

**2010 STARK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR
RABBIT RULES AND INFORMATION**

A. GENERAL RULES & REQUIREMENTS

1. Any boy or girl, enrolled in a Stark County youth organization is eligible. They must abide by the rules and age limitation of said youth organization. (4-H, FFA, etc.).
2. Rabbit projects must be taken in order, projects would not be repeated unless not previously completed.
3. All rabbits must be in the possession of the exhibitor by **May 25**.
EXCEPTION: Meat Pen and Junior aged rabbits, which are raised by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must have in their possession, the Dam (mother) of any Meat Pens, or Junior aged rabbits shown. Project Animals must be of American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) standard breeds.
4. All Junior Fair exhibitors must have completed entry forms turned into the Junior Fair Office by **JULY 23**. Entries should be given to advisors in time for the advisor to meet the deadline. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
5. No one is to handle a junior fair member's animal(s) without the permission of the junior fair exhibitor unless there is an emergency. Committee members may handle animals during the normal course of their duties (i.e. show, sale, weigh-in, pictures, loading, unloading).
6. All rabbits exhibited must be permanently earmarked by a **legible** tattoo in the rabbit's LEFT ear, prior to fair check in. All Tattoos must be done by the final (July) Entry Clinic (FREE) (only exception is meat pens) or there will be a \$5.00 fee per rabbit.
7. Rabbits exhibited must be clean, free of parasites and in good health. The superintendent may send any animal home at their discretion.
8. All rabbits **must** be checked in with the jr. fair show secretary, at the Rabbit barn, on Monday August 30, between 10:00 am and 8:00 p.m. **ALL RABBITS MUST BE CHECKED IN AND OUT WITH THE JR. FAIR SHOW SECRETARY. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
9. All rabbits will remain on exhibit until 6:00 p.m. on the last day of the fair, except meat pen rabbits, which are released at 4:00 p.m. **NO RABBITS will be released except through the Jr. Fair Show Secretary.** If an animal is removed from the fair early, without checking with a committee member or jr. fair show secretary, you will not be permitted to show at the fair next year!
10. Exhibitors are responsible for caring for their project animals through the last day of the fair. Care includes checking in or out, cleaning pens, feeding and watering on a **daily basis**. **Any failure to fulfill these requirements will result in forfeiture of premium money. NO EARLY DEPARTURES.**
11. No locks may be placed on cages.
12. All animals sold in **any** Junior Fair Show throughout the state **may not** be shown or sold in any other Junior Fair Show within the same year.
13. There must be a minimum of 5 rabbits in a breed for exhibitors to be eligible for trophies. Rosettes will be awarded If there are less than 5 animals.
14. Exhibitors winning a trophy must turn in a thank you letter, addressed and **stamped**, to the Rabbit & Cavy Committee before Saturday, September 4, 2010. The Rabbit & Cavy Committee will give out sponsors names and addresses after the show.
15. Market Projects - Thank you notes for buyers must be turned into a committee member before noon on Saturday, September 4, 2010, in order for your check to be mailed to you.
16. Any exhibitor may put their Junior Fair Rabbit(s) up for sale, after the show, by entering the information in the Junior Fair Rabbit Sales Book. There will be a 10% Sales

Commission taken from exhibitor's check to be used for the Jr. Fair Rabbit & Cavy Committee expenses.

17. All exhibitors will receive a \$3.00 premium per rabbit project exhibited. See bulletin board for more information.
18. In the event that a project animal dies after the designated possession date, member will **not** be permitted to replace that animal for the purpose of exhibition. However, you may replace it for the purpose of competing in showmanship and skill-a-thon. Contact a committee member as soon as possible.
19. Parents or advisors need to contact a member of the Rabbit & Cavy Committee if they have a participant with a learning or physical disability.
20. **Each exhibitor should attend the Junior Fair Rabbit Show and show their own rabbit(s). If this is not possible, you must notify the committee and you must find another Junior Fair exhibitor to show for you.**
21. The Board of Directors of the Stark County Agricultural Society will, to the best of their ability, safeguard persons, livestock and articles on the grounds, but will not be responsible for injury, damage, disease, theft, or loss of any kind.
22. **The Pet Rabbit Project is no longer a Junior Fair Project. Please contact 4-H Extension Office for rules and information. PET RABBITS WILL NOT BE EXHIBITED AT THE FAIR!**

For all youth wishing to exhibit rabbits at the Junior Fair it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to attend the July pre-registration entry clinic. For all First and Second Year Members it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to attend the Spring Educational clinic. Meat Pen Exhibitors must also attend a Quality Assurance Clinic.

The Junior Fair Rabbit Show is under the supervision and direction of the Junior Fair Rabbit & Cavy Committee. The committee will supervise all shows and activities at the fair. Any questions regarding rules, procedures etc. will be decided by the majority vote of the committee membership.

The decision of the Judge is final.

B. RABBIT FAIR CLASSES

RABBIT I First year exhibitors – begin project book, “Breeding Rabbits” - Beginner Level, Members Project Guidelines, a one page report , **and** record section of project book. Exhibit **ONE** pen AND may also elect to exhibit one rabbit meat pen.

- Requires **ONE** Rabbit of Exhibitor's Choice from class list. If you choose to take a meat pen project, you must also complete Market Rabbit Book-Beginner Level, Member Project Guidelines, one page report, **and** record section of project book. **Exhibitor must own Mother of Meat Pen. *SEE SECTION C OF JUNIOR FAIR MEAT PEN RULES IF YOU CHOOSE TO TAKE A MEAT PEN. ***

RABBIT II Exhibitors who have completed Rabbit Fair Class I – continue with Breeding Rabbit beginner level, Members Project Guidelines, one page report **and** record section of project book.

May exhibit **TWO** pens AND may also elect to exhibit one rabbit meat pen.

Requires **ONE** Senior and **ONE** of Exhibitor's Choice from class list.

Both Rabbits shown **must be** of the same breed, except if showing a meat pen, the rabbit meat pen may be of a different breed than the senior. If you choose to take a meat pen project, you must also complete Market Rabbit Book – Beginner Level, Member Project Guidelines, one page report **and** record section of project book. **Exhibitor must own Mother of meat pen.**

SEE SECTION C OF JUNIOR FAIR MEAT PEN RULES IF YOU CHOOSE TO TAKE A MEAT PEN.

RABBIT III

Exhibitors who have completed Rabbit Fair Class II – Move into Breeding Rabbit – Intermediate Level and complete Members Project Guidelines, one page report **and** record section of project book. May exhibit **THREE** pens **AND** **TWO** Meat Pens. If you choose to take a meat pen project, you must also complete Market Rabbit Book – Beginner Level, complete Members Project Guidelines, one page report **and** record section of project book.

- Requires **ONE** Senior and **TWO** of Exhibitor's Choice from class list. All rabbits shown **must be** of the same breed, unless showing a rabbit meat pen. The rabbit meat pen may be a different breed than the other rabbits. **Exhibitor must own Mother of Meat Pen. SEE SECTION C of JUNIOR FAIR MEAT PEN RULES IF YOU CHOOSE TO TAKE A MEAT PEN.**

RABBIT IV

Exhibitors who have completed Rabbit Fair Class III – complete “Breeding Rabbits” Project Book – Intermediate Level, Members Project Guidelines, one page report **and** record section of project book. May exhibit **FOUR** Breeding Pens and **TWO** Meat Pens. If you choose to take a meat pen project, you must also complete Market Rabbit Book – Beginner Level or Intermediate Level, complete Members Project Guidelines, one page report **and** record section of project book. **SEE SECTION C of JUNIOR FAIR MEAT PEN RULES.**

- Breeding Project Requirements: Requires **ONE** Senior, **ONE** Junior and **TWO** of Exhibitor's Choice from class list. Exhibitor's Choice may NOT include Meat Pen. Exhibitor may also elect to exhibit **TWO** rabbit meat pens. All rabbits shown **must be** of the same breed, unless showing a meat pen. The rabbit meat pen may be of a different breed than the others. **Exhibitor must own Mother of Meat Pen.**

RABBIT V

Exhibitors who have completed Rabbit Fair Class IV – begin Advanced Level “Breeding Rabbits” project book, Members Project Guidelines, a one page report **and** record section of project book. May exhibit **FIVE** Pens and **TWO** Meat Pens. Two breeds may be exhibited in Rabbit V and Further.

- Exhibiting One Breed – requires **ONE** Senior, **ONE** Junior and **THREE** of Exhibitors Choice from class list. Exhibitor's Choice may NOT include Meat Pen. **Exhibitor must own Mother of Meat Pen.**
- Exhibiting Two Breeds – Requires **ONE** Senior of each breed and **THREE** of Exhibitors Choice from class list, using either breed to fill pens. ***SEE SECTION C OF JUNIOR FAIR MEAT PEN RULES IF YOU CHOOSE TO TAKE A MEAT PEN.**

RABBIT VI & UP

Follow rules for Rabbit Fair Class V, using rabbit project book, “Breeding Rabbits” – Advanced Level **and** complete Member Project Guidelines **and** a one page report **and** record section of project book **Exhibitor must own Mother of Meat Pen.**

- **SEE SECTION C OF JUNIOR FAIR MEAT PEN RULES IF YOU CHOOSE TO TAKE A MEAT PEN.**

****COMMITTEE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS A NEW PROJECT BOOK AFTER THE BOOK HAS BEEN USED FOR THREE YEARS!****

“CLASS LIST”

SIX CLASS BREEDS

Senior Buck (Over 8 Months)
Senior Doe (Over 8 Months)
Intermediate Buck (6-8Months)
Intermediate Doe (6-8 Months)
Junior Buck Under (6 Months)
Junior Doe Under (6 Months)
Pre-Junior Buck (Under 3 Mos.) **Must Own Mother
Pre-Junior Doe (Under 3 Mos.) **Must Own Mother
Rabbit Meat Pen ** Must Own Mother

FOUR CLASS BREEDS

Senior Buck (Over 6 Months)
Senior Doe (Over 6 Months)
Junior Buck (Under 6 Months)
Junior Doe (Under 6 Months)

American Rabbit Breeders Association

“Standard Breeds”

Six Class Breeds

American
Giant Angora
Beveren #
Blanc de Hotot#
Californian *#
Champagne D’Argent *#
Checkered Giant #

American Chinchilla
Cinnamon #
Cream D’Argent#
Flemish Giant
English Lop
Giant Chinchilla#
French Lop

New Zealand*#
Palomino*#
Satin*
Silver Fox

*** Good for Meat Pen Use**

Has a Pre-Junior Class

Six Class Breeds – Rabbits, that at their ideal senior weight is 9 pounds and over. These breeds are divided in to six classes. Some are even divided further to 8 classes adding the pre-Junior Bucks and Does.

Four Class Breeds

American Fuzzy Lop
American Sable
English Angora
French Angora
Satin Angora
Belgian Hare
Britannia Petite
Standard Chinchilla
Dutch
Thrianta

Dwarf Hotot
English Spot
Florida White
Harlequin
Havana
Himalayan
Jersey Wooly
Lilac
Holland Lop
Mini Satin

Mini Lop
Mini Rex
Netherland Dwarf
Polish
Rex
Rhineland
Silver
Silver Marten
Tan

Four Class Breeds – Rabbits, that at their ideal senior weight is under 9 pounds. These breeds are divided into four classes.

C. JUNIOR FAIR MEAT PEN RULES & REQUIREMENTS

IN ORDER TO TAKE A MEAT PEN, YOU MUST ALSO TAKE A BREEDING PROJECT!

It is **MANDATORY** for ALL Junior Fair exhibitors taking a market and/or lactating animal to attend a **QUALITY ASSURANCE CLINIC** prior to the fair and complete a **DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF)** prior to the show. Those who do not comply **WILL NOT** be allowed to show! Ohio Revised Code 901-19-06 and 901-19-07 Mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. All Junior Fair livestock should be drug residue free on the first day of the fair unless specified on the DUNF.

****MUST COMPLETE MARKET RABBIT PROJECT AND RECORD BOOK AND MEMBERS PROJECT GUIDELINES AND ONE PAGE REPORT****

First and Second Year: Work on Beginner level in the above mentioned book;
Third and Fourth Year: Work on Intermediate level in the above mentioned book;
Fifth Year and Up: Work on the Advanced level in the above mentioned book.

1. Exhibitors must have in their possession the dam (mother) of any meat pen exhibited. You may not purchase meat pen animals.
2. All qualifying meat pens will be sold at auction. (Contact Buyers for the Auction). Grand and Reserve Champion Meat Pen may be processed by a Commercial Processor.
3. **All meat pens must be entered with all other Junior Fair rabbits by July 23, current year.**
4. For each meat pen group entered, six ear numbers may be placed on the entry form for each pen. This allows exhibitors to choose the three best rabbits, per pen at fair time.
5. Rabbits not meeting the weight standards will be penalized, but will not be disqualified.
6. Meat Pens must contain three rabbits of the same breed and from the same litter. They may not be more than 70 days old on the day of the Meat Pen Show.
7. Each rabbit must weigh from 3.0 to 5.0 pounds to qualify for Grand and Reserve Champions.
8. Judging of meat pens will be based on meat type (conformation), condition of flesh, uniformity in body and weight, condition of fur, and uniformity of pen (all three rabbits).
9. Exact date of birth must accompany each Junior Fair Meat Pen entered on the form. Contact a committee member within 1 to 2 days after kindled (birth). A date will be set for a home visit within 2 weeks (last week of June, first week of July). **If a committee member is not contacted for a home visit you may exhibit at the fair for remarks only not for an award or sell at the Jr. Fair Auction.**
10. There will be a \$6.00 commission taken out of each meat pen project sold, monies to go to the Stark County Junior Fair Marketing Committee and the Rabbit & Cavy Committee. Exceptions: a 6% Commission will be taken out of the Grand Champion Meat Pen and a 3 ½ % commission will be taken out of the Reserve Champion Meat Pen.
11. You must be present for Meat Pen Pictures. (Time to be announced)
12. You must have your Thank You note turned into the committee by Saturday Noon of the fair or your check will not be mailed to you.

**AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION RULES
DO NOT APPLY IN THE COMPETITION**

D. PROJECT COMPLETION

The Junior Fair Rabbit & Cavy Committee has determined that each exhibitor will complete a skill-a-thon, for project completion. ***Check calendar for date & time.***

1. Awards will be given to top scorers in each age division and overall high score in Skill-a-thon. Ribbons will be given and score sheets passed out.
2. Exhibitors will bring completed project books and a one-page report to Skill-a-thon.
3. Advanced exhibitors will bring rabbitry journals, detailing operations of their rabbitry.
4. Self determined project exhibitors will bring their project work.

E. RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

SHOWMANSHIP IS MANDATORY FOR FIRST YEAR EXHIBITORS and Showmanship is strongly recommended for all other exhibitors. Exhibitors entering showmanship must sign in and you must have tattoo number of your animal to sign in! Check calendar for dates and times.

1. Exhibitors should be appropriately dressed. Wear a long sleeved jacket, which can be removed after judging and will protect exhibitor's arms and clothing. This jacket need not be a show coat or white shirt.
2. Exhibitors must show their own project animal, which is entered on the entry form. (See exception Rule #18 and contact a committee member as soon as possible) Any member not doing so will be disqualified from showmanship competition and forfeit any showmanship awards.
3. In case of a tie, all exhibitors involved must be present. Any exhibitor not present will forfeit.
4. Showmanship classes are determined by age as of January 1, current year.

SENIOR	15 YEARS & UP
INTERMEDIATE	12-14 YEARS
JUNIOR	9 –11 YEARS
FIRST YEAR	8 YEARS & UP

(First Year Showmanship class limited to those taking a rabbit project for the first time)

5. All awards and score sheets will be awarded at the completion of the showmanship classes.
6. An exhibitor may win only once in a showmanship class. These exhibitors may compete in Champion of Champion Showmanship while waiting to move into the next showmanship class.
7. Any member, whose enrollment form was received after the March 15 deadline, may participate for experience only and not compete for any awards.

F. CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

1. Winners of Rabbit Showmanship classes (see list above) and any other exhibitors who have won or participated in Champion of Champions in the past but are not eligible to move into the next class yet may participate in Champion of Champions.
2. Champion of Champions Rabbit Showmanship will be held in the Rabbit Barn on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. during the fair. The order of competition will be decided by a drawing, held before the competition. You must be present and sign in by 10:45 a.m. or **FORFEIT** your right to participate.
3. The winner of Champion of Champions will participate in the Showman of Showman Contest. If the Champion does not wish to participate, the Reserve Champion may go in his/her place.
4. The winner of Champion of Champions may return to defend the title each year until they advance to the next division. Then they must start over again.

2010 RABBIT DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 27** **Educational Clinic** – Art Hall at Fairgrounds 7:00 p.m.
****Mandatory for first and second year members to exhibit at the fair****
- May 16** **Stark County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Sanctioned Open & Youth Show**
All are encouraged to attend and show
- May 25** Exhibitor MUST have their rabbit in their possession
Exception: Meat Pens or Junior Aged Rabbits (MUST have Mother)
- July 17** **Pre-registration Clinic** Stark County Fairgrounds 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Must bring all animals that will be exhibited. This will be the only day to get your animals pre-registered for the fair. This will be the last chance to have your animals tattooed for free. After the July clinic the charge will be \$5.00 per animal. Exceptions: Meat Pens
- July 23** **Stark County Junior Fair entries due at the Junior Fair Office**
- August 21** **Skillathon & Showmanship** Stark County Fairgrounds Begins at 9 a.m.
(skillathon from 9am – noon) Sign in begins at 8:30 am
Showmanship classes: Intermediate & Senior start at 9:00 am (all must be signed in by 9:00 a.m.) **First Year and Junior Class to Follow**
Showmanship will continue until all classes are finished
****You must have your rabbit's tattoo number with you for showmanship sign-in****
- August 30** **Stark County Fair Check In** 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- August 31- September 6** **Stark County Fair**
- August 31** **Meat Pen Rabbit Show** 4:00 pm
- September 1** **4-H Rabbit Show** 9:00 a.m.
****Meat Pen Auction**** 600 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!**
- September 4** **Champion of Champion Rabbit Showmanship** 11:00 a.m.
Must sign in by 10:45 a.m.
- September 6** **Check out day 6 pm – 8 pm** Must check out with Jr. Fair Show Secretary

