ESSEX COUNTY RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

ECR&CBA Midnight Madness 2026
4pm Saturday, August 15th, 2026

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 3rd will require OCVI certificates for all livestock show entries. That includes rabbits & cavies.

Essex County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association
Official ARBA Sanctioned Show
Eric Stewart, Executive Director, 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 2026 AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN RENO NEVADA OCTOBER 24-28. HOSTED BY CALIFORNIA RABBIT AND CAVY SHOWS

"Distractions"

Heather, one of our club members and a teacher, will be bringing games and arts & crafts to keep youth (& adults) occupied when they are not showing their animals. Games like corn hole & Velcro darts. Please check them out! We welcome your feedback.

Heather will also be running the PJ Party this year. Details inside.

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Judging will start at 4pm

SHOW COMITTEE

Show Secretary – Karen Walrath

Show Superintendent – Jeff Schiller

Open & Youth Entries:	$4.00 per animal, per show Fur $1.50 per rabbit, per show
Ear # substitutions at the show	First 2 free, $1.00 each additional (Must be same sex, age, and variety.)
Class changes at show:	If it is DQ'd in Show A because it is in the wrong class, we'll gladly fix it for show B
Postmark Deadline:	Saturday, August 8th, 2026 Must be received by August 13th
Mail Entries to:	Karen Walrath 159 Newport St Arlington, MA 02476
Web entry submission Deadline:	Wednesday, August 12th, 2026, 11:59pm
Late entries (web entry only):	$5.00 per animal per show for new entries Deadline: Friday August 14th, 6pm
Day of show entries:	$6.00 per animal per show, must check in at show by 3pm for show A
Website:	www.ecrcba.org

Questions? Send mail to 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, Am Fuzzy Lops, Belgian Hares, Blue Holicers, Dutch, English Spots, Flemish Giants, Florida Whites, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolies, Lionheads, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Satins, Silvers, Silver Foxes, Thriantas

Youth Sanctions: Holland Lop, Lionheads, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Silver, Silver Fox

**** Current list as of 8/10/2026. Check the on-line catalog for updates.**
If you'd like to sponsor a breed sanction, contact the Show Secretary!
Thanks to: Bailey Strouth for the English Spot sanction
Leeanne Kelly for the Thrianta Sanctions
Paul Jurgelonis for the Blue Holicer sanction
Steven Buell for the Jersey Wooly Sanction
Dannielle Stone for the Am Fuzzy Lops and Silvers
Sarah Warren for the Silver Foxes

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: Steven Buell (NY), Mary Anne Chmura (NY, Cavies), Vincent Consiglio (MA), Paul Jurgelonis (MA, R/C), Chyann Stewart (TX), Rusty Westhoff (TN)

Registrar: Alicia Trickett

RAFFLES

There will be a CLUB RAFFLE table with various rabbit & cavy related items.

VENDORS

Vendors are welcome. Town Vendor permit required. (We will apply for it on your behalf.)
We expect Apple Country Supply and Bunny Rancher 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 Heather's Crafts & Games 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 were previously used as state homeless shelters. In the past this put a strain on room prices. Hotels and motels further from Route 1 may have more availability & better prices.

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.
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 be 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.

Exhibitor #:_____ Date: _____
Exhibitor's Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City:_____ State: ____ Zip:_____
Phone #: _____ ARBA #: _____ (optional)
Email address: _____ (optional)

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ENTRY BLANK All Shows (A, B, Open or Youth)

Open or youth	Show A	Show B		Ear #	Breed	Variety	Class (SR, Int, JR)	Sex	Fur ($1.50 extra)	Total Fees

Total Fees Enclosed: _____

OPEN & YOUTH SHOW SECRETARY

Karen Walrath, 159 Newport St, Arlington, MA 02476
Make Checks Payable to ECR&CBA

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