



## ESSEX COUNTY RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

ECR&CBA Midnight Madness 2025  
4pm Saturday, August 16th, 2025

DOUBLE OPEN & YOUTH RABBIT & CAVY SHOWS

Rabbit & Cavy Barn  
Topsfield Fairgrounds  
Route 1, Topsfield, Massachusetts  
Note: This is an EVENING show!



## Health Certificates

This is \*NOT\* a fair show, so health certificates (OCVI or Official Certificate Veterinary Inspection) are NOT required for entry into the ARBA sanctioned open and youth shows.

The Topsfield Fair Show on Saturday, October 5th will require OCVI certificates for all livestock show entries. That includes rabbits & cavy.

Essex County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association  
Official ARBA Sanctioned Show

Eric Stewart, Executive Director, [www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net)

PO Box 400, Knox, PA 16232

Dues: Individual - \$20.00 per year, \$50.00 for 3 years;

Husband/Wife - \$30.00 per year, \$75.00 for 3 years

Youth- \$12 per year \$30 for 3 years

**THE 2025 AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION  
WILL BE HELD IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA NOVEMBER 15-19.  
HOSTED BY CENTRAL STATES NOMADS RBA**

**Midnight Madness Double Open & Youth Shows**  
**Saturday, August 16th, 2025**  
**Topsfield Fairgrounds**  
**Topsfield, Massachusetts**

**Judging will start at 4pm**

**SHOW COMMITTEE**

Show Secretary - Karen Walrath  
Show Superintendent - Jeff Schiller

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| Open & Youth Entries:           | \$4.00 per animal, per show<br>Fur \$1.50 per rabbit, per show                              |
| Ear # substitutions at the show | First 2 free, \$1.00 each additional<br>(Must be same sex, age, and variety.)               |
| Class changes at show:          | If it is DQ'd in Show A because it is in the<br>wrong class, we'll gladly fix it for show B |
| Postmark Deadline:              | Monday, August 11th, 2025<br>Must be received by August 14th                                |
| Mail Entries to:                | Karen Walrath<br>159 Newport St<br>Arlington, MA 02476                                      |
| Web entry submission Deadline:  | Wednesday, August 13th, 2025, 11:59pm   |
| Late entries (web entry only):  | \$5.00 per animal per show for new entries<br>Deadline: Friday August 15th, 6pm             |
| Day of show entries:            | \$6.00 per animal per show, must check in at<br>show by 3pm for show A                      |
| Website:                        | <a href="http://www.ecrcba.org">www.ecrcba.org</a>  |

Questions? Send mail to [shows@ecrcba.org](mailto:shows@ecrcba.org). Make sure you put "Show" in the subject line by  
check your spam box for replies.

**Entries can be submitted at Website Address: <https://ecrcba.org>**

With Payment via Stripe (credit card processor), or pay on day of show.

Note: We provide a web-form worksheet for your entries.

You may edit, add to, and update this until close of entries.

Late entries are \$5 per animal for new entries (not including changes or corrections to existing entries), after 12:01am on Thursday, with a deadline of 6pm on Friday. Day of show entries are \$6 per animal per show, and you must arrive before 3pm to check in and complete paperwork. Email confirmation will be sent when web submission is received. **(check your spam box too!)**

**If you cancel the day of the show you must still pay your entry fee  
(As a courtesy, please let the Show Secretary know that you can't make it.)**



## **SANCTIONED RABBIT BREEDS\*\***

**Open Sanctions:** Cavies, Belgian Hares, Dutch, Flemish Giant, Florida White, Holland Lop, Lionheads, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Satin/Mini Satin

**Youth Sanctions:** Californian, Dwarf Hotot, Florida White, Holland Lop, Lionheads, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish

**\*\* Current list as of 7/26/2025. Check the on-line catalog for updates.**

**If you'd like to sponsor a breed sanction, contact the Show Secretary!**

**Thanks to: Sharon Casson for sponsoring the Satin sanctions**

**Isabella DeSilva for the Flemish Giant Sanctions**

**Jonathan Morrison for sanctioning the youth Californian and Dwarf Hotot Sanctions**

**Leeanne Kelly for the Thrianta Sanctions**

**This is an all-breed show -- All ARBA recognized breeds and breeds with working standards are welcome. You must bring your working standard.**

**Breed sanctions are ONLY for national club sweepstakes points for those who are members of a breed's national club. All ARBA recognized breeds, if shown, are eligible for ARBA Legs and awards.**

## **JUDGES**

**Judges:** Jennifer (Burr) Boozer (NY), Steven Buell (NY), Mary Anne Chmura (NY, Cavies), Vincent Consiglio (MA), Paul Jurgelonis (MA, R/C), Kyle Yacobucci (NY)

**Registrar:** Alicia Trickett

## **RAFFLES**

**ECR&CBA will run a 50/50 cash raffle and will have a separate "basket" raffle**

## **VENDORS**

**Vendors are welcome. Town Vendor permit required.**

**We expect Apple Country Supply at this show**

## **KITCHEN**

**The ECR&CBA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, snacks, and beverages at the show.**

## **PJ Party!!!**

**We don't want to disrupt the show to have a "contest", but if are wearing your PJs, Come to the secretary's table after dark and pick out a party favor.**

**Open to Adults and Youth. Bunny slippers a plus!**

**Donations for the following will be greatly appreciated:  
Breed Sanctions - Awards**

**TROPHIES & AWARDS**

There will be special awards (or Trophies) for BIS & RIS Open & Youth Rabbit & Cavy

Awards will be given for BOB and BOS for all breeds with 10+ Animals shown.  
Trophies, Rosettes, Coop Cups, and special awards (tshirts & mugs only for Midnight Madness).

This show is dedicated to all of the ECR&CBA members that have passed.



**DIRECTIONS**

From Points South:

Take Route 95 North to Exit 50. (Rte 1)

Follow Route 1 north to the Fairgrounds on right.

(At the 128/95 split - exit 45, make sure you stay \*right\* for I-95.)

From Points North:

Take Route 95 South to Exit 53. (Rte 97)

Follow Route 97 south to Route 1. Follow Route 1 south to Fairgrounds on left.

GPS address: 207 Boston Street, Topsfield, MA 01983

**LOCAL HOTELS, MOTELS, INNS**

Note that many of the inexpensive motels along route 1 may have recently been used as state homeless shelter overflow sites. The state is phasing these out, but prices and availability further away may be better.

**Motel 6**

65 Newbury St (Rt 1 North)  
Danvers, MA  
978-774-8045

**Homewood Suites**

57 Newbury St (Rt 1 North)  
Peabody, MA  
978-536-5050

**Hampton Inn**

59 Newbury St (Rt 1 North)  
Peabody, MA  
978-536-2020

**Best Western**

50 Dayton St  
Danvers, MA  
978-777-1700

**Comfort Inn**

102 Newbury St (Rt 1 South)  
Danvers, MA  
978-880-7717

**DoubleTree Danvers**

50 Ferncroft Rd  
Danvers, MA  
978-777-2500

**Candlewood Suites**

238 Andover St (114 at Rt. 1)  
Danvers, MA  
978-777-6222

**Holiday Inn**

1 Newbury St (Rt 1 North)  
Peabody, MA  
978-535-4600

**Peabody Marriott**

8A Centennial Dr  
Peabody, MA  
978-977-9700

**Lakeview Motor Lodge**

5 Lakeview Ave  
Beverly, MA  
978-296-8613

**Red Roof Inn**

19 Commerce Way  
Woburn, MA  
781-935-7110

**\*\*Knight's Inn\*\***

219 Newbury St  
Danvers, MA  
978-774-6500

**\*\*Last we knew DOES NOT ALLOW  
Rabbits/Cavies ON PROPERTY\*\***

## SHOW RULES

1. The show will be governed by the show rules and standard of perfection of the ARBA. Entry indicates acceptance of these rules and any other rule set by this club. The current ARBA show rules can be found on their website: [www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net).
2. JUDGING WILL START AT 4PM.
3. **ABSOLUTELY NO PHONE ENTRIES.** Entries with full payment must be postmarked by the closing date to be accepted, per ARBA show rule section 19. Entries not meeting this requirement will be returned. Be sure to include your telephone number with your entry in case we have questions. **No Email entries. Please use our Website for electronic entry. Entries \$4 prior to entry deadline, 11:59pm Wednesday, August 13th. Late entries are \$5 each. Day of show entries \$6, and you must check in before 3pm for your entries to be accepted for Show A.**
4. Make checks payable to the Essex County Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association (ECR & CBA) and mail with entry to show secretary.
5. All entries must be paid to the secretary before judging starts. All un-shown entries will be billed by ECRCBA and future entries will not be accepted until past due accounts are paid. Checks that are returned will be subject to any fees that the bank assesses, handling charges and postage. After being notified by registered mail, the checks will be turned over to local police departments and the exhibitor will not be allowed to exhibit at future shows until account is paid. **NO PAYBACKS, LEGS OR POINTS** will be awarded until checks have cleared the bank.
6. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor(s) prior to entry. Each owner's personal name must be listed on the entry form.
7. The ECRCBA will not assume responsibility for loss of or injury to exhibitors' animals. All reasonable care will be used by the association in handling animals.
8. Sick or diseased animals shall not be brought into the showroom. The Show Superintendent has the right to examine any entry. Contagious animals will be removed from the showroom immediately, and entry fees forfeited.
9. Judging will be done in cages made for this purpose.
10. Do not ask for specific judges.
11. The judge's decisions will be final except in cases of absolute fraud. Protests must be filed with the show superintendent within 2 hours after judging and must be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00 which will be refunded if protest is sustained.
12. No one except the judge and his/her assistants are allowed behind the tables. Anyone interfering with the judging will have their entry eliminated without refund. Anyone wishing to assist a judge must write to the Superintendent and the Judge with whom they wish to work prior to the show.
13. This association reserves the right to appoint another judge or other judges in place of or in addition to those listed.
14. All rabbits are to be tattooed in the left ear with legible and permanent identification. All cavies must be tagged to be shown.
15. Ear# changes will be free for the first two changes. Each change thereafter will be \$1.00. Must be same sex and variety. Scratches are non-refundable.
16. **NO COOP NUMBERS THIS SHOW! Please make sure your tattoos are legible!**
17. A registrar will be available to register animals at the fairgrounds.
18. This is a **CARRYING CASE SHOW**. Carrying cages must have solid, leak-proof bottoms.
19. No open alcoholic beverages permitted in the building or on the fairgrounds.
20. Due to limited space in the building, please keep your carriers organized compactly and avoid using jumbo chairs inside. Leave aisles open for travel. There will be canopies set up out back, and you are welcome to bring your own canopies.
21. All grooming with blowers must occur outside. There are outlets at the back of the building for your blowers. Because food is served in the barn, grooming that causes fur to fly is not allowed inside. (A quick brush & fluff before showing is fine.)
22. No animals will be allowed in the dining area.
23. ARBA no longer requires comment cards to be filled out by the host club. Exhibitors will be expected to fill out their own comment cards. We will have a supply of comment cards available at the secretary's booth for exhibitors. Writers, at their discretion, may fill the cards out, but are not required to.
24. Youth exhibitors may enter sanctioned youth shows between the ages of five (5) and eighteen (18) years. An adult cannot show in youth classes at any time. Youth exhibitors are not required to carry their own animals to the table, however Youth entries must be carried and put onto judging tables by youth, not adults! Youth may show in either open or youth, but may not show the same animal in both during the same show (eg. Youth A and Open A is not allowed, but Youth A and Open B is allowed).

## National Club Information

The most up-to-date national club information for sanctioned breeds can be found at <https://arba.net/national-specialty-clubs/>. If you'd like a printed copy, please contact the show secretary.



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