

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 4th, 2025
Show Secretary: Katelynn Schultz
Barn Superintendent: Deny Hamel
Show Superintendent: Jeff Schiller

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

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Dues: Single - \$20/year \$50/3 years
Husband & Wife Combo - \$30/year \$75/3 years
Youth \$12/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.

Essex County Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association
Officials:

President	Mike Eon
Vice President	Michele Hook
Treasurer	Jeff Schiller
Secretary	Jennifer Barbaro
Board of Directors	Sharon Casson (chair), Kristin Allen, Heather Desmond, Betty Dowd, Nicol Waugh
Barn Superintendent	Deny Hamel
Judges:	Paul Jurgelonis (Rabbits & Cavies)
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) for 2025. The Topsfield Fair is run under the auspices of Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, and this is their requirement. 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 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** (Address below).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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)

There will be no separate youth 4H show this year.

Youth may enter non-ARBA showable rabbits and cavies under "Pet Rabbit" and "Pet Cavy" and will be judged to 4H standards. "Pet" classification is for animals with disqualifying features such as mismarked or unrecognized colors, mixed breeds, etc. that make them ineligible to be judged under ARBA standards.

Send entries to

Karen Walrath, 159 Newport St, Arlington, MA 02476

Entries can also be submitted at Website Address:

<http://www.ecrcba.org> after 9/1/2025 with Payment via Credit card (processed by Stripe.)

Sanctioned Breeds *

Belgian Hare

Satin/Mini Satin

Sharon Casson sponsored the Satin sanction. If you'd like to sponsor a breed sanction, please contact the show secretary.

* This is an all-breed show. All ARBA recognized breeds and breeds with working standards will be judged. Sanctions are for national club sweepstakes points only. 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.

ARBA Recognized National Clubs

Current National Specialty Club information can be found here: <https://arba.net/national-specialty-clubs/> or contact the show secretary.

NON-ARBA Breed Rabbits

In recognition that there are additional breeds of rabbits not governed by ARBA, we will have a separate contest with trophies for non-ARBA recognized pure-bred breed rabbits such as mini plush lops, continental giants, and other breeds with standards (or proposed standards) issued by other organizations. You must provide the standard at the time of the registration (email to shows@ecrcba.org) so that the judge can review it before the show.

Enter via the same registration site as for ARBA breeds. Non-ARBA breeds will automatically be entered in this contest, which will take place after the ARBA show.