BEST DRESSED RABBIT (Any breed or crossbreeds can be entered into this contest.)**

#### **Clover Kid Rabbit**

\*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 old 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**