

# Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit & Cavy Show – 2008

Entry Deadline	Friday, January 11, 2008	4:00 p.m.
Late Entry Deadline	Friday, January 25, 2008	4:00 pm
Arrive at Fair	Sunday, February 17, 2008	4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Cavy Release	Wednesday, February 20, 2008	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Release from Fair	Sunday, February 24, 2008	5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- 1. ELIGIBILITY** – All Pasco County Youth (K-12) are invited to exhibit their rabbit(s) and cavy. Any combination of males and females may be entered as long as the total number of rabbits does not exceed three (3), and cavy does not exceed one (1). Pre-registration is required. All rabbits and cavy must be in the possession of the exhibitor by December 14, 2007. **Exhibitors must read and understand Pasco County Fair General Rules located at [www.pascocountyfair.com](http://www.pascocountyfair.com). These rules include Safe Handling Practices, IAFE National Code of Show Ethics, and The Livestock Addendum.**
- 2. IDENTIFICATION-** All rabbits entered into the show must be permanently tattooed in the LEFT ear 30 days prior to bringing to the show. Absolutely **NO** tattooing will be done on fairground property. Any rabbit who's tattoo does not match the number given on the entry form will not be allowed entry.
- 3. ENTRY DEADLINE-** Entry forms must be submitted to the Youth Rabbit committee at the Pasco County Fair Office by January 11, 2008, or postmarked (not metered mail) on that date. Exhibitors that fail to properly submit entry forms by the January 11<sup>th</sup> deadline may enter upon payment of a \$20.00 **Late Entry Fee** by the late entry deadline of **January 25, 2008**. Entries must be hand delivered to the fair office, not mailed. **No entries will be accepted after the entry deadline.** No substitutions can be made after the entry deadline. There will be a \$2.00 entry fee for each rabbit and cavy entering the show, and must be submitted with the entry form. A total of five points can be earned for a correctly completed entry form. An incomplete or inaccurate entry form will be returned. Entry Forms **MUST** be filled out by the exhibitor.
- 4. ACCEPTABLE BREEDS-** Only breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association in its standard of perfection will be accepted for entry. See [WWW.arba.net/](http://WWW.arba.net/) breed descriptions.
- 5. ARRIVAL AT FAIR-** Rabbits and cavy must arrive between the hours of **4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** on Sunday, February 17, 2008. **Vehicles will not be allowed on the fair way or near the barns during Check In or Check Out.** The EXHIBITOR must cage all of his or her rabbits or cavy. All rabbits and cavy must be transported in a cage or pet carrier. **Cardboard boxes are not allowed.** No sick, diseased or animals showing evidence of parasites will be allowed in the rabbit and cavy show. Health Regulation will be enforced according to Chapter 5C-4 via Florida Administration Code entitled "Admission of Animals for Exhibition". **Also see Pasco County Fair general Rules on safe Handling Practices located at [www.pascocountyfair.com](http://www.pascocountyfair.com).** Rabbits and cavy presented at any other time will not be accepted.
- 6. CAVY-** All cavy **MUST be in a leak proof carry cage (plastic or wire made).** **Cages are not to exceed the measurements of 12 inches x 12 inches x 12 inches.** Exhibitor's names must be clearly written on the bottom of the cage. Exhibitors must bring water bottles and food bowls for their cavy. **Clasps may be used to secure the cage; however, locks are not allowed.**
- 6. JUDGING-** Judging will be Monday, February 18, 2008. Times will be posted at check-in. Exhibitors are permitted and **encouraged** (but not required) to be present during judging. The decision of the Judges will be final. The barn will remain closed until the judges results are official. Results will be posted as soon as possible after judging.

7. **Rabbit and Cavy Seminar** – Exhibitors are encouraged (but not required) to attend the Rabbit and Cavy Seminar presented by the Pasco County Fair Rabbit and Cavy Committee. Best Over All Exhibitor points will be awarded to those Exhibitors that attend The seminar at **Clayton Hall Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 6:30 pm**. Points will be awarded for this seminar only.
  
8. **SHOWMANSHIP**- Exhibitors are encouraged (but not required) to participate.
  - A. Competition time will be February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.
  - B. Youth must sign up for showmanship on the entry form.
  - C. Exhibitors will demonstrate showmanship skills on an individual basis to a judge.
  - D. Judging will be on a modified Danish System
  - E. A Strip Ribbon will be awarded to all participating exhibitors according to their score
  - F. Each Grade Division will receive a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Rosette  
Grades K-2      Grade 3-5      Grade 6-8      Grade 9-12
  
9. **RECORD BOOKS**- All exhibitors are required to enter a rabbit or cavy record book for competition. Rabbit and cavy record books are available online at [www.pascocountyfair.com](http://www.pascocountyfair.com). No record books will be required for cavy. Answers to the questions on the Questionnaire page may be found on line or in the 4-H Rabbit Work books. These books are located at the University of Florida IFASA Extension Office in Dade City. The 4 book set may be purchased on line at [www.4-hmall.org](http://www.4-hmall.org). (Click on books/ curricula/ plants & animals/ rabbit). Record books must be submitted at the time of check-in on February 17, 2008. Record books will be judged on a modified Danish System. Each exhibitor will be receiving a strip ribbon based on their score. In the event of a tie, the tie-breaker will be decided upon by a third party judge.
  
10. **POSTER CONTEST**- Exhibitors may enter the rabbit or cavy poster contest. The poster **MUST** promote rabbits or cavy and educate fair goers about rabbits or cavy and /or the rabbit industry. All posters must be designed on or affixed to regular poster board whose dimensions are not larger than **14" x 22"**. Any previously used poster may not be submitted. Posters using computer assistance to create components of the poster or the poster itself **MUST** affix a statement of one paragraph explaining how the computer assistance affected the posters and visual presentation. **THE EXHIBITORS NAME, AND GRADE MUST BE ON THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER OF THE BACK OF THE POSTER**. Posters must be submitted at check-in on February 17, 2008. Posters will be judged on a modified Danish System. Each exhibitor will be receiving a strip ribbon based on their score.
  
11. **RABBIT DECORATING CONTEST**- This is a picture of a rabbit that can be found with the rules for the Rabbit and Cavy Show.
  - A. Exhibitors names must be written on the back of the picture
  - B. Pictures must be decorated by the exhibitor
  - C. Exhibitors may enter only one picture
  - D. Pictures must be turned in at check in
  - E. Pictures may be decorated with materials, paint, colors, beads, etc.
  - F. The fair will dispose of any pictures left after February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008

12. **Animal Information Cards:** - Exhibitors are encouraged (but not required) to create information cards telling the general public about their rabbits and cavy, (name of, breed, what they eat, etc.) Exhibitors will receive 10 extra points per card towards the Best Display Award for each card. For the protection of the exhibitors, personal information, such as, addresses, phone numbers, etc., are not allowed. Exhibitors must put their name and the breed of the animal on the back of the card. **Cards may not be larger than 4"x 5".**
  
13. **ASK ME BOOTH-** Exhibitors may sign up for **one- hour intervals** during the fair to stay at the Ask Me Booth. Exhibitors will answer general questions from the fair going public in an informative and polite manner. All exhibitors **must sign in and out** to obtain their full points. A maximum of three (3) hours per exhibitor may be worked. Each hour, up until 5 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2008, will result in the exhibitor earning 10 points towards Best Display.
  
14. **DURING THE FAIR-** Rabbits and cavy will be fed and watered by a designated person during the fair. Neither that person nor the Fair Association will be held responsible for any injury or loss of any rabbit. Also see Pasco County fair General Rules Livestock Addendum located at [www.pascocountyfair.com](http://www.pascocountyfair.com)
  
15. **AWARDS-** Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony held behind the Poultry and Rabbit barn at **6:30 p.m. on Friday February 22, 2008.**

**RABBITS**     *Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions receive a Trophy  
Best of Breeds receive a Mini Rosette, Best Opposite Sex will receive a strip  
ribbon*

Grand Champion Semi-Arch Type –Buck	Reserve Grand Champion Semi Arch Type—Buck
Grand Champion Semi-Arch Type –Doe	Reserve Grand Champion Semi Arch Type—Doe
Grand Champion Compact Type –Buck	Reserve Grand Champion Compact Type—Buck
Grand Champion Compact Type –Doe	Reserve Grand Champion Compact Type—Doe
Grand Champion Commercial Type –Buck	Reserve Grand Champion Comm. Type—Buck
Grand Champion Commercial Type –Doe	Reserve Grand Champion Comm. Type—Doe
Grand Champion Cylindrical –Buck	Reserve Grand Champion Cylindrical—Buck
Grand Champion Cylindrical—Doe	Reserve Grand Champion Cylindrical –Doe
Grand Champion Full-Arch Type –Buck	Reserve Grand Champion Full Arch Type—Buck
Grand Champion Full-Arch Type – Doe	Reserve Grand Champion Full Arch Type—Doe
Best Over All Buck	Best over All Doe

**CAVY** *Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions receive a Trophy  
Best of Breeds receive a Mini Rosette, Best Opposite Sex will receive a strip  
ribbon*

Grand Champion Short Hair –Boar	Reserve Grand Champion Short Hair—Boar
Grand Champion Short Hair–Sow	Reserve Grand Champion Short Hair- Sow
Grand Champion Long Hair–Boar	Reserve Grand Champion Long Hair- Boar
Grand Champion Long Hair - Sow	Reserve Grand Champion Long Hair—Sow
Best Over All Boar	Best Over All Sow

### **RECORD BOOKS, POSTER and SHOWMANSHIP**

All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners will receive a Rosette  
Grades K-2    Grades 3-5    Grades 6-8    Grades 9-12

### **RABBIT DECORATING CONTEST**

There will be **two** Divisions, K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade and 6-12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Each division will receive:

Best Decorated Egg (Rosette)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place                      (Rosette)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place                      (Rosette)

### **BEST RABBIT AND CAVY DISPLAY**

Exhibitors will compete together and be judged on the number of rabbits or cavy, ribbons and points received. Additional Points are achieved by participation in the Seminar, Record Book, Poster Contest, Ask Me Booth, Showmanship Decorated Rabbit Contest, Information cards, Fair Membership and correctly filling out the entry form. There will be one Best Over All Trophy awarded. A Rosette will be awarded to the winner of each Age group. K-2, 3-5, 6-8, & 9-12

**PREMIUMS-** Entries will be judged by the Danish System. Premiums will be paid on the awards earned on the rabbits and cavy only.

**Premiums will be paid as follows:**

Blue ----\$5.00    Red----\$4.00    White----\$3.00

- 16. RELEASE FROM FAIR- CAVY must be picked up Wednesday, February 20, 2008 between 6:00p.m. and 8:00 p.m.** Rabbits must be picked up Sunday February 24, 2008 between the hours of **5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** Any rabbit left after 6:00 p.m. on February 24, 2008 will become the property of the Fair Association. In case of emergency please call before the time deadline, fair office (352) 567-6678 or call Leon Rookey (chair) at 352-212-0737 (cell). **Any Exhibitor picking up their rabbits before 5:00 p.m. will forfeit all premiums.**
- 17. PASSES-** In the spirit of supporting our fair, the Rabbit and Cavy Committee encourages families of exhibitors to purchase a family pass for the Pasco County Fair. This pass will allow all members of the family to enter the fair on a daily basis throughout the length of the fair. No passes will be sold in the month of February. An Additional 15 points will be awarded to each exhibitor with proof of a family membership

**18. Grievances:** An appeals committee composed of the Fair Ag. Committee shall receive and act upon any grievance arising out of an event. The grievance must be filed in writing and accompanied by \$25.00 cash deposit. If the grievance is overruled, the deposit shall be forfeited to the fair. **Decision of judges are final and are not subject to protest**

**19. NEW WEB PAGE!** Poultry, Rabbit, and Cavy Committees are working on a new web site to share show information. We will have showmanship tips, future shows, and important web site links. This web site is under construction and will be up dated as often as we are able. To view the website go to: [www.freewebs.com/poultryrabbitscavy](http://www.freewebs.com/poultryrabbitscavy)

## **SCORING SHEET-YOUTH RABBIT & CAVY- BEST DISPLAY**

OPTIONS	POSSIBLE POINTS
	Rabbit/cavy
1. Rabbits or Cavy Ribbons Received	30 per animal
2. Entry Form	5
3. Seminar	25
4. Showman Ship	100
5. Record Book	100
6. Poster Contest	100
8. Rabbit Decorating Contest	30
9. Ask Me Booth	30
11. Information Cards	30 / 10
12. Family Membership	15
Total Possible	525/445

**.RABBIT DECORATING CONTEST-2008**

