

DIVISION 32: SMALL STOCK

Rabbit, Cavy & Showmanship

All participants must attend a meeting on Wednesday evening of the fair. – TBA

DIVISION 32 RULES

1. Wed., July 12th – all rabbits must be health-checked and in their coops by 4pm. Cavies and small animals may also be on exhibit but must be health-checked and placed in the small animal area by 4pm.
2. All exhibitors and family must wear appropriate footwear in the exhibit areas. (closed-toed shoes)
3. Escape proof wire cages for cavies, gerbils, hamster chinchillas, ferrets, mice, rats, does and litters, sows and litter, etc. must be provided by exhibitor. No glass or plastic housing containers allowed. If possible, a doe & litter area will be setup with coops on setup day. If the number of registered rabbits exceed into this area, doe & litter becomes a “Day of Show” entry and the member is responsible for providing a safe environment for them. That decision will be made on setup day.
4. Cavies, pocket pets, chinchillas and ferrets are to be present for judging on show day. Weather permitting, they may come to the fair for exhibition on any other fair day but they are not to spend the night. If they are coming on other days besides day of show, the animal must be health checked into the tent before the fair opens. All fair times are noted on the fair schedule. If said animals are taken home at night, you should not mix them with other animals you may have at home.
5. Any animal becoming ill while on exhibit at the fair, the exhibitor will be asked to take animal home by the tent superintendent, fair veterinarian or show judge. When doing so, keep it separate from your home stock.
6. All Cloverbud animals come for “Day of Show” only and must follow day of show and Cloverbud requirements.
7. Only members may show their animal on show day. No parent may handle animals during judging for show or showmanship. The member must be present to show project animal on show day. If member is unable to show animal, there will be no makeup judging allowed.
8. No one may handle anyone’s animal without the owner’s permission.
9. No person other than designated show officials shall be allowed behind the judging table (area) during the show. No interfering with the judges.....all their decisions are final.
10. Exhibit animals must be kept clean and receive fresh food and water no later than 10am.daily. Members, not adults are responsible for the care of their own animals. Members are to inform tent superintendent when cages are clean for daily inspection.
11. No animal is to leave small stock tent except to go to show tent.
12. Each entry on exhibit must have food bowl, water bottles, battery-operated cage fans, frozen water bottles and water spray bottles. No glass water bottles for cavies, pocket pets and rabbits. Exhibitors must furnish the feed to maintain your animal for 5 days. All equipment brought to the fair (food containers, water bottles, scrapers, etc.) must be marked and is to be taken home or placed in trash can at the fair.
13. A member may show a maximum of four entries in each of the small stock areas.
14. All exhibitors are responsible for all supplies to maintain their exhibit throughout the duration of the fair. Suggested equipment: rakes, wheelbarrows, paper towels, plastic bags, cable ties, wire cutters, scrub brushes, food bowls, etc. All items must be clearly labeled with member’s name.

SMALL STOCK CLASSES

32 – A. RABBIT

1. All Recognized Breeds under ARBA Standards:
2. Note Breed and variety (color)
3. Rabbit Tattoo Number, If not tattooed and do not have an identifying number listed on the county registration form, leave this blank. A coop number will be assigned at check-in.
4. Sex – Buck or Doe
5. Class – age of animal 3-6 month – Junior.....Older than 6 months – Senior. Larger breeds 6 – 8 months – intermediate. Check with club leader if unsure.
6. Mixed Breed and Mismarked Dutch breeds will be allowed to be shown.

32 – B. DOE & LITTER

1. litter must be 5-9 weeks of age
2. Mom cannot be entered in the general breed classes

32 – C. CAVIES / GUINEA PIG

1. All Recognized Breeds under ACBA Standards:
2. Note Breed and variety (color)
3. Cavy's tag number. If not tagged and do not have an identifying number listed on the county registration form, leave this blank. A coop number will be assigned at check in.
4. Sex – boar or sow
5. Class – age of animal. Up to 4 months – Junior. 4-6 months old – Intermediate. 6 months or older - Senior

32 – D. SOW & LITTER

Sow cannot be entered in the general breed classes. (Day of show only).

32 – E. SMALL ANIMAL CLASS

1. Gerbils
2. Hamsters
3. Ferrets
4. Mice
5. Rats
6. Chinchillas
7. Hedgehogs
8. Other

32– F. SMALL STOCK SHOWMANSHIP

1. Each small animal project member is expected to participate in Showmanship Competition to receive a Rabbit &/or Cavy Project Area Award(s).
2. Each 4-H member must show their own small animal at this competition.
3. Member must have owned the animal as of May 1st.
4. Showmanship attire: Clean white collared shirt or blouse with black shorts, slacks or skirt. A collared club shirt is acceptable at county show but not at State level. Any questions, check with Show Superintendent.
5. No open toed shoes allowed
6. Judges decision is final.

CLASSES

- 1. Beginner Showmanship**... first year participating in showmanship.
 - a. Grades 4 – 6
 - b. Grades 7 - 8
 - c. Grades 9 – 13
- 2. Novice Showmanship**....2nd year participating in showmanship.
 - a. Grades 5 – 6
 - b. Grades 7 – 8
 - c. Grades 9 – 13
- 3. Experienced Showmanship**...3 or more years, participating in showmanship.
 - a. Grades 6 – 8
 - b. Grades 9 - 13

32 – G. RABBIT HOPPING

1. All handlers must wear appropriate shoes.
2. Rabbits must wear an H Style harness.
3. Each contestant will have 3 attempts.
4. The best 2 timed runs count for the Straight Course.
5. If the weather is too hot, the Rabbit Hopping Show Superintendent will make a judgement call to cancel the Show.

CLASSES

- 1. Straight Course**
- 2. High Jump**