



# Animal Science Rabbit

Rabbits will be entered on Monday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

4-H members who exhibit at the County Fair should meet the following requirements:

- A. All rabbits MUST stay the entire week of fair until check out at 7:00a.m. Sunday. Any exhibitor that checks out early will be forfeit their ribbon and premium. The Superintendent may make exceptions to the rule (including ill animals)
- B. Each exhibitor may enter one animal per class with a maximum of 6 entries. The Meat Pen is counted as one exhibit.
- C. Each exhibitor must attend 3 rabbit practices and/or assist with barn maintenance and clean-up projects in order to show in any fair class, including market.
- D. Attire: Showmanship requires long sleeve white shirts. The 4-Hers may wear the county fair issued "show shirt" for the breeding and market classes over the white shirt.
- E. 4-H member must be present to show their rabbit unless a substitute is approved by Superintendent.
- F. The Small Animal School House will be open daily from 6:00am to 8:00p.m. No access to animals after these hours. All exhibitors are encouraged to keep cages closed with zip ties.
- G. All rabbits must have a permanent tattoo in their left ear for identification. (Exception is the fryer rabbits/meat pen. The use of a permanent marker is acceptable.)
- H. Rabbit ID sheets are due June 1st and fair registration is due July 1st at the Extension office.
- I. Rabbits can NOT show in both Breeding and Market Divisions.

### **Rabbit Showmanship**

Division 80

Each showman must show his/her own animal and will enter the class corresponding to his/her age. Ages are as of January 1. Top 3 winners in each age division will come back and compete for overall showman. In showmanship, each class will consist of going to the table with their rabbits, and the judge will ask each exhibitor questions and then will pick the top 3 medal winners in each group.

The purpose of 4-H showmanship is to teach young people courtesy, good grooming, poise and confidence, and how to fit, train and handle animals.

Class 1 14 and over

Class 2 11 – 13 years

Class 3 8 – 10 years

Other Rabbit project exhibits are to be entered on Sunday July 30 at the Event Center with the other static exhibits. Exhibitors may enter both kit classes.

- Class 14 Rabbit Grooming Kit / Show Kit A kit of materials used to groom or show a rabbit. Label items on a 3" x 5" card. Name, breed and size of rabbit are required. Contents are at the discretion of the exhibitor. This will be an interview class.
- Class 15 First Aid Kit A kit of materials used for emergency care of rabbits. Label items on a 3" x 5" card. This will be an interview class.
- Class 16 Rabbit Project Scrapbook Scrapbook in a hard cover binder or notebook. Include any other information that pertains to your involvement in the rabbit project.

## **Rabbit Hopping Rules:**

All participants must come to at least three practices to qualify for the fair

• All rabbits must be on leash.







- The course of 10 jumps, the first and last jumps start and end your time but no faults or corrections are counted on those jumps.
- Jumps are 24 inches apart with the bars of the jumps 2 inches apart.
- Three levels of competition: Beginner, Intermediate, Difficult.
- Contestant is scored on time, corrections, and faults.
- Time limit of three minutes.
- Disqualification if handler steps over the jump. rabbit changes direction of course before completing the course in direction started, obvious mistreatment of rabbit or bad sportsmanship.
- Once a team has completed two clean runs in competition, they will advance to the next level.
- Contestant may only hop one rabbit per level.
- Corrections: (any time the handler has to intervene to get the rabbit to advance on the course) two corrections are allowed for each run.
- Faults: the third correction will count as one fault; knocked down bars, if jump is bump or knocked by handler or their leash, picking up rabbit to help over jump, rabbit going around the jump will all count as a fault.

Class 17 Rabbit Hopping

### **Clover Kid Rabbit Showmanship**

Division 96

Clover Kid showmen are encouraged to be enrolled in the 4-H Clover Kid Program. Class 12 Clover Kid Rabbit Showmanship

#### **Market Classes**

Division 81

Rabbits to go through the Livestock Sale must be entered in a market class. Market Rabbits are under 1 year of age. Meat class rabbits will be weighed at the time of check in and at judge's discretion-may be weighed at show time. Market Rabbits must be a recognized commercial breed.

- Class 1 Single Fryer-not over 10 weeks of age. Minimum weight of 3 ½ pounds. Maximum weight of 5 ½ pounds.
- Class 2 Meat Pen- shall consist of three rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. They do not have to be from the same litter. Minimum weight 3 ½ pounds each. Maximum weight 5 ½ pounds each.
- Class 3 Roaster-rabbits must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight 5 1/2 pounds. Maximum weight 9 pounds.
- Class 4 Stewers-rabbits must be over 6 months of age and over. Minimum weight is over 8 pounds.

## **Breeding Classes**

Division 84

- A. Fancy breed rabbits are a four class division. (Sr. Buck, Sr. Doe, Jr. Buck, Jr. Doe).
- B. Age will be the age of the rabbit on show date.
- C. Division breakdown of classes will be rabbit's age and sex.

### **FANCY BREED RABBITS**

Class 1 American Fuzzy Lop Class 2 American Sable Class 3 Belgian Hare







Class 4	Britannia Petite
Class 5	Czech Frosty
Class 6	Dutch
Class 7	Dwarf Hotot
Class 8	English Angora
Class 9	English Spot
Class 10	Florida White
Class 11	French Angora
Class 12	Harlequin
Class 13	Havana
Class 14	Himalayan
Class 15	Holland Lop
Class 16	Jersey Woolie
Class 17	Lilac
Class 18	Lion Head
Class 19	Mini Lop

Class 19 Mini Lop Class 20 Mini Rex Class 21 Mini Satin

Class 22 **Netherland Dwarf** 

Class 23 Polish Class 24 Rex

Class 25 Rhinelander Class 26 Satin Angora

Class 27 Silver

Class 28 Silver Martin

Class 29 Standard Chinchilla

Class 30 Tan Class 31 **Thrianta** 

#### **COMMERCIAL BREED RABBITS**

- A. Commercial breed rabbits are a 6 class division. (Sr. Buck, Sr. Doe, Int. Buck, Int. Doe, Jr. Buck, Jr. Doe).
- B. Age will be the age of the rabbits on at show date.
- C. Division breakdown will be rabbit's age and sex.

Class 32 American

Class 33 American Chinchilla

Class 34 Argente Brun Class 35 Beveren Class 36 Blanc d'Hotot Class 37 Californian

Class 38 Champagne D'Argent Class 39 **Checkered Giant** 

Class 40 Cinnamon

Class 41 Crème D'Argent Class 42 English Lop Class 43 Flemish Giant

Class 44 French Lop Class 45 Giant Angora Giant Chinchilla Class 46







Class 47 New Zealand
Class 48 Palomino
Class 49 Satin
Class 50 Silver Fox

#### **Small Animal Round Robin**

The overall grand and reserve champion showman of each species (companion animal, dog, dairy goat, fiber animal, poultry, and rabbit) will represent that species in the Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship, unless that person has won the Round Robin Trophy in the past. In that event, the person who placed 3rd and received a purple ribbon of that species will be the representative in the Round Robin (unless that person has won the Round Robin in the past). If the same exhibitor is Grand or Reserve Champion of two species, he/she will choose which animal to show, then the next purple ribbon will represent that species in the Round Robin. There will be 6 stations (companion animal, dog, dairy goat, fiber animal, poultry, and rabbit), each exhibitor will be allowed 5 minutes to show each species. Each exhibitor will be scored at each station and the Grand and Reserve Champion Round Robin Exhibitor will be awarded to the top two accumulative total point winners. In case of a tie, the participants will answer the same question at each station until the tie is broken. Dress code: recommended to wear dark jeans, hard soled shoes, and county issued fair shirt, a white shirt, or dairy showman attire.

