

Rabbit

Department G

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Assistant Superintendent – TBA

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. A substitute showman may be appointed if 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 collar 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 collars 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)

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| 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 Rhinelander |
| G085026 American Sable | G085027 Silver |
| G085028 Silver Marten | G085029 Tan |

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

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| 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 Class 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