

Rabbit and Cavy Department

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1. Rabbits or cavy transported to Iowa from another state are not eligible to show.
2. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the left ear. Tattoo must be on the fair entry form with proper Class Number and the Rabbit's Tattoo.
3. All rabbit and cavy will be health checked at the time of check-in by the Fair Veterinarian for a total cost of \$1.00 per family. Any animal found in poor health or vicious will not be allowed to show and will have to leave the fairgrounds.
4. A rabbit showing evidence of the following conditions, at any time during the fair, will not be allowed to remain on the fair grounds.
 - Snuffels - thick white or yellow discharge from the nose
 - Runny Eyes
 - Ear Mites
 - Diarrhea
 - Abscesses
 - Coccidiosis
 - Other health problems that could endanger any other animal.
5. Exhibitors will need to be YQCA certified.
6. Rabbit and cavy (guinea pigs) must be checked-in Monday between 1:00 -3:00 PM. Only rabbits and cavy entered in the show may be on the grounds.
7. All livestock must be in place by 3:00 PM Monday. (Exception: open class/clover kids Tuesday 9 AM.)
8. All exhibitors must be present at 9:30 AM Tuesday for the exhibitor's meeting which will be held by the show ring.
9. Only meat pen and single fryer entries can be sold in the livestock auction. If entered in the auction the 4-H or FFA member must move the rabbits to the auction ring and tear down the cages and tables after the auction.
10. A copy of the American Rabbit Breeders Assn. (ARBA) standard of perfection is available at the Polk county extension office and current publications will be used as the guide for judging our show.
11. Bring your own feeders, water containers, cleaning supplies, shavings, feed, fans and drop cords. Drop cords must be duct taped to the floor.
12. Exhibitors may decorate their cages on top and/or by skirting the tables. All decorations must be safe for rabbits and leave aisle clear.
13. "For sale" rabbits and cavy may be identified on the cages, but must remain until 6:00 PM release on Wednesday.
14. All rabbits and cavy must stay in their cages until 6:00 PM release time on Wednesday whether they are sold or not.
15. Dress code: only white 4-H, white FFA, or white county fair t-shirts (exception: if exhibitor is showing horse or dairy at the time). Jeans must be worn by exhibitors the day of show. Exhibitor number must be worn on the back of the shirt, blue jean pants and close toed shoes must be worn by exhibitors during the show. No hats of any kind are allowed
16. Showmanship Contest
 - a. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
 - b. Previous winners are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won, however, any exhibitor may win a showmanship trophy only once in each age group
 - c. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:
 - d. A copy of the 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Score Sheet is available at the Extension Office. This form will be used to judge showmanship classes. Showmanship consists of rabbit/cavy handling procedure, exhibitor appearance, exhibitor knowledge, and rabbit/cavy appearance.
 - e. Showmanship exhibitors may either use a rabbit or cavy for judging, but it must be entered in the Rabbit or Cavy Show.

- f. The following awards will be given after the judging is completed on Tuesday.
- a. Junior Showmanship Trophy
 - b. Intermediate Showmanship Trophy
 - c. Senior Showmanship Trophy
 - d. Overall Showmanship Trophy

Class Number and Description

001	Junior Showmanship Grades 4-6
002	Intermediate Showmanship Grades 7-8
003	Senior Showmanship Grades 9-12 & FFA

Standard Bred Rabbit Show Classifications

1. Each exhibitor may enter two animals per class per breed and variety.
2. Entries are limited to purebred rabbits of recognized breeds by the A.R.B.A. and will be judged accordingly.
3. Rabbits will be shown in alphabetical order by breed and variety (color) within each breed. Best and Best Opposite sex of variety and/or group will be selected.
4. All Rabbits that you plan to exhibit must be ID'ed in 4-H online prior to signing up for the classes for the fair.
5. The following special awards will be given:
 - Best Commercial Rabbit will receive a trophy
 - Best Fancy Rabbit will receive a trophy
 - Best in Show will receive a trophy
 - Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex will receive a Rosette
 - Ribbons are awarded for all placements.

Commercial Rabbits

101: American

- A – Blue
- B – White

102: American Chinchilla

- A – Standard

103: Argent Brun

- A – Standard

104: Beveren

- A – Black
- B – Blue
- C – White

105: Blanc de Hotot

- A – Standard

106: California

- A – Standard

107: Champagne D-Argent

- A – Standard

108: Checkered Giant

- A – Black
- B – Blue

109: Cinnamon

- A – Standard

110: Creme D'Argent

- A – Standard

111: English Lop

- A – Broken Pattern
- B – Solid Pattern

112: Flemish Giant

- A – Black
- B – Blue
- C – Fawn

- D – Light Grey

- E – Sandy

- F – Steel Grey

- G – White

113: French Lop

- A – Broken Pattern

- B – Solid Pattern

114: Giant Angora

- A – Ruby Eyed White

115: Giant Chinchilla

- A – Standard

116: New Zealand

- A – Black

- B – Blue

- C – Broken

- D – Red

- E – White

117: Palomino

- A – Golden

- B – Lynx

118: Satin

- A – Black

- B – Blue

- C – Broken Group

- D – Californian

- E – Chinchilla

- F – Chocolate

- G – Copper

- H – Otter

- I – Red

- J – Siamese

- K – White

119: Silver Fox

- A – Chocolate

- B – Standard

- C – Ruby Eyed White

Fancy Rabbits

Fancy Classes:

- Senior = over 6 months
- Junior = 3 to 6 months
- ***No Intermediate Classes in Fancy Rabbit**

201: American Fuzzy Lop

A – Broken Pattern
B – Solid Pattern

202: American Sable

A – Standard

203: Belgian Hare

A – Standard
B – Tan

204: Britannia Petite

A – Black
B – Black Otter
C – Blue Eyed White
D – Broken
E – Chestnut Agouti
F – Ruby Eyed White
G – Sable Martin
H – Siamese Sable
I – Tortoise

205: Czech Frosty

A – Standard

206: Dutch

A – Black
B – Blue
C – Chinchilla
D – Chocolate
E – Gold
F – Gray
G – Steel
H – Tortoise

207: Dwarf Hotot

A – Blue Band
B – Standard

208: English Angora

A – White
B – Colored
C – Broken

209: English Spot

A – Black
B – Blue
C – Chocolate
D – Gold
E – Gray
F – Lilac
G – Tortoise

210: Florida White

A – Standard

211: French Angora

A – Colored
B – White

212: Harlequin

A – Japanese
B – Magpie

213: Havana

A – Black
B – Blue
C – Broken
D – Chocolate
E – Lilac

214: Himalayan

A – Black
B – Blue
C – Chocolate
D – Lilac

215: Holland Lop

A – Broken Pattern
B – Solid Pattern

216: Jersey Woolly

A – Agouti
B – Any other variety
C – Broken
D – Orange
B – Ruby-Eyed White
C – Siamese Sable
E – Tortoise

217: Lilac

A – Standard

218: Lionhead

A – Black
B – Blue
C – Chocolate
D – Ruby-Eyed White
E – Sable Point
F – Siamese Sable
G – Smokey Pearl
H – Tortoise

219: Mini Lop

A – Solid Pattern
B – Broken Pattern

220: Mini Rex

A – Black
B – Blue
C – Blue Eyed White
D – Broken Group
E – Castor
F – Chinchilla
G – Chocolate
H – Himalayan

220: Mini Rex

I – Lilac
J – Lynx
K – Opal
L – Otter
M – Red
N – Sable
O – Sable Point
P – Seal
Q – Silver Martin
R – Smoke Pearl
S – Tortoise
T – White

221: Mini Satin

A – Black
B – Blue
C – Broken Group
D – Chocolate
E – Chocolate Agouti
F – Copper
G – Himalayan
H – Opal
I – Red
J – Siamese
K – Silver Marten
L – Squirrel
M – Tortoise
N – Otter
O – White

222: Netherland Dwarf

A – Self
B – Shaded
C – Agouti
D – Tan Pattern
E – Any Other Variety

223: Polish

A – Black
B – Blue
C – Broken
D – Chocolate
E – Blue Eyed White
F – Ruby Eyed White

224: Rex

A – Amber
B – Black
C – Black Otter
D – Blue
E – Broken Group
F – Californian
G – Castor
H – Chinchilla
I – Chocolate
J – Lilac
K – Lynx
L – Opal
M – Red
N – Sable
O – Seal
P – White

225: Rhinelander

A – Standard

226: Satin Angora

A – Broken
B – Colored
C – White

227: Silver

A – Black
B – Brown
C – Fawn

228: Silver Marten

A – Black
B – Blue
C – Chocolate
D – Lilac

229: Standard Chinchilla

A – Standard

230: Tan

A – Black
B – Blue
C – Chocolate
D – Lilac

231: Thrianta

A – Standard

Meat Pens Classification

1. Meat Pen to consist of three rabbits not over 10 weeks and 3.5-5.5 pounds each.
2. ALL rabbits must be of the same breed and variety.
3. Each exhibitor may have one meat pen entry.
4. The Best Meat Pen will receive a Rosette Ribbon.

301	Meat Pen - Sex and age do not need to be specified
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Single Fryer Classification

1. Single Fryer to be one rabbit not over 10 weeks and 3.5-5.5 pounds.
2. Each exhibitor may enter one single fryer entry.
3. The Best Single Fryer rabbit will receive a rosette ribbon.

401	Single Fryer - Sex and age do not need to be specified
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Roasters

1. Roaster Class is one rabbit and must be under 6 months of age and 5.5-9 pounds.
2. Each exhibitor may enter one Roaster entry.
3. The Best Roaster rabbit will receive a rosette Ribbon.

501	Roaster – Sex and Age need not be specified
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Doe & Litter Class

1. Litter between 30-45 days of age
2. Will need to document at the fair Date of birth, size of litter, livekits.
3. Must have their nest box with them at fair.

601	Doe & Litter
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Homegrown Rabbit Class

1. Rabbit must be born and raised by exhibitor
2. Rabbit must be over 3 months old

701	Homegrown
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Rabbit Fur Classification

1. Each exhibitor may enter two rabbits per class.

801	Normal Colored Fur - Any coloring on body
802	Angora Colored Wool (judged by breed)
803	Rex Colored Fur- Mini & Standard
804	Satin Colored Fur
805	Normal White Fur -white bodied animals (includes Californian and Himalayan marked animals)
806	Angora White Wool (judged by breed)
807	Rex White Fur- Mini & Standard
808	Satin White Fur
809	Lionhead Fur

Non-Standard Bred Rabbit Show Classifications

(Pet Rabbit)

1. Entries are limited to rabbits that do not qualify to show in the Standard Bred Show Classifications. Refer to the A.R.B.A. STANDARD OF PERFECTION at the Extension Office, or with any rabbit breeder that shows rabbits, for the information that would place your rabbits in any PET RABBIT classes (i.e., white toenails on colored rabbit; variety (color) not recognized by A.R.B.A.).

Cavy (Guinea Pig) Department

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1. All rules for rabbit department apply to Cavy entries, including the following:
2. Each exhibitor may enter two cavies per class per breed and variety.
 1. It is required that cavies are ear tagged at the Polk County Fair.
2. All Rabbits that you plan to exhibit must be ID'ed in 4-H online prior to signing up for the classes for the fair.
3. Cavies will be entered and judged according to the A.R.B.A. Standard of Perfection. A copy of this book is available at the Polk County Extension Office for reference to disqualifications, breed standards and classes.
4. Any Cavy showing evidence of the following condition at any time during the Fair will not be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abscesses • Cold-Nasal Discharge • Mange - dandruff or scale at base of hair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mites, lice, or ticks • Runny Eyes • Other health problem that may endanger cavy or other exhibits.
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5. Cavy cages are NOT available. The exhibitor is responsible for bringing their own cage(s), waterers, feeders and bedding. A cage table will be provided. Please note the size of the cage/Space needed

Breeds allowed

101: Abyssinian	105: Coronet	108: Silkie	111: Teddy Satin
102: Abyssinian Satin	106: Peruvian	109: Silkie Satin	112: Texel
103: American	107: Peruvian Satin	110: Teddy	113: White Crested
104: American Satin			

Classes are determined as follows:

Junior- Up to 4 months of age, minimum weight 12 ounces, maximum weight 22 ounces
Intermediate- Up to 6 months of age, or weight over 22 ounces with a maximum weight of 32 ounces
Senior- Over 6 months of age, over 32 ounces

Varieties (Colors)

A – Sells (Beige, Black, Chocolate, Cream, Lilac, Gold, Red Eyed Orange, Red, White)
B – Solids (Brindle, Roan, Solid Dilute, Solid Golden, Solid Silver)
C – Agoutis (Dilute Agouti, Golden Agouti, Silve Agouti)
D – Marked (Broken Color, Dalmatian, Dutch, Himalayan, Marten, Tan, Tortoise Shell, Tortoise Shell and White)

Non- Standard Bred Cavy Show Classifications (Pet Cavy)

1. Entries are limited to Cavies that do not qualify to show in the Standard Bred Show Classifications. Refer to the A.R.B.A. Standard of Perfection at the Extension Office, or with any Cavy breeder that shows cavies, for the information that would place your cavies in any pet cavy classes (i.e., white toenails on a colored cavy; variety (color) not recognized by A.R.B.A.)
2. Each Exhibitor is limited two entries in this class. The animal will be judged according to the health of the animal
3. The Best Pet Cavy receives a Rosette Ribbon and knowledge of cavy

Class Number and Description

401	Pet / Crossbred
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2. Each Exhibitor is limited to two entries in this class. The animal will be judged according to the health of the animal and knowledge of the exhibitor.
3. The animal will be entered by sex and by the age as follows:
4. Buck (B), Doe (D), Junior (J), Intermediate (I), and Senior (S).
5. The Best Pet Rabbit receives a Rosette Ribbon.

901	Pet Rabbit (Breeds)
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Showmanship Classifications

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2. Showmanship judging will be on Tuesday at 8:00 AM by show ring.
3. Showmanship exhibitors may either use a rabbit or cavy for judging, but it must be entered in the Rabbit or Cavy Show.
4. To be eligible for any Showmanship awards, exhibitor must show at least one Rabbit or Cavy in the Polk County 4-H/FFA Rabbit/Cavy Show.
5. Previous Showmanship Trophy Winners are eligible to compete in the Showmanship Class; however, any exhibitor may win a showmanship trophy only once in each age group.
6. The following awards will be given after the judging is completed on Tuesday.
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Youth Open Class Rabbit and Cavy

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1. Entry fees due July 1 at the Extension office Judging Time – Tuesday morning prior to the 4-H/FFA Rabbit/Cavy Show.
2. Each exhibitor must have their own animal. Animals cannot be shared between other open class exhibitors.
3. Any Polk County youth K – 3rd grade (as of July 1) may exhibit in this class.
4. Check-in 8:00 AM Tuesday before Rabbit/Cavy show. Exhibitor meeting will be at 9:30 AM by the show ring.
5. Exhibitor must wear plain white or white county fair T-shirt and Jeans, close toe shoes and must attach their exhibitor number on their back.
6. Any healthy Rabbit or Cavy (Guinea Pig) of any breed, variety, sex, and class may be shown. All entries MUST be Health Checked by Rabbit /Cavy Superintendent unless it has been done for the 4-H/FFA Show.
7. The Rabbit or Cavy does not need to meet breed standard requirements, but must be a minimum of 10 weeks of age.
8. Exhibitors may enter 1 Rabbit and 1 Cavy for a total of 2 animals in this division.
9. The class may be divided into classes depending on the number of entries.
10. Each youth will be interviewed in regard to the management and care of their exhibit.
11. Judging to be based on:
 - a. What the exhibitor has learned about the care of the Rabbit or Cavy.
 - b. The grooming and cleanliness of the animal.
 - c. General health, condition and management of the animal.
12. No premium will be paid-Participation ribbons only.
13. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
14. Fair board is not responsible for accidents or injuries.
15. Animals must be brought and kept in approved animal carriers and removed following the shows.
16. Cages for open show rabbits/cavies will be in a separate area- not connected to 4-H Club cages.

Class Number and Description

011	Youth Open Class Rabbit
012	Youth Open Class Cavy (Guinea Pig)