

2025 SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR RABBIT SHOW

- **COORDINATOR:** Linda Graham (352)445-4552
- **IMPORTANT DATES:** Refer to Calendar of Events for all important dates
- **JUDGING:** Times will be determined after all animals are checked in.
- **SKILL-A-THON:** If you have a conflict because you are participating in another show that day, please contact coordinator so arrangements can be made before the contest.

ALL RABBITS MUST BE TATTOOED IN THE LEFT EAR BEFORE ENTRY IS RECEIVED. PERMANENT MARKER WILL NOT BE A SUBSTITUTE. ALL CAVIES MUST BE TAGGED IN THE LEFT EAR BEFORE ENTRY IS RECEIVED.

1. The SEYF General Rules & Regulations apply to this show.
2. There is a mandatory information meeting for ALL participants in the rabbit show.
3. Record books are due in the Southeastern Youth Fair office by deadline posted on Calendar of Events.
4. Any rabbit awarded a prior year's trophy will not be eligible to show.
5. Each exhibitor may show a maximum of eight (8) rabbits in any combination of ARBA recognized breeds.
6. Once entries are received any substitution must be submitted by written and verbal notice to the Coordinator by December 15, 2024. Linda Graham, 352 445-4552, P.O. Box 6749, Ocala, FL 34478, or email grahatiger@gmail.com.
7. Mixed breed rabbits will not be allowed.
8. All rabbits will be checked for external parasites, diseases, and poor condition (underweight). Any rabbit failing inspection must be removed immediately from the fair grounds.
9. Incomplete or inaccurate entries are subject to a penalty.-5 points off mandatory showmanship
10. No rabbit born after the entry deadline will be allowed to enter the show. All rabbits must be at least eight (8) weeks old by entry and at least five (5) months of age at the time of the show.
11. No pregnant rabbits may be entered. Any rabbit that has babies while at the Fair will be sent home immediately and the exhibitor will forfeit all awards for this show and will not be allowed to participate in this show the following year.
12. The Fair reserves the right to remove any animal for biting.
13. The SEYF will provide cages, feeders, feed and water.
14. Once checked in, no rabbits may be removed until the pick-up date without the consent of the Show Coordinator. A \$10.00 fee per animal will be charged for any special arrangements requested. Early removal of animals without the Show Coordinators consent will result in the forfeiture of all awards and will prevent the exhibitor from participating in the following year's fair.
15. Exhibitor rabbits not picked up on the day and times listed above will be charged a \$25. per day fee up to three days at which time awards will be forfeited and rabbits will become the property of the SEYF.
16. No additional items added to the cage excluding hay and treats.

SALE OF ANIMALS

18. Anyone wishing to sell their animals should notify the Show Committee upon completion of judging. There will be a tag placed on the cage stating that the animal is for sale with the price.
19. All animal sale transactions will be done through the coordinator. A 10% commission to the SEYF will be deducted before payment is made to the exhibitor at check out.

CLASSES

20. Mini Breeds include any recognized ARBA breeds six (6) pounds and under.
21. Standard breeds include any recognized ARBA breeds over six (6) pounds.
22. Cavys include all recognized ARBA breeds. See seyfair.com for list of breeds.

JUDGING CRITERIA

23. The show will be judged on a modified Danish System. This means that the judge uses the standards set by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) so that each rabbit is judged on how they compare to the ideal standard.
24. For the safety of the judge – all rabbit toenails must be trimmed.

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GROOMING

25. Any grooming of rabbits will be done before the start of judging. The barn will be open for grooming a 1/2 hour prior to judging.
26. **Only exhibitors are allowed to groom their rabbits.** Assistance will be available to exhibitors upon asking.

ASK ME BOOTH

27. A space will be set up for exhibitors to answer questions from visitors about this project.
28. Exhibitors will sign up for a specified time during check-in.
29. All times will be in 30 minute sessions. It is mandatory to sign in and out as well as be signed off by a committee member.
30. Participation in this event will count towards the high Point Award.
31. All Exhibitors are required to be in official dress.

HERDSMAN

32. Participants will be assigned duties upon signing in daily.
33. Award is based on assistance given to the Show Coordinator in the barn during the week of the Fair.
34. Participation in this contest will count towards the High Point Award.

POSTER CONTEST

35. You must be entered in the Rabbit Show to participate in this event.
36. Only one (1) poster per exhibitor. No Club/Chapter entry allowed.
37. Posters must be on a 22" x 28" poster board (any color / no foam boards) and must describe the following with factual information. List at least 2 references on the front of the poster in the bottom right corner.
 - Junior – Identify five external body parts**
 - Intermediate – Compare two breeds with different body types.**
 - Senior – Discuss two breeds or varieties that have been accepted in the standard of ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association).**
38. Exhibitor's name, age and club must be clearly printed on the back of the poster in the bottom left corner.
39. Posters with food, packaging, hay, grass, etc. will not be accepted.
40. Failure to follow these rules will result in your poster being disqualified.
41. Posters must be turned in during check-in of rabbits. No late posters will be accepted.
42. Judging will be done by a committee appointed by the Show coordinator.
43. Posters must be removed when checking out your animal. Any posters left after check-out time will be discarded.

SHOWMANSHIP

44. Showmanship is mandatory for all exhibitors. Only Exhibitors are allowed in the line.
45. Appointment times will be assigned and given to the exhibitor at check-in.
46. Penalty for not doing Showmanship is forfeiture of all awards
47. All exhibitors must be in official dress.
48. All animals are to be kept in their cages until your name is called.
49. Rabbit Showmanship will be by appointment time.
50. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to get with the Coordinator to resolve conflicting schedules.

SKILL-A-THON

50. Information will be posted on website. SEYfair.com
51. Participation in this contest will count towards the High Point Award.

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BREED ID CONTEST

- 52. Breed ID will start at 5:30pm and all exhibitors will need to be in the barn no later than 5:30 pm.
- 53. Only exhibitors will be allowed in the barn while the contest is being conducted.
- 54. No cell phones are allowed in the barn during the contest. Cell phones will be held at the coordinators work area.
- 55. Participation in this contest will count towards the High Point Award.

HIGH POINT

- 56. This award will be based on the awards received for your rabbit(s), as well as your mandatory participation in the Ask Me booth, Herdsman, Skill-A-Thon, Showmanship and Poster Contest.

ANIMAL PICKUP

- 57. **Mandatory thank you letters** are required at check-out in self-addressed stamped envelopes according to the required list given at check-in.
- 58. All water and feed are to be discarded in marked containers. Feeders, water bottles and crocks are to be placed in the marked plastic containers.
- 59. Pull all clips and pins used to hold cups and tags to the check-out table and place in marked container.
- 60. Take all animals and exhibitor tags to the designated check-out area to pick up check-out packet and sign-out animals.
- 61. All sale animals must be brought to the check-out table before leaving the barn with the exhibitor tag.

AWARDS

- 62. The Show coordinator reserves the right to withhold awards if there is not sufficient competition.
- 63. Premiums may be awarded after all sponsorship has been collected and all expenses have been paid on Individual shows and events.

High Point – Belt Buckle
Grand Champion Rabbit/Cavy – Premium or Award
Best in Show Standard Rabbit, Mini Rabbit and Cavy
Reserve Best in Show Standard Rabbit, Mini Rabbit and Cavy
Best of Breed (Judges discretion)
Best of Opposite Breed (Judges discretion)
Skill-A-Thon – 1st thru 3rd places in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions
Showmanship – 1st thru 3rd places in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions
Herdsman – 1st through 3rd places
Breed ID Contest – 1st through 3rd places in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions
Poster Contest – 1st through 3rd places in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions
Record Books – 1st through 3rd places in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions
All exhibitors will receive a participation ribbon