

Department I-B

RABBITS, GUINEA PIGS AND SMALL ANIMALS

Entries must be mailed to:

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Entries Close Saturday, September 13, 2008. No Post Entries Accepted.

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**ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY IN CLASSES LISTED
AND IN ORDER OF ARRIVAL TO CAGING CAPACITY**

ALL EXHIBITORS MUST PAY ADMISSION AT THE GATE.

PLEASE READ RULES BELOW:

1. All entries must be free from any evidence of infectious or transmissible disease. Final decision of health of entries will be determined by the committee members. Animals that are sick, under 12 weeks of age or small enough to fit through cages will not be accepted.
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE OWNED BY THEIR EXHIBITORS.
2. Entries must be postmarked on or before Sept. 13th. entries close Sept. 13th or when cages are full.
3. Rabbits will be shown in 2 classes. An ARBA class for purebred animals with a permanent ear tattoo, and a pet class for Junior exhibitors whose animals are not purebred or do not have an ear tattoo.
4. ENTRY FEE: An entry fee of 50¢ per rabbit must accompany the entry form. There is no fee for guinea pigs and small mammals as exhibitors must provide their own cage, food, dishes and blanket or towel for night covering. No habitrains accepted.
5. CLASSES: All entries must be identified by class, breed, and variety. Classes of rabbits will be: Sr. Buck and Sr. Doe, for rabbits 6 months and over; Jr. Buck and Jr. Doe for rabbits under 6 months; and 6-8 month Buck and 6-8 month Doe (for breeds over 10 lbs at maturity).
6. Entries in the ARBA show will be in the open class.
7. Feed, water and bedding will be provided for rabbit entries, but not for small mammal entries. Heavy, weighted feed and water dishes must be supplied by the exhibitor or the entry will NOT be accepted. Cans or light dishes will not be accepted.
8. MAXIMUM ENTRIES: Maximum entries per farm or family for each division shall be; 25 rabbits with no more than 15 of any single breed and no more than 10 pet rabbits, 5 for small mammals. No more than 3 of any variety of guinea pigs per exhibitor.
9. JUDGING: Purebred rabbits will be judged by the American Rabbit Breeders Standard of Perfection. Pets will be judged on the Danish System. Guinea Pigs with ear tags will be judged under the ARBA system.
10. Entries must be in place Thursday, Sept. 18th and will be accepted from 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm. ALL ARBA ENTRIES MUST BE IN PLACE BY 7:00 PM, THURSDAY. All entries must remain in place until 6:00 pm on Sunday.
11. ARBA judging will be held on Friday, September 19th at 7:00pm., or at the convenience of the judge.
12. If exhibitors wish to sell stock, they must be present at the time of the sale and make the necessary arrangements with the purchaser for removal at the PROPER TIME. No stock may be removed before Sunday at 6:00pm. Only animals entered may be sold. Signs shall be no larger than 3"X5". NO OTHER ANIMALS FOR SALE WILL BE ALLOWED.

RABBITS

No more than 25 rabbits per farm or family.

Class 4

SHOWMANSHIP

In our tradition of agricultural education, the Guilford Fair is pleased to offer a Junior showmanship competition. A rabbit entry is not required. All Junoir rabbit exhibitors are strongly encouraged to compete. Classes will be broken down by age depending on number of entrants.

Novice (never shown before)

Intermediate (shown 1 or 2 times)

Advanced (shown 3 or more times)

Prizes: First \$5.00 Second \$4.00 Third \$3.00

Class 5

PET RABBITS

Pet class is for Junior exhibitors, 16 years old or younger.

Prizes: First \$5.00 Second \$4.00 Third \$3.00

Class 6

ARBA PUREBRED RABBITS

No more than 15 of any single breed per exhibitor.

Prizes: First \$5.00 Second \$4.00 Third \$3.00

Class 7

GUINEA PIGS

No more than 3 of one variety per exhibit.

No more than 5 entries per farm or family.

Prizes: First \$3.00 Second \$2.00 Third \$1.00

Class 8

SMALL MAMMALS (Pet Stock)

Hamsters, Gerbils and Mice

No more than 5 entries per farm or family.

Prizes: First \$3.00 Second \$2.00 Third \$1.00

Class 9

SMALL MAMMALS (Pet Stock)

Ferrets, Hedgehog, Chinchillas, Prairie Dogs, etc.

Prizes: First \$3.00 Second \$2.00 Third \$1.00

CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZES

- 1) ARBA Champion Rabbit (Sponsored by Agway North Branford).....Trophy
- 2) ARBA Reserve Champion Rabbit (Sponsored by Lakeside Feed)Trophy
- 3) Junior Champion Best in Show Pet Rabbit (Sponsored by Department Chairpersons).....Trophy
- 4) Junior Reserve Champion Pet Rabbit (Sponsored by Barbara Hammarlund).....Trophy
- 5) Champion Guinea Pig Trophy
- 6) Champion Small Mammal (Pet Stock) Trophy

Rosettes will be given to Best of Breed in the top 5 breeds in the ARBA show

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