

# Rabbit

## Department G

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### Rabbit Showmanship Contest Rules

Information on rabbit showmanship is found in 4-H 339, Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits and videocassette, 40-VC-16, Rabbit Showmanship. Both are available from county extension office.

- A. Exhibitors will be required to show their rabbits during judging. If there is a Family emergency a substitute showman may be appointed. Substitute showman must be approved by the superintendent. Superintendent needs to contact County Extension Office staff when a substitute showman has been appointed. Substitute showman need to be a registered 4-H or FFA members in Box Butte County.
- B. If an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, the exhibitor is responsible for finding a current Box Butte County 4-H or FFA member to show one of the animals for them. The additional showman must be a 4-H or FFA member. No parents will be allowed to show for the exhibitor.
- C. Each exhibitor will meet with the superintendent as they check in to go over the Barn Rules.
- D. Breeds must conform to the Standards and weights set by the American Rabbit Breeders Association, to be eligible to exhibit as a breeding class rabbit.
- E. All rabbits must have an I.D. number or name in the left ear. This information can be placed in the ear with a marker or as a tattoo. ID numbers or names along with class information must be supplied to Superintendent at time of entry.
- F. Coaching of exhibitors is strictly prohibited. The exhibitor is responsible for presenting their animal on their own merit. Anyone who is accused of coaching will be given one oral warning from either the superintendent of that species or Extension Staff. After one warning they will be asked to leave the show and the exhibitor will be dropped a ribbon placing.
- G. Anyone interfering with the judge will be given one oral warning from either the Superintendent of that species or Extension Staff. After one warning they will be asked to leave the show.
- H. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own animals.
- I. All possible sale rabbits must be weighed at the time of entry.
- J. All exhibitors are responsible for helping clean the barn. Each exhibitor is assigned at least one morning shift. All exhibitors who have animals housed in the Red Barn during county fair must help clean the barn on the final Sunday of the Box Butte County Fair. Failure to do so will result in the 4-H/FFA members livestock sale premium checks being withheld.
- K. All exhibitors are expected to attend a barn meeting set by the superintendent.
- L. All Exhibitors are responsible for hosting the Red Barn at least twice during the fair week. Length of shift will be determined by the barn superintendent at fair-time. Length of shift depends on the number of exhibitors participating in the county fair.
- M. Number of Entries- Not more than six rabbits may be entered by one exhibitor.
- N. Rabbits will be shown by breed. If there are five or more of a breed, a best of breed rosette will be given. All rabbits must be a part of the 4-H/FFA member's project.
- O. Market Pens - Market Pens of 3 rabbits will be considered as one rabbit entry.
- P. Dress Code - Exhibitor must wear long sleeved white shirt with 4-H chevron attached to the left front and blue jeans. FFA members will be required to wear advisor approved dress code.
- Q. Health - If rabbits show symptoms/signs of having a health problem that is a threat to other animals or humans, the superintendent reserves the right to ask the exhibitor to remove the animal.
- R. Rabbit Showmanship - All exhibitors are encouraged to enter rabbit showmanship. Basis for judging: showmanship is based on grooming and training of the rabbit, and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are encouraged to present their rabbit to the judge. Presentation of the rabbit is up to the individual showman. Showmanship scores will be based on the criteria listed on the showmanship score sheet. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. The excellence of the rabbit is not considered in scoring. Exhibitors shall wear long-sleeved, white shirts with the 4-H emblem. FFA members will be required to wear advisor approved dress code. ARBA rules will be used as guidelines for Rabbit Showmanship. Overall Champion Showman to be determined by total points. If there is a tie, oral questions will be given to break the tie.

**Division G085, Rabbit  
Rabbit Showmanship**

G085001 Rabbit junior division  
G085002 Rabbit intermediate division  
G085003 Rabbit senior division

*Breeding Class* (for purebred rabbits only)  
Fancy (Junior or Senior, Buck or Doe)

G085004	English Angora	G085005	French Angora
G085006	Belgian Hare	G085007	Britannia Petite
G085008	Standard Chinchilla	G085009	Dutch
G085010	Dwarf Hotot	G085011	English Spot
G085012	Florida White	G085013	American Fuzzy Lop
G085014	Harlequin	G085015	Havana
G085016	Himalayan	G085017	Jersey Woolie
G085018	Lilac	G085019	Holland Lop
G085020	Mini Lop	G085021	Mini Rex
G085022	Netherland Dwarf	G085023	Polish
G085024	Rex	G085025	Rhineland
G085026	American Sable	G085027	Silver
G085028	Silver Marten	G085029	Tan

*Commercial* (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior, Buck or Doe)

G085030	American	G085031	Beveren
G085032	Hotot	G085033	Blue Vienna
G085034	Californian	G085035	Champagne D'Argent
G085036	Checkered Giant	G085037	Giant Chinchilla
G085038	Cinnamon	G085039	Crème D'Argent
G085040	Flemish Giant	G085041	English Lop
G085042	French Lop	G085043	Giant Angora
G085044	New Zealand	G085045	Palomino
G085046	Satin Angora	G085047	Silver Fox
G085048	Satin	G085049	American Chinchilla

*Pet Division*

G085050 Pet Class (Does not have to be purebred)

*Meat Class* (Only Meat may be in Auction)

G085051 Single Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs/under 69 days of age  
G085052 Meat Pen Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs/under 69 days of age  
G085053 Roaster (over 5 ½ pounds)  
G085054 Individual Stewer (4-8 pounds, over 12 weeks old)  
G085099 Other cleared through the Office