



ESSEX COUNTY RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Spring Show 2023 - Sunday, June 4th, 2023

DOUBLE OPEN RABBIT & CAVY SHOWS
DOUBLE YOUTH RABBIT & CAVY SHOWS

Rabbit & Cavy Barn
Topsfield Fairgrounds
Route 1, Topsfield, Massachusetts



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2023 Show Notes

Covid-19 gave us the unique opportunity to re-think our show format. Last year, our club tried a triple "Summer Solstice" show, which we intended to have on the last weekend of June. However, we ran into an ARBA "Grand Opening" party that weekend at their new facility in Pennsylvania. So we moved the show to the first weekend in July. That day was miserably hot and being 4th of July weekend, it was also expensive for travel and interfered when many club member's vacation and travel plans. We tried again this year, but found that ARBA was now having an "Anniversary Party" that last weekend in June. So back to the drawing board...

A bit of history: For many years, it had been very difficult to find judges for our traditional late April/Early May show date due to the large Ohio show as well as all of the national club shows held during this time period. In addition, the show secretary now has other obligations the first weekend in May as well as the first weekend in August (our traditional "Midnight Madness" show date.)

So this year, we're having our Spring Show the first Sunday in June. That should not conflict with any regional shows. It will be a double open and double youth show. We will be having Midnight Madness on the 3rd Saturday in August (August 19th). It will be a late afternoon/evening show, and will also be a double open & double youth show.

4H Show

In conjunction with our June show, the Great Scott's 4H Rabbit & Cavy Club will hold a 4H show. This is *NOT* ARBA sanctioned, and only youth may enter this show. It will be judged to 4H standards, and will include pet classes. Please contact Alison Turpel jaturpel@gmail.com for more information. We will accept entries and payments through our web entry for the 4H show, but you need to enter separately via the link for the 4H show (different prices, different emails, different deadlines, etc.) Hopping will be day of show entry only. Hopping rules are in the 4H catalog. Contact Alison with questions. The 4H show will be in the afternoon.

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. However, the 4H organization DOES require these certificates, and if you would like to enter the 4H show, you will need this for your animals. One certificate is good for the 2023 show season. If you have questions about this, please contact Alison Turpel or Karen Walrath.

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 100TH AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
FOR 2023 WILL BE HELD IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY OCTOBER 7-11**

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Judging will start at 9AM

SHOW COMITTEE

ECR&CBA Show Secretary - Karen Walrath
Show Superintendent - Jeff Schiller

Open & Youth Entries:	\$4 per animal per show
All Fur entries:	\$1.50 per rabbit per show
Ear # Substitutions at 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, May 27, 2023 (Must be received by May 31st.)
Mail Entries to:	Karen Walrath 159 Newport St Arlington, MA 02476
Web entry submission Deadline:	Wednesday, May 31st, 11:59pm
Late entries (web entry only):	\$5.00 per animal per show for new entries Deadline: Saturday, June 3 rd , 9am
Day of show entries:	\$6.00 per animal per show, must check in at show by 8am for show A, 10am for show B.
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 (ECR&CBA and 4H) can be submitted at

Website Address: <http://www.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 11:59pm on Wednesday until 9am on Saturday. Day of show entries are \$6 per animal per show, and you must arrive before 8am 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**

Cavies, Belgian Hares, Dutch, English/French lops, Florida White, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Lionheads, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, New Zealand, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander

Youth Sanctions: Dwarf Hotot, English/French Lops, Florida White, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Lionheads, Mini Lop, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rhinelander

**** Current list as of 5/11/2023. Check the on-line catalog for updates.**

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

Thanks to Amylynn McDevitt for sponsoring the Lionhead open & youth sanctions

Thanks to Tracy Dollins for sponsoring the Rhinelander open & youth 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: Dana & Bill Bramble (NJ), Mary Ann Chmura (NY, Cavies), Vinnie Consiglio (MA), Mark Fiorentino (NH), James Goodrich (NY, R/C)

Registrar: tbd

RAFFLES

**There will be a small RAFFLE run by the 4H with various rabbit & cavy related items
ECR&CBA will run a 50/50 cash raffle.**

VENDORS

Vendors are welcome. Town Vendor permit required.

Please contact the show secretary (we will apply for it on your behalf.)

KITCHEN

Great Scott's 4H club will be providing food & Beverages during the show

TROPHIES

**Trophies will be awarded for BIS & RIS Shows A and B, Rabbit, Cavy, and Youth
Additional Awards (Trophies or Rosettes) for all breeds with 10+ animals per breed**

Donations for the following will be greatly appreciated:

Breed Sanctions - Raffle Table

(Please check with raffle staff before donating animals)

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



KEEP THE DATE: MIDNIGHT MADNESS EVENING DOUBLE SHOW AUGUST 19TH, 2023

LOCAL HOTELS, MOTELS, INNS

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****

National Club Information

The most up-to-date national club information for sanctioned breeds can be found at www.arba.net/natl_specialty.htm/. If you'd like a printed copy, please contact the show secretary.

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 9AM.
3. ABSOLUTELY NO PHONE ENTRIES. Entries 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. **No Email entries. Please use our Website for electronic entry.**
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. Tattoos may only contain the numerals 0-9 and/or letters A-Z. 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. We will not be using coop numbers for this show.
17. A registrar will be available to register animals at the show.
18. This is a CARRYING CASE SHOW. Carrying cages must have solid, leak-proof bottoms.
19. No open alcoholic beverages permitted in the building.
20. There will be no grooming tables or jumbo chairs set up in the barn due to lack of available space. A canopied grooming area will be setup for anyone wishing to groom their animals. No animals will be allowed in the dining area.
21. 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 table for exhibitors. Writers, at their discretion, may fill the cards out, but are not required to.
22. 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).

Check the 4H catalog for the 4H show rules and for hopping information.

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