

Dear Rabbit & Cavy Exhibitors,

September 2019

On behalf of the Essex County Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association, We would like to invite you to enter the Topsfield Fair Rabbit and Cavy Show. Katelynn Schultz will be the show secretary for this show. The email address is still shows@ecrcba.org.

We are saddened to hear of Jim Bounakes' passing. Over his showing lifetime, he had amassed more than 400 best in show awards. This Topsfield Fair show is being dedicated to his memory.

Massachusetts Department of Agriculture (MDAR) has been enforcing official certificates of veterinary inspection (OCVI) for all animals at all fairs in Massachusetts. The law requiring these certificates has been on the books for many years, but has not been enforced for rabbits and cavies until this year. You can obtain these rules from the Topsfield Fair website under "Exhibitor Handbook". The relevant rules for rabbits and cavies are attached, as well as a letter from the Topsfield Fair General Manager. Neither the ECR&CBA nor the Topsfield Fair has control over these rules. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be in compliance, and those without OCVI's or vet letters will not be admitted.

The show will be held on **Saturday, October 5th**, with judging starting at 10am. It is a single ARBA sanctioned Open show. Everyone (adults and youth) can enter in this show. The 4H and ARBA sanctioned youth shows are on Sunday, October 6th. This show catalog and entry form are ONLY for the Open show.

If you enter the show, you will need to plan on being here early (between 8 and 9am.) We aren't the only show in town! Traffic and parking will be difficult after 9am. For this show, you will need to park in "Parking E", also known as the Route 97 lot. If you have entered the show, your parking and admission is free. The gate attendants will have exhibitor lists. There is no Day of Show Entry at this show.

REGISTRATION

Please use our on-line system to enter your animals for the show. To do this, go to our website (www.ecrcba.org) and click on "enter on-line". Payments for on-line registration are via PayPal (secure), or you can pay by check or cash on the day of the show. Website entries on our website will be automatically acknowledged by email. Email and phone entries will *not* be accepted. Paper (mailed) entries with pre-payment are always welcomed. IMPORTANT: Checks must be made out to "The Topsfield Fair" for the fair show. Please mail all paper entries to Katelynn Schultz, not the fairgrounds.

The Topsfield Fairgrounds on-line "Exhibitor Handbook" should redirect you to our website for your on-line entry and show information. If you inadvertently entered your animals on the fairgrounds website or sent your paper entry form to the fairgrounds, please let us know.

The official postmark deadline for entries mailed-in to Katelynn Schultz is Saturday, September 28th. The deadline for website entries is Tuesday, October 1st at 10pm. These deadlines may seem early, but the fair starts on that Friday, and all paperwork needs to be printed and exhibitor lists sent to the entrance gates before the fair begins. If you have a problem with your entry or the deadlines, please let us know and we'll try to work with you.

If you have any questions, please send mail to shows@ecrcba.org.

Sincerely, Karen Walrath & Katelynn Schultz, Show Secretaries ECR&CBA

DIRECTIONS TO THE FAIRGROUNDS

From Points South:

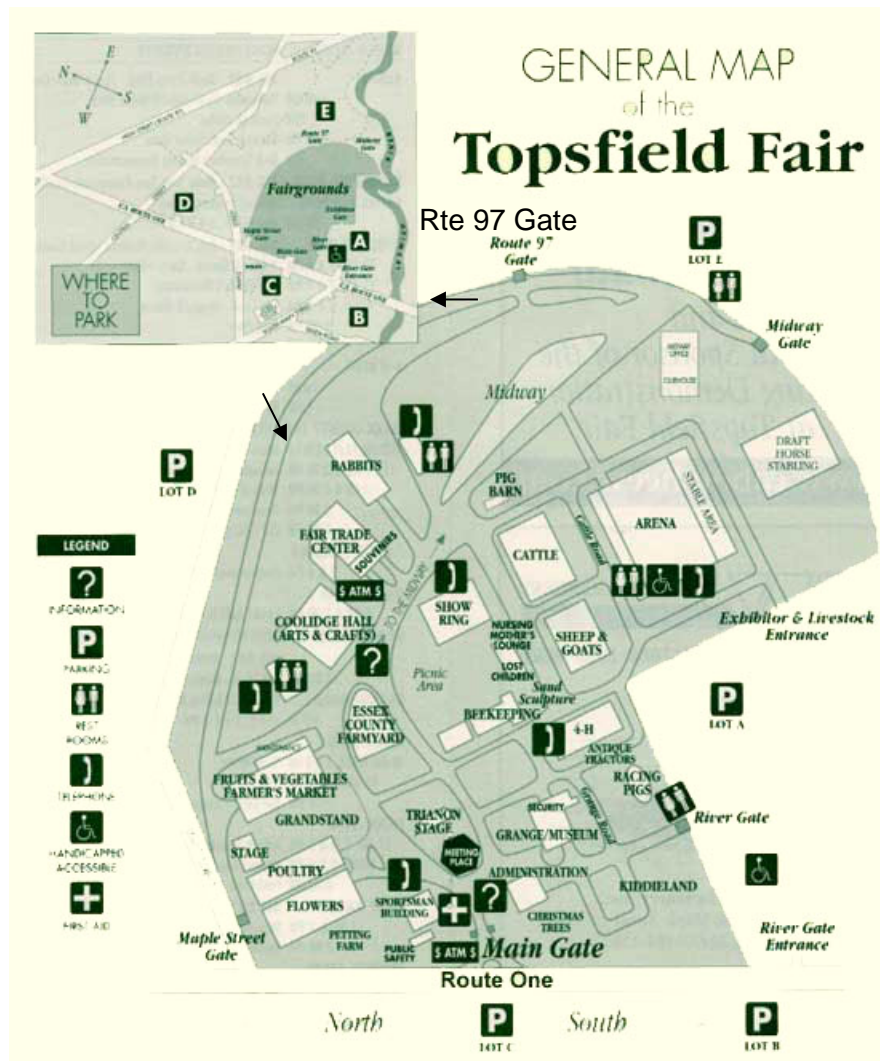
Take Route I-95 North to Exit 50. (Rte 1) Follow Route 1 north past the fairgrounds.
Turn right on Rte 97 (or Central St. to Rte 97) and proceed to parking E.
(At the 128/I-95 split – exit 45, make sure you stay *right* for I-95.)

From Points North:

Take Route I-95 South to Exit 53. (Rte 97)
Follow Route 97 south to Route 1. Cross Rte 1 and proceed to parking E on Rte 97.

Fairgrounds main entrance GPS address: 207 Boston Street, Topsfield, MA 01983

Fair Parking E (97 Gate) GPS address: 167 High Street, Topsfield, MA 01983



ARBA Sanctioned Open Rabbit & Cavy Show

Sponsored By The Essex County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association

Fall Show held in conjunction with Topsfield Fair.
This is a Carrying Case Show.

Saturday, October 5th, 2019
Show Secretary: Katelynn Schultz
Barn Superintendent: Fred Gardner
Show Superintendent: Jeff Schiller

Official ARBA Sanctioned Show: This is an Official American Rabbit Breeders Association sanctioned show, and the latest rules of this organization will govern this show.

Eric Stewart, Executive Director, www.arba.net
PO Box 400, Knox, PA 16232

Dues: Single -\$20/1 year \$50/3 years

Husband & Wife Combo - \$30/year \$75/3 years

Sanction Fee: \$25.00 open, \$20.00 youth

This is an official New England Show Circuit sanctioned show and points will count towards the Sweepstakes prizes. Sweepstakes awards will be made annually on each breed of rabbit and cavy recognized by the ARBA. For information on the New England Show Circuit contact the secretary: Nancy Platt, 299 East Main St., Norton, MA

To be eligible for NESC sweepstakes awards, the exhibitor must be a member in good standing of a New England organization and of the ARBA at the time of the awards.

Essex County Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association
Officials:

President	Mary Merriam
Vice President	Melissa Andruskiewicz
Treasurer	Jeff Schiller
Secretary	Cheryl Walsh
Board of Directors	Perley Emery(chair), Paula Andruskiewicz, Stefani Andruskiewicz, Sally Hamel, Michele Millard
Barn Superintendent	Fred Gardner
Judges:	Mark Fiorentino, Donna Grimm & Judy Cook (Cavies). The ECR & CBA reserves the right to add or change judges.
Show Secretary	Katelynn Schultz, shows@ecrcba.org

SHOW RULES

- All animals attending shows at a Massachusetts fair must have an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). This is a Massachusetts Department of Agriculture (MDAR) rule that is now being enforced for rabbits and cavies. You can find these rules on the Topsfield Fair website under "Exhibitor's Handbook". It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to be in compliance, and those without OCVis or vet letters will not be admitted to the fairgrounds.**
- You do not have to be a member of ARBA or ECRCBA in order to enter the Topsfield Fair Rabbit & Cavy Show.
- The show will be governed by the show rules and standard of perfection of the ARBA. Entry indicates acceptance of same. If you are unsure if your rabbit or cavy meets ARBA standards, please contact the show secretary.
- JUDGING WILL START AT 10 AM.
- 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.
- Make checks payable to the Topsfield Fair and mail with entry to the **show secretary**.
- 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.
- Judging will be done in cages made for this purpose.
- Sick animals will be removed from the showroom immediately.
- Do not ask for specific judges.
- 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.
- This association reserves the right to appoint another judge or other judges in place of or in addition to those listed.
- All rabbits are to be tattooed in the left ear with legible and permanent identification. All cavies must be tagged to be shown.
- 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.
- There will be no registrar available. There is no tattooing on the fairgrounds during the fair while the barn is open to the public.
- This is a **CARRYING CASE SHOW**. Carrying cages must have solid, leak-proof bottoms.
- All entries must be paid to the secretary before judging starts. All unshown entries will be billed by The Topsfield Fair 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.

18. There will be no grooming tables set up in the barn due to lack of available space. A grooming area will be available for anyone wishing to groom their animals.
19. 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.

NOTE: When filling out the entry form, be sure to include the breed, variety, age, sex, and ear number of each animal.

Entry Fees

Single Rabbit \$3.00

Single Cavy \$3.00

Fur \$2.00 extra

Meat Pen \$2.00 extra

No separate youth entries (youth enter in open)

Send entries to

Karen Walrath, 159 Newport St, Arlington, MA 02476

Entries can also be submitted at Website Address:
<http://www.ecrcba.org> after 9/1/2019 with Payment via
Paypal (Paypal account or credit card)

Sanctioned Breeds

Cavies
Angoras
Belgian Hare
Crème D'Argent
Dutch
Dwarf Hotot
English/French Lop
English Spot
Florida White
Himalayan
Holland Lop
Lionheads
Mini Lop
Mini Rex
Netherland Dwarf
New Zealand
Polish
Rex
Satins & Mini Satins
Thrianta

Sanctions are for national club sweepstakes points. If you'd like to sponsor a breed sanction, email: shows@ecrcba.org.

Awards

FIRST \$4.00 SECOND \$3.00 THIRD \$2.00

The ECR & CBA offers awards to all breeds with 10 or more animals shown. ROSETTES will be available for all BOB and BOS placements. RIBBONS will be furnished through 5th place in all classes UPON THE REQUEST OF THE EXHIBITOR ONLY.

Sanctioned National Clubs

Current National Specialty Club information can be found here: www.arba.net/natl_specialty.htm, or contact the show secretary.

* This is an all-breed show. All ARBA recognized breeds and breeds with working standards will be judged.



William D. Fitzgerald
PRESIDENT

James P. O'Brien
GENERAL MANAGER

Rule change for the 2019 Topsfield Fair

Sorry for the late information coming out. There has been much discussion from those who have attended other fairs this year in that they were required to have vet papers for their animals. I have contacted the Director of Animal Health Mike Cahill at the state and have been told that the state has begun to enforce the Fair Animals Health Rules that are administered by MDAR. The rules have been in place for many years. Under general rules, all animals, including any out of state animals, will need papers in regard to a vet inspection. I did explain that we do inspect each animal as they come into the fairgrounds and we will continue doing that. Nevertheless, going ahead, all animals in the building will need vet papers. I am enclosing a copy of the state rules and will work with your department head and show superintendent to make sure that this does not become a reason to not be able to show at this year's fair.

Sections A – B – H need to be adhered to.

These sections refer to a previous year's MDAR rules. 2019 rules that pertain to rabbits are attached.

James P. O'Brien

General Manager, Topsfield Fair

Essex Agricultural Society

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TOPSFIELD FAIR – OCTOBER 4 - 14, 2019

OPENING DAY OCTOBER 4, 2019

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES/FAIRS

In addition to complying with all laws and regulations governing animal health issues all fairs must adopt and enforce the following rules for governance of the fair:

2019 Fairs- Animal Health Rules

NO animal will be admitted to the fairgrounds unless it meets the requirements below. NO animal is to be unloaded or enter a barn or tie-out stall until the animal and its paperwork have been inspected and approved for entry.

A. General Rules for All Animals: See M.G.L. c. 128 §2C, 129 §2

1. All animals must be in proper physical condition, be properly identified and free of visual evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease at time of arrival. Specific diseases and conditions which will disqualify an animal for entry are identified for each species in the following sections of the rules. Animals of any species with open or draining wounds will not be approved for entry.
2. Evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease or failure to produce the necessary documents for health certification, vaccination or testing will result in the animal's rejection for entry. **THE INSPECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.**
3. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only, and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly-licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
4. **Official ID: See Final Rule: Summary of Traceability for Livestock Moved Interstate (Summary of general Requirements by Species)**

All livestock must have proper official, individual ID as required for the species, e.g. official metal ear tag, tattoo, scrapie tag, or microchip. Breed registration forms must accompany health certificates when used as part of official identification.

5. **Health Certificates: --**

One Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) may be allowed for animals of the same species to be exhibited at fairs or shows in any of the New England states (CT, *ME, MA, **NH, RI, and *VT) when submitted with an itinerary of the dates and locations of the events at which the listed animals are expected to be shown. Only animals that are healthy at the time of shipment may be moved.** Note that *ME, **NH, and ***VT have additional requirements. Certificates of veterinary inspection in these states are valid for a shorter period of time and may have additional language, movement and permit requirements.

For the 2019 Show and Fair Season, livestock animals being exhibited in New England states must have official certificates of veterinary inspection (OCVIs) that meet the following requirements:

- a. **CT, MA, and RI:** OCVIs issued on or after **January 1, 2019** may be used for those animals being shown at multiple fairs and shows in CT, MA, and RI through the 2019 show/fair season ending October 31, 2019.
 - i. **ME:** *An importation permit for exhibition animals is also required. Contact ME State Veterinarian's Office (207-287-3701) for permits/questions*
 - ii. **MA Special Note:** **The Big E Fairgrounds** in West Springfield requires a CVI issued within the prior 30 days for all **horses** entering the premises for any show, fair, or exhibition.
 - iii. **NH:** * * NH: To qualify for the extended CVI, animals exhibited in NH must originate in a New England state and move on OCVIs issued on or after April 1, 2019 to participating NH fairs and shows from **July 1 to October 31. The extended CVI is not available for animals that do not reside in New England.** *Contact NH State Veterinarian's Office (603) 271-2404 for details and permits.*
 - iv. *****VT:** *Contact the VT Animal Health Office (802-828-2421) for specific import requirements that deviate from the general information in this letter and must be met for legal import of livestock.*
- b. A single OCVI from the animals' home state may be completed for travel to and from the New England states in which the animals will be exhibited. *MA animals being shown ONLY in MA may substitute a signed, dated letter on the letterhead of an accredited veterinarian for an OCVI if all required information is included and all additional requirements are met.*

- c. Multiple animals of the same species may be listed on one health certificate with appropriate individual IDs and descriptions. Animals of different species may not be listed on the same official health certificate.
- d. **An itinerary of the names and locations for each New England fair or show at which owner expects to show the listed animals and the dates when each animal are expected to be on each site, must be prepared by the owner and presented to the veterinarian at the time the OCVI is written.**
 - i. **A copy of this planned itinerary must be attached to the official health certificate (import and export) for it to be used for more than one fair or show.**
 - ii. That proposed list should be signed by the veterinarian and the owner/ exhibitor and reference the relevant OCVI number(s).
- e. The name and address of the first show or fair where the listed animals will be exhibited is to be used as the “destination” on the OCVI form. In addition, “See attached list” or a similar statement directing Animal Health Officials or Fair Inspectors to the attached proposed itinerary must be included.
- f. Exhibitors must keep an accurate list of the show locations and dates when their animals were actually on the show/fairgrounds. This record must be available to fair inspectors at each inspection and check-in.
- g. Any animal listed on an OCVI that becomes sick must remain home. If the animal is refused entry to any exhibition during 2019 for health reasons it must have a new health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the next interstate movement.
- h. Any New England state may end their participation in this agreement and revert to the standard published requirements for livestock imports in the state at any time, in the event of foreign animal disease outbreak or changes to state legislation.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SPECIES ARE LISTED BELOW.

I. Rabbits: See M.G.L. c. 129 §2

Rabbits must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: snuffles, wet tail, skin and ear infections.

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

ECR & CBA Show Entry Form
The Topsfield Fair Open Rabbit & Cavy Show
Saturday, October 5th, 2019
10am, Rabbit Barn, Topsfield Fairgrounds

FEE: \$3 per entry (fur \$2 extra)

ESSEX COUNTY RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION SHOWS

Coop #	Ear #	Breed	Variety	Class (SR, Int, JR)	Sex	Fur (\$2 extra)	Total Fees

Total Fees Enclosed: _____

SHOW SECRETARY
 Karen Walrath 159 Newport St, Arlington, MA 02476
 Make Checks Payable to The Topsfield Fair

Entries must be postmarked by Saturday, September 28th, 2019 and mailed to the show Secretary. Web entries at www.ecrcba.org must be received by Tuesday, October 1st at 10pm. Make checks payable to "The Topsfield Fair"

ESSEX COUNTY RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Topsfield Fair Open Rabbit & Cavy Show

*****Saturday***, October 5th, 2019**

**Rabbit & Cavy Barn
Topsfield Fairgrounds
Route 1**

Topsfield, Massachusetts

Fairgrounds main entrance *GPS* address: 207 Boston Street, Topsfield, MA 01983

Fair Parking E (97 Gate) *GPS* address: 167 High Street, Topsfield, MA 01983

**Essex County Rabbit &
Cavy Breeder's Association**

**159 Newport St
Arlington, MA 02476-7833**
