

4-H RABBITS

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Rabbit Barn Set-Up: Monday 1:00 – 7:00 pm.

Exhibitors must complete pre-registration paperwork before entering ShoWorks. See entry limits, instructions, and pre-registration form at the end of this section. Note the June 16th deadline.

1. For additional important fair information, please read the General Rules, Veterinary Regulations, and Animal Exhibitor Guidelines links on the premium book page..
2. Rabbits must be under the 4-H member's regular care and management for 45 days prior to the start of the fair. Rabbits must meet ARBA minimum weight requirements and may be weighed upon barn entry. No expectant does or does with litters.
3. Rabbits need to have an ear number in their left ear for ID purposes. For the County Fair, a permanent marker may be used. The State Fair requires a permanent tattoo in the left ear.
4. Rabbits are subject to Small Animal health check prior to barn entry. Any rabbits exhibiting signs of illness, parasites, aggression, or pregnancy, at vet check or during fair, will be excused. Rabbits excused from the fair may not stay on the Fairgrounds.
5. Rabbits are to remain on exhibit all four days of the fair, unless excused by the veterinarian or superintendent. No medications or supplements are to be given to rabbits at the fair without the superintendent's approval or a written Veterinarians recommendation.
6. Exhibitors are to provide rabbit feed, hay and equipment (bowls/water bottles/etc.). Food, labeled with the Exhibitor's name, may be stored in the tack room in a hard plastic container. Sorry, there is no extra space in the tack room to store rabbit carriers, show clothes, costumes, or personal items.
7. Exhibitors are to report to the barn daily, by 8:30 AM, to feed, water, and clean cages for their own rabbits. Barn will lock nightly at 9:00 PM.
8. Parents will be required to participate in herdsmanship with each of their fair participant dependents. Each parent will need to sign up for a minimum of 1 hour per fair participant per day. This allows us to always have adequate oversight in the barn.
9. Every 4-H member is required to perform a minimum number of herdsmanship (barn duty) hours determined by the superintendent based on the number of 4-H members participating at the fair. Preferably one hour a day.
10. Exhibitors are to check on their rabbits every two hours while the barn is open. It is usually HOT at our fair! Make sure your rabbits always have plenty of water. Hay and water is required with animals at all times. The ultimate responsibility for the care and welfare of rabbits lies with the exhibitor.
11. Required Rabbit Department events include Showmanship, Type, Herdsmanship, exhibitor meeting attendance, and barn clean out. Herdsmanship sign-up is available the Sunday before fair (for exhibitors attending barn set-up) and Wednesday, at barn check-in. Rabbit department premium is dependent upon exhibitor participation in required events and animal care.
12. Exhibitors are to participate in Showmanship with their own rabbit. A substitution rabbit may be allowed, depending on circumstance, by the Superintendent. Any exhibitors using an approved substitute rabbit for Showmanship, are only competing for Blue, Red, or White ribbons. They are

not eligible to compete for Showmanship Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, or High Blue Awards.

13. Showmanship attire: Black pants with a long sleeve, plain white shirt, or plain white showmanship jacket.
14. Exhibitors are responsible for getting their own rabbits to the Type table. 4-H rabbits will be judged and may be faulted and/or disqualified as set forth by the ARBA Standard of Perfection guide. Rabbits not present, may not be judged.
15. Registration for non-premium, ribbon-only Rabbit Department events (Cage Decorations, Costume Contest, Rabbit Races, Quiz Bowl, and Parent Rabbit Show) will happen Wednesday, during barn check-in.
16. Non-toxic cage decorations (created and displayed by 4-H members) may be used on cage exteriors for the Cage Decorating Contest. Make sure rabbits have plenty of ventilation and are still visible to the public.
17. Exhibitors and rabbits released Monday, following barn clean out.
18. No exceptions to these rules may be made without approval from the superintendent and the 4-H Program Coordinator
19. Daily department meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Register each 4-H member once for Showmanship (Division A).
Register each rabbit for its appropriate Type Division (AA through U).**

Division A: Showmanship

Class Number	Class Description	Blue Premium	Red Premium	White Premium
001	Cloverbud	Ribbon Only	Ribbon Only	Ribbon Only
002	Junior Novice*	200	150	100
003	Intermediate Novice*	200	150	100
004	Senior Novice*	200	150	100
005	Junior	200	150	100
006	Intermediate	200	150	100
007	Senior	200	150	100

*First year rabbit members may choose to show as Novice, but are not required to show as Novice. As per Skagit County Fair Guidelines, Novices are not eligible for 4-H State Fair or High Point Awards.

Type Divisions:

AA - Skagit Junior Livestock Show Market/Auction Rabbits (See rules on following page.)	FF - English Spot	L - Mini Rex
	G - Flemish Giant*	LL - Mini Satin
B - American Fuzzy Lop	GG - Florida White	M - Netherland Dwarf
BB - Argente Brun *	H - French Lop*	N - New Zealand *
C - Beveren *	HH - Havana	O - Palomino *
CC - Britannia Petite	I - Harlequin	P - Polish
D - Californian *	II - Himalayan	Q - Rex
DD - Champagne D'Argent *	J - Holland Lop	R - Thrianta
E - Cinnamon *	JJ - Jersey Wooly	S - Other Breeds
EE - Crème D'Argent *	K - Lionhead	T - Crossbreeds, under 7 pounds
F - Dutch	KK - Mini Lop	U - Crossbreeds, over 7 pounds

*Rabbit Breeds with an Intermediate class.

Type Classes:

Class Number	Class Description	Blue Premium	Red Premium	White Premium
001	Junior Doe - under 6 months	50	40	30
002	Junior Buck - under 6 months	50	40	30
003	<i>*Intermediate Doe - 6 to 8 months, (applicable to 6-class breeds)</i>	50	40	30
004	<i>*Intermediate Buck - 6 to 8 months, (applicable to 6-class breeds)</i>	50	40	30
005	Senior Doe - over 6 months	50	40	30
006	Senior Buck - over 6 months	50	40	30

Rosettes awarded to Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex of Breed, Best in Show, and Reserve in Show.

Crossbreeds, neutered/spayed rabbits, and non-ARBA recognized breeds are not eligible for Best in Show. They will instead compete for Type in a pet rabbit category, with Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion rosettes.

Division AA: Commercial Market/Auction Rabbits

Division	Breed
AA	Skagit Junior Livestock Show Meat Rabbits READ STOCK SALE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS. ENTRY FEE \$10.00

Market Breeds ONLY.

Type Classes (Market Rabbits)

Class Number	Class Description	Blue Premium	Red Premium	White Premium
001	Single Fryer: 8-10 weeks old, 3 to 5 lbs.	50	40	30
002	Roaster: under 6 months old, 5 to 8 lbs.	50	40	30
003	Stewer: 6 months or older, over 8 lbs.	50	40	30

Special Rules:

- 1) Only ARBA-approved Commercial Rabbit breeds born after January 1st of this fair year will be accepted.
- 2) Sellers must own rabbits entered at least 45 days prior to show.
- 3) This is a No-Disqualification/No-Buy-Back Sale.
- 4) All livestock/market rules apply to market rabbits.
- 5) Point Schedule for Judging:

Fryers:	
a) Meat Type	45
b) Condition of Flesh	35
c) Fur	20
d) Total Maximum	100 Points

Roasters & Stewers:	
a) Meat Type	35
b) Condition of Flesh	35
c) Fur	30
d) Total Maximum	100 Points

The market rabbits arrive at the same time as the show rabbits and must pass the small animal vet check. They will be judged before auction.

Per market sale rules, **only** blue and red ribbon animals may be sold.

Please understand all rabbits entered in the Market Meat Rabbit portion of the Livestock Auction will be auctioned off and sold. No animals will be returned – please see additional information in the livestock/market rules section.

Division V: Rabbit Judging Contest

Class Number	Class Description	Blue Premium	Red Premium	White Premium
001	Cloverbud	Ribbon Only	Ribbon Only	Ribbon Only
002	Junior	60	40	30
003	Intermediate	60	40	30
004	Senior	60	40	30

Rabbit Judging Contest is the optional rabbit knowledge test.

Division W: Educational Posters

- Scorecard C0679 will be used to judge all educational displays. Refer to the scorecard when planning the display.
- No copyrighted illustrations or cartoons may be used unless permission has been granted. The display must credit any source of copyrighted information used by permission.
- All work must have been created during the current 4-H year.
- All educational displays must be labeled on the back with the following information:
 Name, First and Last
 County
 Club
 Age Division (Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
 Division Letter and Department (example – W – Rabbits)
 (If display is 3D, attach a card with identifying information.)
- Exhibits will be displayed according to the identified 4-H project area in the appropriate barn/building, as space permits.
- Educational posters will be accepted on Monday at the barn set up from 1 pm – 7 pm**, as specified by the 4-H General Rules.
- For displays identified with an animal project area, check individual animal project divisions for specific criteria, if any.
- Entries must be the work of the individual exhibitor.
- Poster surfaces should be flat; no dimensional attachments, no foam core board. The Poster's minimum size is 14" x 22"; maximum size is 22" x 28".
- Charts and graphs are not dimensional.

Class Number	Class Description	Blue Premium	Red Premium	White Premium
001	Cloverbud	Ribbons Only		
002	Junior	35	25	15
003	Intermediate	35	25	15
004	Senior	35	25	15

Division X: Educational Display - Tri-fold, Table, or Other 3-D/Large Display

1. Please list the 4-H project area (ie. Rabbit) for your display in the description when entering your exhibit on-line.
2. Large exhibits must have the prior approval of the superintendent.
3. Educational displays will be accepted on Monday at the barn set up from 1 pm - 7pm
4. Entries must be the work of the individual exhibitor, unless entered in Lot 004.

Class Number	Class Description	Blue Premium	Red Premium	White Premium
001	Junior	50	40	30
002	Intermediate	50	40	30
003	Senior	50	40	30
004	Club/Group Effort	50	40	30

Division Y: Public Presentations

See 4-H Education Premium Book for more detailed information

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001	Junior	50	40	30
002	Intermediate	50	40	30
003	Senior	50	40	30
004	Club/Group Effort	50	40	30

Division Z: 4-H in Action

See 4-H Education Premium Book for more detailed information

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001	Junior	50	40	30
002	Intermediate	50	40	30
003	Senior	50	40	30
004	Club/Group Effort	50	40	30

Ribbon Only Events:

Personality Poster: 11" x 14" vertical orientation. Does not replace department educational posters.

- 1 award for Best Character "Description – Story"
- 1 award for Best Graphic Design
- 1 poster per exhibitor due at barn set up

Costume Contest**Rabbit Agility****Rabbit Racing****Rabbit Cage Decorations****People's Choice Award**

Office Received Date:

**2025 Skagit County Fair
4-H Rabbit Pre- Registration Instructions
*** Please Note the June 16th Deadline*****

Due to our growing rabbit project and limited barn space, rabbit exhibitors will pre-register before ShoWorks opens for online registration. Pre-registration forms are to be submitted to the Skagit County 4-H Extension Office, or directly to the 4-H Rabbit Superintendent by **June 16th**. Once rabbit entries are reviewed, exhibitors will be notified of ShoWorks opening. All rabbit exhibitors must pre-register to be eligible for ShoWorks online registration.

Rabbit registration allowances:

- Skagit Exhibitors: Up to (5) non-market rabbits + (1) market rabbit
- Skagit Cloverbud Exhibitors: Up to (2) rabbits

Pre-Registration form instructions:

- Please complete exhibitor information, including Exhibitor's County at the top of the page.
- Register each rabbit, according to the entry allowances above.
- For non-market rabbits: All crossbreeds and spayed/neutered rabbits will show for type in a pet class. Exhibitors can choose to show rabbits with an ARBA DQ in Pet Class as well.

If pre-registration entries exceed the barn capacity of 90 rabbits (4-H and FFA), Rabbits entries will be further limited. We will work with exhibitors to reduce entry numbers in a way that allows for all Skagit County pre-registered exhibitors to show at county fair, while keeping space for those Skagit County exhibitors that are working to qualify and take their full allotment of rabbits to the state fair.

Out-of-County entries are contingent upon cage/barn space availability. If there is a need to reduce rabbit entry numbers, "received date" of pre-registration form may be considered. Similarly, if there is extra space in the barn, the superintendent may invite exhibitors to register additional entries.

Questions regarding pre-registration, registration, and the rabbit department in general should also be directed to the superintendent.

Pre-registration forms can be returned (via mail or drop-off) to:

Skagit County Extension / 4-H Office
11768 Westar Lane, Suite A
Burlington, WA 98233

or may be emailed directly to the 4-H Rabbit Superintendent:

Jena Hayes

360-824-0467

jhayes0028@gmail.com

Office Received Date: _____

Skagit Rabbit Department



**2025 Skagit County Fair 4-H Rabbit
Pre-Registration Due by June 16th**

Please refer to the 2025 Skagit County Fair 4-H Rabbit Pre-Registration Instructions for rabbit registration allowances. Out-of-county entry is contingent upon space availability. This form must be returned via mail, dropped off to the Skagit County Extension Office, or emailed directly to the Superintendent, by June 16th.

Exhibitor's Name: _____ Exhibitor's 4-H class: CB JR INT SR

4-H Club: _____ County: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Auction/Market Rabbit Breed: _____			
Circle: Buck or Doe	Birthdate: _____	Class: Fryer Roaster Stewer	
Rabbit Breed: _____		Rabbit Name: _____	
Circle: Buck or Doe	Class: Jr Int Sr	Pet Class: Yes No	
Rabbit Breed: _____		Rabbit Name: _____	
Circle: Buck or Doe	Class: Jr Int Sr	Pet Class: Yes No	
Rabbit Breed: _____		Rabbit Name: _____	
Circle: Buck or Doe	Class: Jr Int Sr	Pet Class: Yes No	
Rabbit Breed: _____		Rabbit Name: _____	
Circle: Buck or Doe	Class: Jr Int Sr	Pet Class: Yes No	