

# Rabbit Rules

## Buchanan County Fair 2023

Superintendent – Ryan Brennan

### IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 1	Mentor and lease paperwork needs to be turned in.
MAY 15	All Clover Kids and 4-H members must identify animals on 4hOnline
JUNE 15	Animal entries completed on Fair Entry

### RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. All rabbits will be inspected by a veterinarian at entry. The veterinary inspector in charge shall order an animal to be removed from the fairgrounds at any time during fair if the animal is found to be infected with any contagious disease. For example: ear mites, snuffles, etc. Members or an appointed person must be present at vet check. **For the safety of all animals, no rabbits are allowed in cages without prior veterinarian inspection.**
3. Rabbit cages will be provided to house rabbits during the fair. 4-H/FFA members must provide their own padlocks.
4. Please do not put locks on cages until after vet check.
5. Exhibitors will be responsible for their own wood chips, clean-up equipment, and cleaning up of the area. **Thorough cleaning of the rabbit area is to be done by the exhibitor.**
6. Exhibitors must provide their own cages for transportation to and from the show area.
7. **Added to all species: Extra pens will be allowed to exhibitors if space allows, NO refunds will be issued.**
8. **Exhibitors must show their own animals.** Rabbits will be brought to the judging table by the member as classes are called, where the 4 H/FFA member may be assisted by another 4 H/FFA member or rabbit committee member.
9. **All rabbits must be permanently identified with a tattoo in the left ear prior to check-in. Tattoo in animal must match 4hOnline ID. IF the rabbit is entered in the pet class, a tattoo is not required.**
10. Members may exhibit as many breeds as they choose under the Fancy or Commercial Category. Members may **only** exhibit one rabbit or each breed in each age class.

Example: Exhibitor may show a Mini Rex and a Dutch in the Senior Buck category.
11. The Superintendent reserves the right to divide any class he/she deems is too large.
12. All rabbit breed classes with less than three entries will be combined into an all other breeds class.
13. There may be a champion named in each class. At the judges discretion, a champion will or will not be named. Any rabbit with disqualifications as determined by the judge will be moved to the pet class.
14. Rabbits will be judged following the current American Rabbit Breeder's Association (A.R.B.A.) standards and rules.
15. Pet rabbits are those animals whose primary purpose is as a pet. Rabbits entered in the pet category will not be entered in any other class including showmanship. Pet rabbits will be conference judged. The exhibitor must be present and should be able to answer questions about the pet's age, sex, health, care, etc. Pets will be judged on health and conditioning, personality/temper and the owner's knowledge of the pet and its care. **All pet rabbits are to stay on the fairgrounds the entire week of fair, no exceptions unless prior conversation with the rabbit superintendent and County Youth Coordinator.**
16. All other breeds would be considered crossbred. Breed rabbits should be entered as fancy or commercial.
17. Fancy examples are: Dutch, Rex, Dwarf, Angora, Havanas, Harlequins and some Lops. Refer to *Standard of Perfection (American Rabbit Breeders Association)* book, available at the Extension office, for all breeds acceptable in this class. **4-Class Breed, see list on next page.**
18. Commercial examples would be: Californian, Palomino, Satin, French Lop, New Zealand, and Flemish Giant. Refer to *Standard of Perfection (American Rabbit Breeders Association)* book, available at the Extension Office, for all breeds acceptable in this class. **6-Class Breed, see list on next page.** All other breeds are considered crossbred and should be entered into the pet rabbit class or meat class.
19. Each exhibitor is limited to one Single Fryer entry. The fryer **must not be pulled** from meat pen.
20. No rabbits will be allowed in the livestock auction.
21. If the judge does not deem the first-place animal worthy of a blue ribbon, a trophy will not be awarded.
22. A trophy will be awarded to the Best of Class for overall class winners for Fancy and Commercial. The individual breed class winners will receive a dark purple ribbon and reserve will receive a light purple ribbon.
23. All rabbits must be in the show ring at the beginning of the rabbit show.
24. The extension office will provide carpet squares for show day, these will be discarded after the show.
25. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know what breed their rabbit is. If there is a question about the breed, the judge will have the final say.
26. Cage decorations shall not extend farther than 18 inches below the bottom of the cage.
27. **Showmanship:** Showmanship will be open to all 4-H rabbit exhibitors. Exhibitors choosing to participate are not required to be signed up ahead of time. There will be three divisions: Junior - Grades 4-6; Intermediate - Grades 7-8; Senior - Grades 9-12. Exhibitors must show their own animal. The judge will place 5 exhibitors in the showmanship class. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the show and recipients will receive awards at that time. The decision of the showmanship judge is final. There

will be no interference, and no one is allowed in the ring. The champion will be asked if they would like to participate in Master Showmanship. If the champion has already participated in Master Showmanship and has won their age division, they must pass on to the next exhibitor after the champion.

**Department Classes**

27200: Junior Buck, Under 6 Months – Fancy

27201: Senior Buck, Over 6 Months – Fancy

27202: Junior Doe, Under 6 Months – Fancy

27203: Senior Doe, Over 6 Months – Fancy

27100: Junior Buck, Under 6 Months – Commercial

27101: Intermediate Buck, 6-8 Months - Commercial

27102: Senior Buck, Over 8 Months – Commercial

27103: Junior Doe, Under 6 Months – Commercial

27104: Intermediate Doe, 6-8 Months – Commercial

27105: Senior Doe, Over 8 Months – Commercial

**4-Class Breeds**

**Sr Buck, Sr Doe, Jr Buck, Jr Doe**

**6-Class Breeds**

**Buck, Sr Doe, Int Buck, Int Doe, Jr Buck, Jr Doe**

American Fuzzy Lop	American Sable
Belgian Hare	Britannia Petite
Dutch	Dwarf Hotot
English Angora	English Spot
Florida White	French Angora
Harlequin	Havana
Himalayan	Holland Lop
Jersey Woolly	Lilac
Lionhead	Mini Lop
Mini Rex	Mini Satin
Netherland Dwarf	Polish
Rhineland	Satin Angora
Silver	Silver Martin
Standard Chinchilla	Standard Rex
Tan	Thrianta

American  
 American Chinchilla  
 Beveren  
 Blanc de Hotot  
 Californian  
 Champagne d'Argent  
 Checkered Giant  
 Cinnamon  
 Crème d'Argent  
 English Lop  
 Flemish Giant  
 French Lop  
 Giant Angora  
 Giant Chinchilla  
 New Zealand  
 Satin  
 Silver Fox

**Meat Division**

27300: Pen of Three – Maximum total weights will weigh 16 1/2 lbs., not over 10 weeks of age, same breed and variety, crossbred must be of same variety.

27301: Single Fryer – one rabbit, minimum weight of 3 1/2 lbs. and maximum weight is 5 1/2 lbs., and not over 10 weeks of age, one entry per member.

**Other Divisions**

27400: Pet Rabbits

27401: Clover Kids (K-3rd grades) See General Rules for Clover Kid Rules.