

2020 Cottontail 4-H Virtual Rabbit and Cavy Show

Rabbit and Cavy Superintendents: Jean Ann, Suzette and Chris St. Pierre

This will be a two day event, most likely 4 hours each day.

Wed. July 15, 2020 1:00 PM

Showmanship Hands On: Judge Suzette St. Pierre

Written Test

Breed ID

Virtual Pizza Party 6:00 PM

Sat. July 18th starting promptly at 10 AM

Costume Class 1:00 PM

4-H Virtual Rabbit and Cavy Show 10 AM

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Show Rules

The show will be on Zoom.

You will be sent the appropriate link when you enter each event!

- 1.) You must be a current member of 4-H ages 5-18 years old
- 2.) You may show up to 10 animals in any combination of rabbits or cavies
You may show pet rabbits/cavies, mixed breeds, spayed and neutered rabbits/cavies or animals/cavies that have permanent disqualifications (nibbled ears, wrong eye or toenail color, missing toenails, bobbed tail, etc.)
- 3.) Any exhibitor who does not follow the dress code or show rules will be disqualified.
- 4.) **Dress Code:** No Short Shorts, Mini Skirts, Body Piercing (other than small ear rings in ears), Spaghetti Straps, or Bare Mid Drifts. You can wear whatever you want on your feet since you are home.
- 5.) You must wear a long sleeve show coat or white shirt when showing or handling any rabbits or cavies.
- 6.) The judge's decision is final
- 7.) Each youth must own, care for and be able to bring their own rabbit to and from their show mat without adult help. Parents - Please be quiet and stand back from their show mat to allow the children to shine!
- 8.) We will be judging the breeds and varieties/groups just the way other states have been doing, following the ARBA show format. Judging requirements WILL NOT BE by the ARBA Standard of Perfection!
- 9.) **Judging Requirements are:** Healthy rabbit free of all disease, no hutch stain, feet and underbelly and tail areas are clean, nails are clipped, teeth have been trimmed only if the rabbit has mal-occlusion, not too thin, not to heavy – just right! Rabbits are judged on your ability to care for them! This includes fur condition!
- 10.) We will not have an ARBA show, fur class, meat pen or doe and litter classes this year.
- 11.) No entry fees this year
- 12.) The Superintendents reserve the right to substitute another judge or judges in place of those listed
- 13.) The Superintendents reserve the right to amend these rules. Please call the show superintendent if you have any questions or concerns. Jean Ann is 603-235-4890. Please leave a message.
- 14.) Please see next 2 pages for entry forms.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST Wed. July 15th at 1:00 PM You will be sent the Zoom link.

Showmanship is highly suggested for all 4-H Exhibitors and mandatory for members of the Cottontail 4-H Club. The Contest will take place on Wed. July 15, 2020 beginning promptly at 1 PM by Zoom. You will be sent the link after you register for our Virtual Competitions!

This is a learning experience and competition based on the ability of the exhibitor to correctly handle and examine their animal. Each exhibitor competing in showmanship needs to bring a clean, healthy rabbit or cavy to work with and their own grooming mat. Points will be deducted if you forget your mat. You should have long sleeves (a white shirt or show coat is preferable), no blue jeans or torn pants. Your hair should be out of your eyes, no gum chewing and no bulky necklaces or necklaces that will get in the way of showing your rabbit. Basic skills to be demonstrated are:

1. A one armed carry of your animal.
2. Turning the animal over on its back.
3. General health exam of the animal.
4. Knowledge of animal breeds, diseases and the ARBA.
5. The judge may ask questions with difficulty based on the level of experience.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

PRE-NOVICE: This is someone under the age of 8 or those whose developmental delays are such that showing for the first time as a Novice would not be appropriate. They may work with a toy stuffed bunny or a real one if they wish!

NOVICE: This is someone in their first year of showing, at least 8 years old or you won the pre-novice level last year. If you showed in novice last year, you must advance to Junior this year.

JUNIOR: This is someone in their second to fourth year of showing.

SENIOR: This is someone with five or more years of experience showing.

The written test must also be taken on Wed. July 15th. You can be taking it during Showmanship as you wait your turn, or after Showmanship. Your hands on score and your written test scores will be added together and divided by two to give your final placement score. If you decide to do just the hands on or just the written test, your final score will be half of what you did complete.

Pre-novice will have 10 questions and should be able to recognize at least 5 parts of the rabbit.

Novice, Junior and Senior tests will be similar to the ones given out at the ARBA Convention.

5 points extra credit for the junior and senior group will come from any teaching sheet (including email information). There will be questions on cavies!

Showmanship questions will come from the A.R.B.A. Standard of Perfection, Domestic Rabbit Magazine, and the A.R.B.A. Official Guidebook.

Virtual Pizza Party to keep tradition alive! **Begins at 6 PM on Wed. July 15th.** Make or bring a pizza home, turn on Zoom (**you will be sent the link if you sign up for this**) and we can enjoy each other's company as we nom nom nom on pizza, salad, chicken fingers, or whatever you wish to eat!

RABBIT/CAVY BREED ID. This will be held on Wed. July 15 after Showmanship is completed.

Open to all 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Youth.

The Breed/ID section will consist of 10-20 different breeds of rabbits/and/or cavies.

The **pre-novice group** will just give me the name of each breed. You can do more if you wish!

The **novice group, intermediate and advanced groups** will write down the breed, variety, body type, fur type, classes (4 or 6), and showroom classification.

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COSTUME CLASS Sat. July 18th at 1 PM

The exhibitors dress themselves and their rabbit/cavy up in an outfit to represent a theme of their choice. The costumes should be either made by the exhibitor (NOT the parents or relatives!!!), or put together by the exhibitor from things around the house or old Halloween costumes. Some ideas from years past; Dorothy and Toto, Scuba Divers, Mom and Baby, Gone Fishing, Sunflower and Ladybug. This can really show a child's creative side and it is SO MUCH FUN!!! Each child will receive a ribbon (there are many deserving of a blue ribbon).

Event Entry Form

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Parent's Phone Number: _____

Parent's E-Mail: _____

Club Name: _____

Hands on Showmanship: Yes No

Cloverbud, Novice, Junior (Intermediate), Senior (Advanced)

Written Test: Yes No Cloverbud, Novice, Junior, Senior

Breed ID: Yes No Cloverbud, Novice, Junior, Senior

Virtual Pizza Party: Yes No

Number of Cavies Showing: _____

Number of Rabbits Showing: _____

Costume Class: _____ You must write a narrative (description) of your costume, why you choose it, how you made it, etc. E-Mail to Jean Ann by July 15th

