

## 4-H RABBITS

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### **Rabbit Barn Set-Up: Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 4:00 pm.**

**Exhibitors must complete pre-registration paperwork before entering in ShoWorks. See entry limits, instructions, and pre-registration form at the end of this section. Note the June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.**

1. For additional important fair information, please read the General Rules, Veterinary Regulations, and Animal Exhibitor Guidelines at the beginning of the premium book.
2. Rabbits must be under the 4-H member's regular care and management for 45 days prior to the start of 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 County Fair, a permanent marker may be used. State Fair requires a permanent tattoo in the left ear.
4. Rabbits 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 fair may not stay on the Fairgrounds.
5. Rabbits are to remain on exhibit all four days of fair, unless excused by the veterinarian or superintendent. No medications or supplements are to be given to rabbits at fair without superintendent's approval or written vet recommendation.
6. Exhibitors are to provide rabbit feed and equipment (bowls/water bottles/etc.). Food, labeled with 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 9:30 AM, to feed, water, and clean cages for their own rabbits. Daily Rabbit Department meeting will follow, at 9:45 AM. Barn will lock nightly at 9:00 PM.
8. 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 have plenty of water at all times. Ultimate responsibility for the care and welfare of rabbits lies with exhibitors.
9. Required Rabbit Department events include Showmanship, Type, Herdsmanship, morning meeting attendance, and Saturday night barn clean out. Herdsmanship sign-up available the Sunday before fair (for exhibitors attending barn set-up) and Tuesday, at barn check-in. Rabbit department premium is dependent upon exhibitor participation in required events and animal care.
10. Exhibitors are to participate in Showmanship with their own rabbit. A substitution rabbit may be allowed, depending on circumstance, by 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.
11. Showmanship attire: Black pants with a long sleeve, plain white shirt or plain white showmanship jacket.
12. 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.
13. Registration for non-premium, ribbon-only Rabbit Department events (Cage Decorations, Costume Contest, Rabbit Races, Quiz Bowl, and Parent Rabbit Show) will happen Tuesday, during barn check-in.
14. 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.
15. Exhibitors and rabbits released Saturday night, following barn clean out.
16. No exceptions to these rules may be made without approval from the superintendent and the 4-H Program Coordinator

**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           |

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| <p>*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.</p> |
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**Type Divisions:**

|   |                      |                                 |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| AA - Market/Auction Rabbits<br>(See rules on following page.) | FF - Dwarf Hotot     | L - Mini Rex                    |
| B - American Fuzzy Lop  | G - English Spot     | LL - Mini Satin                 |
| BB - Argente Brun *   | GG - Flemish Giant * | M - Netherland Dwarf            |
| C - Beveren *   | H - Florida White    | N - New Zealand *               |
| CC - Britannia Petite   | HH - French Lop *    | O - Palomino *                  |
| D - Californian *   | I - Havana           | P - Polish                      |
| DD - Champagne D'Argent *                                     | II - Himalayan       | Q - Rex                         |
| E - Cinnamon *  | J - Holland Lop      | R - Thrianta                    |
| EE - Crème D'Argent *   | JJ - Jersey Wooly    | S - Other Breeds                |
| F - Dutch   | K - Lionhead         | T - Crossbreeds, under 7 pounds |
|   | 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,<br/>(applicable to 6-class breeds)</i>  | 50           | 40          | 30            |
| 004          | <i>*Intermediate Buck - 6 to 8 months,<br/>(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**

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| Division | Breed        |
| AA       | Meat Rabbits |

Market Breeds ONLY – with a valid pedigree.

**Type Classes (Market Rabbits)**

| Class Number | Class Description                         | Blue Premium | Red Premium | White Premium |
|--------------|---|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 008          | Single Fryer: 8-10 weeks old, 3 to 5 lbs. | 50           | 40          | 30            |
| 009          | Roaster: under 6 months old, 5 to 8 lbs.  | 50           | 40          | 30            |
| 010          | Stewer: 6 months or older, over 8 lbs.    | 50           | 40          | 30            |

Special Rules:

- 1) Only pedigreed, ARBA-approved Commercial Rabbit breeds born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the fair year sold will be accepted.
- 2) Seller 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) All ARBA General Disqualifications from Competition and Breed Disqualifications from Competition will apply.
- 6) Point Schedule for Judging:

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

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|-----------------------|------------|
| 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. Please bring a valid pedigree with each entry. They will be judged before auction.

Per market 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

1. Scorecard C0679 will be used to judge all educational displays. Refer to scorecard when planning display.
2. 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.
3. All work must have been created during the current 4-H year.
4. 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.)
5. Exhibits will be displayed according to the identified 4-H project area in the appropriate barn/building, as space permits.
6. **Educational displays will be accepted along with other non-animal entries on the Friday before Fair**, as specified by the 4-H General Rules.
7. For displays identified with an animal project area, check individual animal project divisions for specific criteria, if any.
8. Entries must be the work of the individual exhibitor.
9. Poster surfaces should be flat; no dimensional attachments, no foam core board. Posters minimum size is 14" x 22"; maximum size is 22" x 28."
10. 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. 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

| 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 Z: 4-H in Action**

See 4-H Education Premium Book for more detailed information

| 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            |

# 2022 Skagit County Fair

## 4-H Rabbit Pre- Registration Instructions

### \*\*\* Please Note the June 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. Once rabbit entries are reviewed, exhibitors will be notified of ShoWorks opening. All rabbit exhibitors must pre-register to then be eligible for ShoWorks online registration.

#### **Rabbit registration allowances:**

- Skagit Exhibitors: Up to (6) non- market rabbits + (1) market rabbit
- Skagit Cloverbud Exhibitors: Up to (2) rabbits
- \*Out-of-County Exhibitors: Up to (2) rabbits, including market rabbit
- Exhibitor's showing both 4-H and FFA rabbits: (1) 4-H rabbit and (1) FFA rabbit

\*Out-of-County entries are contingent upon space availability

#### **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 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 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/ Dorothy Elsner  
11768 Westar Lane, Suite A  
Burlington, WA 98233

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

Erin Hanger  
(360)399-0372  
[erinhanger8@gmail.com](mailto:erinhanger8@gmail.com)

Office Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's County: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2022 Skagit County Fair 4-H Rabbit Pre-Registration Due by June 15<sup>th</sup>

Please refer to the 2022 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 or drop-off to the Skagit County Extension Office, or emailed directly to the Superintendent, by June 15.

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

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

|   |                  |              |                |
|---|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>Auction/Market Rabbit Breed:</b> _____ |                  |              |                |
| Circle: Buck or Doe                       | Birthdate: _____ | Class: Fryer | Roaster Stewer |

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|---------------------|------------------|----------------|----|
| Rabbit Breed: _____ |                  |                |    |
| Circle: Buck or Doe | Class: Jr Int Sr | Pet Class: Yes | No |

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| Rabbit Breed: _____ |                  |                |    |
| Circle: Buck or Doe | Class: Jr Int Sr | Pet Class: Yes | No |

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| Rabbit Breed: _____ |                  |                |    |
| Circle: Buck or Doe | Class: Jr Int Sr | Pet Class: Yes | No |

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| Rabbit Breed: _____ |                  |                |    |
| Circle: Buck or Doe | Class: Jr Int Sr | Pet Class: Yes | No |

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| Rabbit Breed: _____ |                  |                |    |
| Circle: Buck or Doe | Class: Jr Int Sr | Pet Class: Yes | No |

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| Rabbit Breed: _____ |                  |                |    |
| Circle: Buck or Doe | Class: Jr Int Sr | Pet Class: Yes | No |