

Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit and Cavy Rules 2012

Seminar – Clayton Hall – Saturday, October 1st, 2011 – 10:00 am

Entry Deadline – Friday, January 20th, 2012 – 12:00 pm

Tattoo and Health Clinic – Clayton Hall – Saturday, January 21st, 2012 – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Arrival at Fair – Sunday, February 19th, 2012 – 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Showmanship – Monday, February 20th, 2012 – 10:00 am

Judging – Monday, February 20th, 2012 – 12:00 pm

Cavy Release – Wednesday, February 22nd, 2012 – 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Award Ceremony – Plant Show Tent – Friday, February 24th, 2012 – 6:30 pm

Rabbit Release/ Exhibitor Check-out – Sunday, February 26th, 2012 – 5:00 – 7:00 pm

- 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 two (2). Pre-registration is required. All rabbits and cavy must be in the possession of the exhibitor by December 1, 2011. **Exhibitors must read and understand Pasco County Fair General Rules located at www.pascocountyfair.com. These rules include Safe Handling Practices, IAFE National Code of Show Ethics, and The Livestock Addendum. y**
- 2. Identification** - Rabbits entered into the show must be permanently and legibly tattooed in the **LEFT** ear. Absolutely **NO** tattooing will be done on fairground property. If exhibitors need assistance with tattooing please **contact Jenna Ferreira at 813-838-1290**. Any rabbit whose tattoo does not match the number given on the entry form and/or cannot be read easily will **not** be allowed entry into the Pasco County Fair.
- 3. Acceptable Breeds**- Only breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association in its Standard of Perfection will be accepted for entry. A complete description of each breed and breed standard can be found in the American Rabbit Breeders Associations' Standard of Perfection. To purchase a copy of The Standard of Perfection visit ARBA.net. **NO CROSS BREEDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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4. **Entry Deadline** – Entry forms must be submitted to the Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit Committee at the Pasco County Fair office **by January 20th 2012 at 12:00 pm** or post marked by that date. **No entries will be accepted after entry deadline.** No substitutions can be made after the entry deadline. There will be a **\$3.00** entry fee for each rabbit and cavy entering the show, and must be submitted with the entry form. A total of 5 Best in Display points can be earned for a correctly completed entry form. An incomplete entry form will be returned. **The exhibitor MUST fill out the entry forms.**
5. **Rabbit and Cavy Seminar** - Exhibitors and parents are encouraged, but not required to attend the Rabbit and Cavy Seminar presented by the Pasco County Fair Rabbit and Cavy Committee. The seminar will be held at Clayton Hall at the Pasco County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 10:00 am. This seminar will aid in informing exhibitors about their projects pertaining to the areas of nutrition, breeding, basic care, health concerns, proper handling, husbandry practices and showmanship. 25 Best Overall Display Points will be awarded to exhibitors who **sign in and out** of the seminar.
6. **Ethics Seminar** – Pasco County Fair will now follow in policy of that of the Florida State Fair in regards to completion of ethics training. Each exhibitor will be **REQUIRED** to attend, and complete an approved certified ethics training course. Exhibitors under age eight, in the “clover-bud” category do not have to complete the ethics training. Exhibitors, who do not complete the ethics training, will not be eligible to participate in the Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit and Cavy Show, and their entry fee will not be refunded, once collected. Please note: Once the exhibitor has completed their ethics training, they will be given a certification number. Each exhibitor should record their certification number and keep it in a safe place. Certification numbers will now be required information on Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit and Cavy Show Entry Forms. Several approved certified ethics training courses will be provided free of charge through out the state of Florida. For a complete list, please visit www.pascocountyfair.com or www.floridastatefairag.com.
7. **Tattoo and Health Clinic** – **New this year.** Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their rabbits to this optional clinic in hopes to prevent a large amount of animals being turned away at check-in due to health issues. The committee will be offering tattooing as well as a general health exam to check for any parasites, diseases, etc., and treatment with Ivomec. All services will be free of charge. **Animals will still be subject to inspection at check-in.** This clinic will take place at the fairgrounds on January 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

8. **Arrival at Fair** - Rabbits and cavy must arrive between the hours of **4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** on Sunday, February 19, 2012. **Please note:** Any exhibitors with schedule complications due to the Florida State Fair Open Rabbit Show release date must submit a written letter to the Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit Committee by January 20, 2012. It is also suggested that exhibitors with such schedule conflicts also contact the Florida State Fair Open Rabbit Show. **Vehicles will not be allowed on the fair midway or near the barns during Check In or Check Out.**
9. **Animal Inspections** - Health Regulation will be **strictly** enforced by the committee according to Chapter 5C-4 via Florida Administration Code entitled "Admission of Animals for Exhibition" and the ARBA Standard of Perfection. Animals will be inspected outside of The Pasco County Fair Rabbit Barn. Each rabbit and cavy will be inspected by a committee member or a person approved by the committee. Any animals exhibiting any sign of illness, parasite infection or any other health concern will **not be allowed to enter the barn** or be judged. Such concerns include but are not limited to; ear canker, pink eye, discharge from the nostrils, ears, eyes, mouth, teats, vent area or open wounds, parasitic infestations such as mange, skin mites, fur mites, ear mites, lice, fleas, ticks, vent disease, open and bleeding sore hocks, swelling of any body part, wry neck, obvious broken bones, and flaking of the skin or foreign particles of concern on the skin or any location on the hair shaft. Also signs of recent infection including matting around the nose, ears, eyes, vent area, teats, and on front legs will also be dismissed from entrance into the show. **Entry fee will not be refunded.** All final decisions concerning animal entrance will be up to the committee members. Any exhibitor with an animal(s) that fail to pass the health inspection will remain eligible to compete in the following: record book contest, poster contest, breed identification contest, and the awards ceremony. Also, such exhibitors are still encouraged to attend the judging of the animals to gain an educational experience.
10. **Cavy** - - All cavy **MUST be in a leak proof carry cage (plastic or wire made) PROVIDED BY THE EXHIBITOR. Cages are not to exceed the measurements of 12 inches tall x 15 inches x 15 inches.** Exhibitor's names must be clearly written on the bottom of the cage. Exhibitors must also supply their own water bottles, feed, and food bowls for their cavy. Due to safety concerns, **clasps may be used to secure the cage; however, locks are not allowed.** **Due to weather conditions, temperatures in the Pasco County Fair Rabbit Barn might be too extreme for cavy animals.** In such conditions, cavy will be allowed to be removed from display early. However, exhibitors will still be required to pick up graded materials at the scheduled time of checkout.

11. **Judging** - Judging will be Monday, February 20, 2012. Judging will begin after the completion of showmanship at 12 p.m. on the west side of the Pasco County Fair Rabbit Barn. Exhibitors are permitted and **encouraged** (but not required) to be present during judging. The decision of the judge will be final. The barn will remain closed until the results are official. Results will be posted as soon as possible after judging.
12. **Record Books** - All exhibitors are required to enter a rabbit or cavy record book for competition. The exhibitor must complete the record book. Rabbit and cavy record books are available online at www.pascocountyfair.com. Record books must be submitted at the time of check-in on February 19, 2012. **Any incomplete record book will not be judged.** Record books will be judged on a modified Danish System. Each exhibitor will receive a strip ribbon based on his or her score. In the event of a tie, a third party judge will decide upon the tiebreaker.
13. **Educational Poster**- Exhibitors may enter the rabbit or cavy poster contest. The purpose of the poster is to promote the rabbit or cavy industry and educate the general public. All posters must be **14" x 22"**. Any previously used poster may not be submitted. Exhibitors using computer assistance to create components of the poster or the poster itself are required to affix a statement of one paragraph explaining how the computer assistance affected the posters and visual presentation. **THE EXHIBITOR'S 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 19, 2012. Posters will be judged on a modified Danish System. Exhibitors will receive a strip ribbon based on their score.
14. **Rabbit and Cavy Decorating Contest**- The picture of the rabbit and cavy used for the contests can be found at the conclusion of the Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit and Cavy Show Rules. Entry must be decorated by exhibitor. Exhibitor must also list their name, grade and if applicable, the name of their Club or Chapter. **Entries are submitted at check-in on February 19, 2012.** Any arts and craft materials are permitted. Due to health concerns, use of food items to decorate will not be allowed.
15. **Ask Me Booth** – Exhibitors may elect to participate in the Ask-Me Booth for **one-hour intervals** for a maximum of three hours. Exhibitors showing as Cloverbuds may sign up for ½ hour intervals for a maximum of 1 ½ hours. Exhibitors can earn up to 30 points towards best display. Exhibitors will be available with their project animal to answer general knowledge questions from the public fair-goers regarding their project animal and rabbit or cavy industry. **Only animals entered in the fair may be used in the Ask-Me Booth.** Exhibitors are expected to answer any questions from the public in a polite and professional manner. Inappropriate behavior observed of exhibitors will not be tolerated. Such exhibitors

will be asked to return their animal to the proper cage and to leave. **They will also become in-eligible to return back to the Ask-Me Booth for the duration of the fair and forfeit their Best Display Points earned during their time spent in the Ask-Me Booth.**

16. **Breed Identification Contest** –Exhibitors may elect to compete in a Breed Identification Contest. Contest will be administered in written form on the day of showmanship. Exhibitors will be asked to properly identify either live specimens or pictures of rabbit or cavy breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeder’s Association. Exhibitors must complete the contest individually and will have 10 minutes to complete the contest. **Any exhibitor seen cheating will be removed from the contest and forfeit all Best Display Points.**

Grades K-2 will identify 3 breeds

Grades 3-5 will identify 5 breeds

Grades 6-8 will identify 10 breeds

Grades 9-12 will identify 20 breeds

17. **Animal Information Cards** – Exhibitors may elect to create informational cards with information regarding their project animals. One card may be constructed per animal entered and on display at the Pasco County Fair. Each card will earn 10 Best Display Points (30 points max). Such examples of information to include are; name of animal, breed of animal, age, sex or variety of animal, animal’s favorite feed, animal’s habits, things learned during the project etc. Information cards are not to exceed 5 x 7 inches. **For safety of the exhibitor, personal information such as address or telephone number is not to be put on information cards as they will be hung on exhibitor animal coop for display to the public.**

18. **During the Fair-** Rabbits and Cavy will be fed and watered by the Pasco County Fair Rabbit and Cavy Committee. Neither any member of the committee or the Pasco County Fair Association, INC will be held responsible for any injury or loss to animals. Please note the Pasco County Fair General Rules Livestock Addendum located at www.pascocountyfair.com.

19. **Passes-** Each exhibitor will receive one entrance pass to the Pasco County Fair which will only be valid for the week of February 20th – February 26th 2012. Exhibitor name will be printed on the pass and only valid for entrance of the exhibitor. Only **one** pass will be presented to each exhibitor. The Pasco County Fair Rabbit and Cavy Committee and Pasco County Fair Association, Inc will **NOT** be responsible for replacing loss or damaged passes. Parents, family members and friends of exhibitors are encouraged to purchase a Fair Membership to gain week-long access to the fair. **Fair Memberships can be purchased**

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from the Pasco County Fair Office located on the Pasco County Fairgrounds before February 1st 2012. Fair memberships will NOT be sold in the month of February. In spirit of supporting the fair, exhibitors who purchase Fair Memberships will receive an additional 15 Best Display Points. Exhibitors are to denote membership properly on their entry form.

20. Awards- The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Plant Show Tent on Friday 24th 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Scores will be posted in the form of an Excel spreadsheet. The top three highest scoring individuals in each contest (each grade level and each species) will receive a rosette.

21. Premiums- Premiums will be award to the top three highest scoring individuals in each contest (each grade level and species) as follows:

1st Place – \$5.00

2nd Place - \$4.00

3rd Place - \$3.00

Grade Divisions are as follows; K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12.

Species Divison: Cavy and Rabbit

22. Release from the Fair- Cavy will be picked up Wednesday, February 22nd, 2012 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Rabbits must be picked up by Sunday February 26th 2012 between the hours of 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. **With the exception of emergency, NO ANIMAL WILL BE REMOVED FROM DISPLAY BEFORE 5:00 PM !!!** Any rabbit left after 7:00 pm ON February 26th 2012 will become property of The Pasco County Fair Association Inc.

23. Thank You Letters – Every exhibitor is **required** to compose a thank-you letter to Farmers Feed Depot of Dade City for providing the rabbit feed for the duration of the fair. Thank-you letters must be addressed and in a sealed envelope and turned in upon check in on February 19, 2012. Neglecting to submit correctly formatted thank-you letters will result in forfeit of both animal premiums and exhibitor premiums. Please note; Thank-you letters should be composed on appropriate stationary or a thank you card. **Note book paper is NOT an acceptable material in which to compose thank-you letters on. Such letters will not be accepted.**

Farmers Feed Depot- Mr. Danny Perkins, 14648 7th Street, Dade City, FL 33523

24. **Grievances-** An appeals committee composed of The Pasco County Fair Agriculture Committee and the Youth Rabbit and Cavy Committee shall receive and act upon any grievance arising out of an event. **Please note any decision of the judges are final and not subject to protest.**
25. **Best Rabbit and Cavy Display** – Points are achieved by animal entry, performance, participation in Ask-Me Booth, completion of Information Cards, participation in contests of showmanship, record book, breed identification, poster, decorated rabbit/cavy, fair membership, presence at seminar and correctly filling out entry forms. A rosette will be awarded to the top highest scoring individual of each age group in each species and a trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring individual of each age group of each species. The highest scoring individual overall in each species will receive an additional trophy and a \$25 premium.
26. Any exhibitor who would like to volunteer to help clean the small animal barn throughout fair week will be awarded community service hours. Exhibitor may sign up for a time at check-in.
27. Although the judge and committee will be adhering to the ARBA Standard of Perfection, the Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit and Cavy Show is not an ARBA sanctioned show.

Scoring Opportunities for Best Rabbit and Cavy Display

	Possible Points
Entry Form	5
Educational Seminar	25
Record Book	100
Showmanship	100
Poster	100
Decorated Rabbit/Cavy Contest	100
Ask Me Booth	30
Breed ID Contest	3 – 20 (depending on exhibitor age)
Animal Information Card	30
Fair Membership	15
Total 508 – 525 (depending on exhibitor age)	

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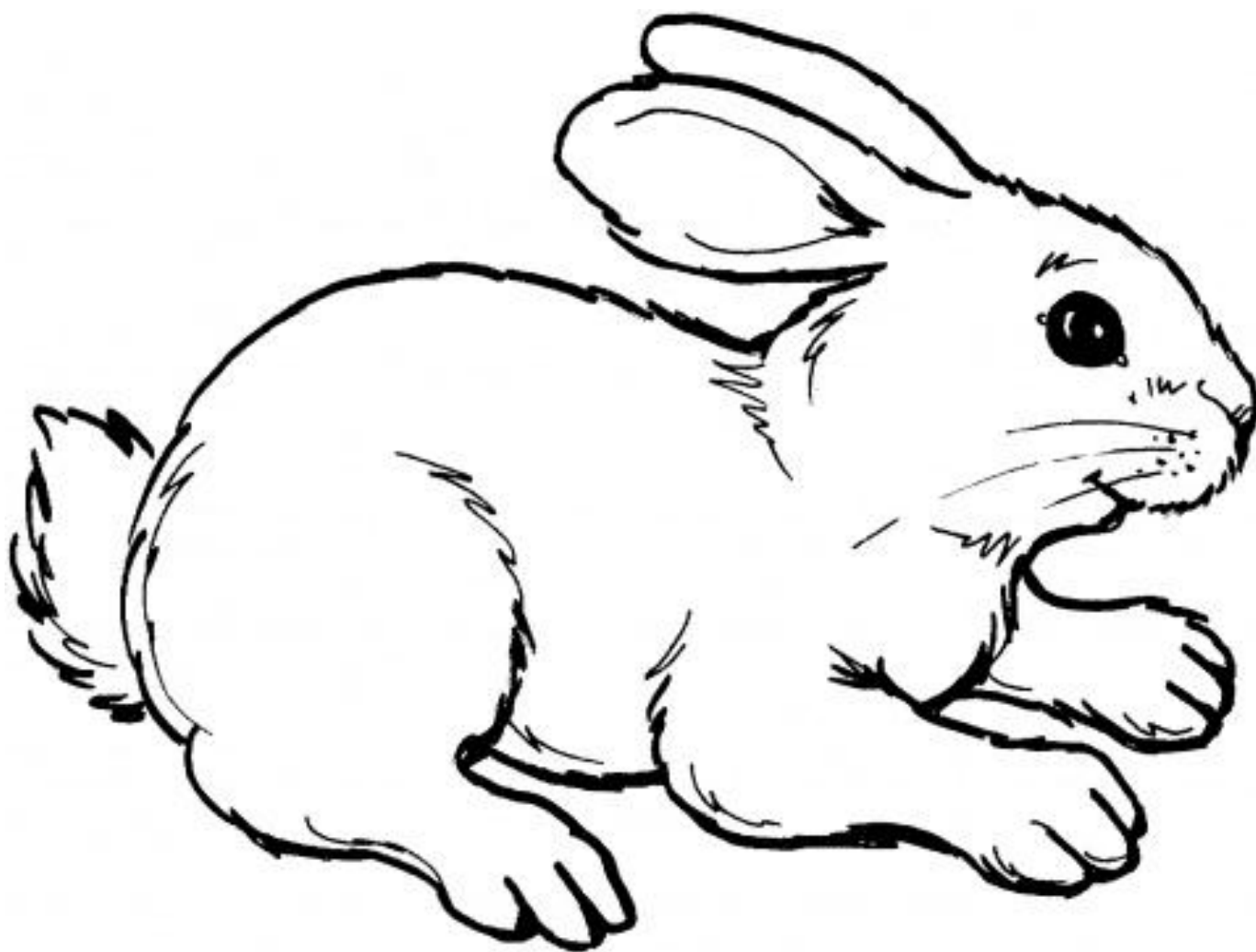
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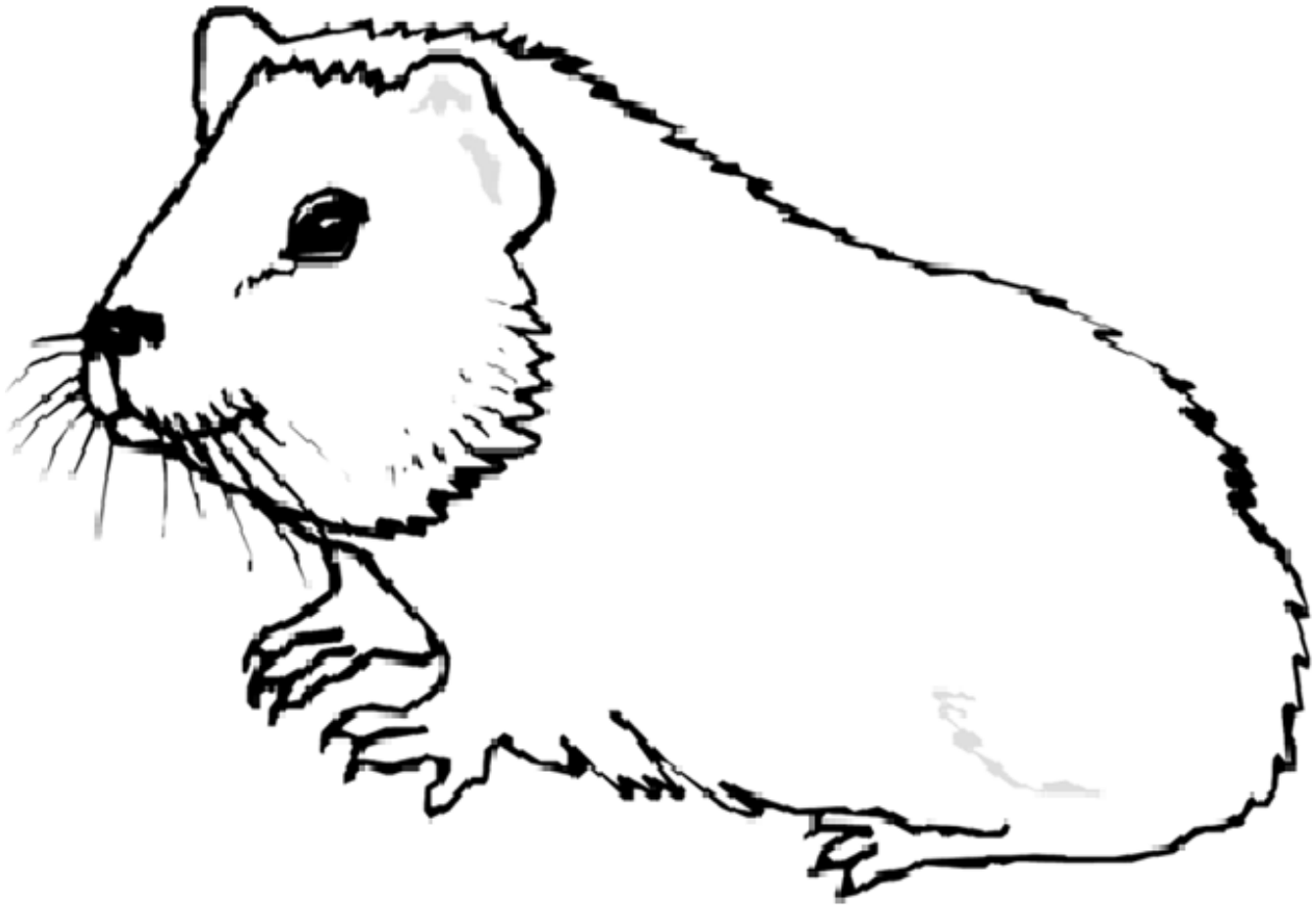
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Rabbit Decorating Contest – 2012



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Cavy Decorating Contest 2011 – 2012



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