

## Open Class General Rules

1. Exhibitors are required to pre-register exhibits by June 18, 2010.
2. There will be an entry fee of \$1 per exhibit. Senior citizens 55 years and older will receive a 50% discount on entry fees.
3. Cash awards in each class will be as follows: 1st place, \$4, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$3, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$2, 4<sup>th</sup> place \$1.
4. Entries will be accepted on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm (non perishable required) and on Wednesday, July 7, 2008 from 8:30am to 9:30am (only perishable accepted) For livestock, see schedule of events for dates and times.
5. Only work completed since August 1, 2009 may be exhibited.
6. Exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor and entered in his or her name.
7. No entry will be accepted unless there is a specified class for it in the premium list.
8. Premium monies are subject to change without notice.
9. The decisions of the judges are final.
10. The Talbot County Fair and The Talbot County Agriculture Center, Inc. will not be responsible for items damaged or stolen, and exhibitors participate at their own risk. The Talbot County Fair does not carry insurance on any exhibits.
11. Talbot 4-H members may only enter in 4-H division **OR** open, not both. 4-Hers from other counties may enter in open class.
12. If an article has been entered previously and you wish to enter the same item again, attach a statement of change or improvement. Only the change or improvement will be judged.

All Exhibits must remain on grounds until 8:00 pm, Saturday July 10, 2010. Any violations will forfeit premiums.

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### **LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS, PLEASE REVIEW: THE PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE ASSOCIATION SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS**

(Adopted by PDCA in March 1970; Revised March 1971, Feb 1977, Feb 1986, Feb 1992, and Feb 1993)

The showing of registered dairy cattle is an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program of many breeders. Additionally, it is an important part of the program of the various dairy breed associations to stimulate and sustain interest in breeding registered dairy cattle. This relates to both spectators and exhibitors. In this connection, The Purebred Dairy

Cattle association believes that it is in the best interest of the breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity and to present a wholesome and progressive image of their cattle in the show ring. It recognizes that there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle which are necessary in the course of moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy condition so that they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal appearance and condition. Conversely, it recognizes certain practices in the cataloging, handling and presentation of cattle in the show ring which are unacceptable.

The following practices or procedures are considered unacceptable and defined as being fraudulent and/or unethical in the showing of registered dairy cattle:

1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milk status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally, with an irritant or counter-irritant, or other substance to artificially improve the performance.
3. Surgery or insertion of foreign material under the skin, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.
4. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.
5. Setting teats or manipulating a teat to alter its normal position such as to unnaturally hold it plumb or to alter its length.

The following practices and procedures are considered to detract from the image of the show ring when carried to excess and will be given slight to serious discrimination in placing animals within class.

1. Excessive manipulation of hair.
2. Use of artificial hair except for false switches.
3. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of showmen.
4. Improper fitting practices such as over filling and over bagging.

Practices which should be encouraged to enhance the image of the show:

1. Establish uniform dress code for exhibitors in the show ring.
2. Recognize good herdsmanship and exhibits in the barn. In keeping with the basic philosophy of the PDCA, ethics are an individual responsibility of the owner of each animal shown.

Violations of these policies are subject to the

disciplinary provisions of the appropriate dairy breed association and/or show management.

**Any violations will forfeit premiums.**

### **Maryland Department of Agriculture: LIVESTOCK General Fair and Show Requirements**

**ATTENTION EXHIBITORS:** The information listed below is a general guide for animal projects. **It is YOUR responsibility to check the Maryland Department of Agriculture website to find UPDATED requirements for the animal species you are working with:**

**[http://www.mda.state.md.us/animal\\_health/fair\\_show/index.php](http://www.mda.state.md.us/animal_health/fair_show/index.php)**

The Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Animal Health Section strives to safeguard Maryland's animal industries at our Fairs and Shows. With an increased potential of disease transmission occurring when large numbers of animals gather for exhibition, MDA has set forth requirements for exhibitors to follow at Maryland Fairs and Shows. As an exhibitor you can help reduce the potential risk of introduction and spread of infectious and/or contagious diseases by following the species specific health requirements as specified below.

#### **General Requirements**

Exhibitors shall ensure that the animals they present at fairs/shows are in good health. Any animals showing signs of contagious or infectious disease are not permitted to enter or remain at the exhibition. All exhibitors must adhere to the MDA Animal Health Rejection Policy.

Self Certification is required for all species. The Self Certification documents shall be filled out by the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter prior to loading and presented upon request to the designated fair/show representative(s) or MDA Animal Health Official.

1. All Maryland entries must be accompanied by an approved Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for show; except Equine, Poultry, and Rabbits.
2. All out-of-state entries must be accompanied by an interstate Certificate of Veterinary

Inspection. An APPROVED copy of the certificate must be forwarded by the State of Origin to the Animal Health Section. The interstate (CVI) is valid for 30 days from the date of inspection.

3. Each animal must be properly identified on the intrastate or interstate CVI.
4. All animals will be inspected for general health upon arrival. Those showing clinical signs of ANY contagious or infectious disease must be removed from the show or fair. In such cases, the health certificate may be modified, suspended, or revoked.
5. The CVI for Maryland exhibitors must be filled out, completed and signed by an accredited veterinarian within 60 days of the first exhibition. The approved intrastate CVI is valid for the entire show season, providing that the status of the herd or animal(s) does not change.
6. Where immunization is recommended or required it must be done in conformity with standard procedures and practices consistent with the development of immunity PRIOR to the show or fair.

#### **Livestock Exhibitors**

1. All livestock for exhibition shall be inspected by an accredited veterinarian within (60) days of the first exhibition. It is the veterinarian's responsibility to have knowledge of the current animal health requirements prior to inspection of animals and completion of the current MDA Intrastate CVI form. The MDA intrastate CVI is valid for the entire show season.
2. All Out-of-State livestock for exhibition in Maryland shall meet MDA Animal Health import requirements for the appropriate species and any additional Maryland exhibitor requirements. Obtain an Interstate CVI from an accredited veterinarian. The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of inspection.
3. Livestock Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health will be filled out by the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter prior to loading and will be presented upon request to the designated fair/show representative(s) or MDA Animal Health Official at each show attended.

### **Cattle, Goats, and Camelids**

1. In addition to general requirements above, all cattle must be individually identified by ear tag, tattoo, or registration number.
2. All goats, regardless of age or sex must be from flocks registered in the scrapie control program and so identified by a) USDA approved tags, b) a legible registration tattoo, or c) an approved premise tattoo, before going to a fair or show.
  - a. **TUBERCULOSIS**—Cattle, goats, and camelids originating in Maryland from herds not under quarantine or restriction are not required to be tested for tuberculosis for shows in Maryland.
  - b. **BRUCELLOSIS**—Cattle, goats, and camelids originating in Maryland from herds not under quarantine or restriction are not required to be tested for brucellosis for shows in Maryland.
  - c. **IMMUNIZATION**—Cattle; Bovine Respiratory Complex to include: Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Bovine viral Diarrhea, Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis, and Parainfluenza - Required  
Leptospirosis - Recommended

### **Swine**

1. In addition to General requirements above, all swine must be individually identified by ear tag, tattoo, or registration number.
  - a. **IMMUNIZATION**—Leptospirosis – Recommended

### **Sheep**

1. All sheep, regardless of age or sex, must be from flocks registered in the scrapie control program and so identified by a) USDA approved tags, b) a legible registration tattoo, or c) an approved premise tattoo, before going to a Maryland fair or show.
2. In addition to the general requirements for individual sheep, the entire flock must be inspected for the presence of contagious or infectious diseases by an accredited veterinarian.

### **Equine Exhibitors**

1. All equine for exhibition shall be accompanied by a valid Coggins Test (within 12 months).
2. Equine Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health is required for each equine entering a fair/show-type event where multiple livestock

species are present. The form must be available for inspection if requested. Those participating in equine-only shows and events are exempt from this requirement; however, it is good practice to thoroughly double check the health and skin condition of the animal before departing for the event. The form provides an easy checklist to do this. Exhibitors may not bring an animal having apparent or known signs of a contagious or infectious disease to a show.

### **Poultry Exhibitors**

1. All poultry exhibitors must have valid proof of a registered Maryland Poultry Premises ID Number.
2. All exhibitors must show proof that poultry (**pigeons and waterfowl excluded**) originated from a Pullorum-typhoid free flock or have all individual poultry entries tested negative for Pullorum-typhoid not more than **90 days** before the exhibition. Blood samples for official tests shall be drawn by an authorized agent, authorized testing agent or state inspector and tested by an authorized state or federally recognized laboratory. Official test for Pullorum-typhoid shall be the standard tube agglutination test, the micro agglutination test, the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay ELISA test, and the stained antigen rapid whole – blood test. Proof is to be documented on MDA-E20, VS Form 9-2, VS Form 9-3 or comparable form. Testing must be completed before arrival at exhibition.
3. All poultry (**pigeons excluded**) must originate from a flock that is a participant in the Maryland Avian Influenza-Monitored Flock Program, or the exhibitor must have a minimum of **10 birds** (or the complete flock if fewer than 10), randomly tested negative for avian influenza by an official test. Official tests for avian influenza are the agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID), the enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or the real-time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). Samples must be tested by an authorized state or federally recognized laboratory. **For waterfowl, Cloacal swab samples must be collected for testing.** The samples should only be collected by MDA Animal Health staff, an accredited veterinarian or a state-certified poultry technician. Negative Avian Influenza test results reported on the MDA Avian

Influenza Testing Report will be effective for **90 days** from the date of issuance. A flock wherein at least 30 birds or complete flock tested negative for AI will qualify to register as a MD Avian Influenza-Monitored Flock and will need to be retested every 90 days to maintain that status, provided no untested poultry was commingled during that period. All poultry entries shall be accompanied by the MDA AI Test Report Form MDA 12-06-08, MDA-E20 or USDA VS Form 9-3.

4. All poultry exhibitors shall complete a *Poultry Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health.*

#### **Rabbit Exhibitors**

1. All Rabbits for exhibition shall complete a *Rabbit Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health.*

#### **Questions**

If you have any questions or are unsure of any of these animal health requirements for Maryland fairs and shows, please contact your MDA Regional Health Offices during normal business hours.

\*Maryland Law provides penalties for violations of Animal Health Law and Regulations.

\*Livestock failing to meet Health Requirements will be denied entry or removed from the exhibition.

**MDA Headquarters:** 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401 (410)-841-5810

**Frederick Animal Health Lab:** 1840 Rosemont Ave., Frederick, MD 21702 (301)-600-1548

**Salisbury Animal Health Lab:** 27722 Nanticoke Rd., Salisbury, MD 21801 (410)-543-6610

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### **CAVY SHOW**

**Saturday, July 16, 2011 - 9:30am**

**Chairperson: Karen A. Callahan**

#### **RULES**

1. Contestants must comply with the Maryland 4-H/FFA Code of Ethics and also the latest ARBA/ACBA rules.
2. Cavies must be checked in by 8:30am. Judging begins promptly at 9:30am. Please plan to arrive earlier than 8:30am to enter cavies as it takes time to enter each cavy and make any substitutions.
3. All exhibits must be pre-registered on the appropriate form and pay a **\$1.00 entry fee** per cavy.
4. Substitutions will be allowed in the same group, variety, age, and sex on the day of the show.
5. All exhibits must be a breed recognized by ARBA/ACBA. Mixed breeds are not allowed except in Pet Class.
6. Exhibitors are limited to a total of 6 entries in the

breed classes and two pets per entry. The same animal **cannot** be exhibited in the Breed Class and the Pet Class.

7. Cavies must have numbered ear tags unless otherwise approved by the Show Chairperson.
8. Showmanship guidelines can be obtained from the Show Chairperson.
9. Any exhibit displaying signs of disease or in poor fleshing condition will be refused entry. The decision of the chairperson and/or judge is final.
10. All cavies must be owned by the exhibitor.
11. Entry registration form and entry fees are due on or before **Friday, June 17, 2011**. Please mail entry form and fees to: Talbot County Fair Cavy Show, c/o Karen A. Callahan, PO Box 2223, Easton, MD 21601-2223. Checks may be payable to the **Talbot County Fair**.
12. All exhibitors are responsible for presentation of animals for judging. If a conflict exists with another project at show time, the owner should get another project member to present the project to the judge. The exhibitor must check in with the Chairperson before the show notifying them of the conflict.
13. The Fair or Show Committee will not be responsible in case of fire, theft, or destruction. All reasonable precautions to guard against these hazards will be taken.
14. No dogs will be allowed in the show area.
15. Interference and influence of the judges in any way will not be tolerated.
16. The completion of an entry form indicates acceptance of these rules and regulations.
17. Any questions, please call the chairperson at 410-310-8934.

#### **CLASSES**

1. **Breed Class** – Recognized Breeds are as follows: Abyssinian, Abyssinian Satin, American, American Satin, Coronet, Peruvian, Peruvian Satin, Silkie, Silkie Satin, Teddy, Teddy Satin, Texel, White Crested. If not sure what breed you have, obtain a cavy breeds and varieties list from your County 4-H extension agent to properly fill out your entry or call the Show Chairperson or visit [www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net)

Cavies to be entered as follows:

- A. Junior Boars or Sows - 12oz to 22oz
- B. Intermediate Boars or Sows - 23oz to 32oz
- C. Senior Boars or Sows - over 32oz

Best of Variety - Rosette

Best of Breed - Rosette

Best in Show - Rosette & Trophy

#### 2. **Showmanship**

A. Novice (First year in Showmanship regardless of Age) -Champion - Rosette & Trophy

- B. Junior (8-10 years as of Jan. 1) – Champion - Rosette & Trophy
  - C. Intermediate (11-13 years as of Jan 1) – Champion - Rosette & Trophy
  - D. Senior (14-18 years as of Jan 1) – Champion – Rosette & Trophy
3. **Pet Class** - for any cavy that is not acceptable by ARBA/ ACBA in the Breed Class - Rosette & Trophy

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**RABBIT SHOW**  
**Saturday, July 16, 2011 - 9:30am**  
**Chairperson: Karen A. Callahan**

**RULES**

1. Contestants must comply with Maryland 4-H/FFA Code of Ethics and also the latest ARBA rules.
  2. The show will be a one day carrier cage show. Rabbits must be placed at 8:30am. Judging will begin after the Cavy Show.
  3. All exhibits must be pre-registered on the appropriate form and pay the appropriate entry fees.
  4. Entry registration form and entry fees are due on or before **Friday, June 17, 2011**. Please mail entry form and fees to: Talbot County Fair Rabbit Show, c/o Karen A. Callahan, PO Box 2223, Easton, MD 21601-2223.
  5. Entry fees will be as follows:  
**Breed Class \$2 per animal**  
**Market Pen \$3 per entry**  
**Pet Class \$2 per animal**
- Checks may be payable to the **Talbot County Fair**.
6. Exhibitors are limited to ten rabbits total in breed classes, one market pen exhibit, and two pet exhibits. The same animal **can not** be exhibited in the Breed Class and the Pet Class.
  7. Rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the left ear. The tattoo must be legible. Please contact the Show Chairman if your rabbit needs to be tattooed for the show. Market pens do not need to be tattooed.
  8. Any rabbits showing signs of disease or poor condition will be refused entry and entry fees will be forfeited.
  9. All rabbit exhibitors must fill out a Self Certification of Rabbit Health form prior to loading animals and shall be presented upon request to the designated fair and show representative at each show attended.
  10. Rabbits over two weeks pregnant will not be accepted. Rabbits in breed classes must be a minimum of 12 weeks old to be shown.
  11. No substitutions will be allowed except for same breed, variety, age and sex on the day of the show.
  12. Showmanship guidelines can be obtained from the Show Chairperson.
  13. All rabbits must be owned by the exhibitor.

14. All exhibitors are responsible for presentation of animals for judging. If a conflict exists with another project at show time, the owner should get another project member to present the project to the judge.
15. The Fair or Show Committee will not be responsible in case of fire, theft, or destruction. All reasonable precautions to guard against these hazards will be taken.
16. No dogs will be allowed in the show area.
17. Interference and influence of the judges in any way will not be tolerated.
18. The completion of an entry form indicates acceptance of these rules and regulations.
19. Any questions, please contact the chairperson at 410-310-8934.

**CLASSES**

1. **Breed Class** - Any breed recognized by ARBA. Rabbits may be entered as follows:  
4-class breeds\*: Sr. Doe, Jr. Doe, Sr. Buck, Jr. Buck  
6-class breeds\*: Sr. Doe, 6/8 Doe, Jr. Doe, Sr. Buck, 6/8 Buck, Jr. Buck  
\*Obtain a rabbit breeds and varieties list from your County 4-H extension agent to properly fill out your entry or call the Show Chairperson or visit [www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net)  
Best of Variety - Rosette  
Best of Breed - Rosette  
Best in Show - Rosette & Trophy
2. **Market Pen** - 3 Rabbits - all the same breed and variety; no mixed breeds. Age limit not over 69 days, weight limit not over 5 pounds each rabbit. All breeds competing together. Talbot County 4-H Market Pens will be sold in the Livestock Auction on Saturday night.  
Best Market Pen – Rosette & Trophy
3. **Pet Class** - for any rabbit that is not acceptable in the Breed Class because of being mixed breeds, having a disqualification or any breed not acceptable by ARBA.  
Best Pet Rabbit – Rosette & Trophy
4. **Showmanship**  
A. Novice (First year in Showmanship regardless of Age) -Champion - Rosette & Trophy  
B. Junior (8-10 years as of Jan. 1) – Champion - Rosette & Trophy  
C. Intermediate (11-13 years as of Jan 1) – Champion - Rosette & Trophy  
D. Senior (14-18 years as of Jan 1) – Champion – Rosette & Trophy



Rabbit Exhibitor's Self Certification of Animal Health

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, hereby verify the following:
(Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)

- 1. I am the owner/authorized caretaker/transporter (circle as applicable) of the rabbit(s) identified on this form, have been visually examined.
2. I understand that rabbits showing any signs of, or having recent exposure to (within 21 days), contagious or infectious disease are not permitted to enter the fair/show premises. These conditions include but are not limited to the following:
- SKIN & HEAD: No visible evidence of skin infections, discharge for the eyes or nose or excessive head shaking with particular emphasis on Ear mites, Fur mites, Myxomatosis, and Ringworm.
- REPRODUCTIVE: No signs of sexually transmitted diseases with particular emphasis on Syphilis.
- RESPIRATORY: No signs of infectious respiratory disease such as sneezing, white nasal discharge or excessive tearing which are all common signs of Snuffles.
- INTESTINAL: No evidence of soft droppings, soiling on rump or hocks consistent with Diarrhea.
- OTHER: Recent exposure to, or clinical signs of, any contagious or infectious disease conditions that would exclude rabbits from exhibition. Viral Hemorrhagic Disease (VHD)
3. I have read and understand the above guidelines.
4. I have visually examined the animals I am presenting for exhibit.
5. I agree not to present for exhibition rabbits showing any signs of contagious or infectious disease.

Table with 6 columns: #, Tattoo, Registry Name or #, Date of Birth, Sex, Breed. Rows 1-10.

Date of inspection: \_\_\_\_\_ Number inspected \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Event \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or guardian must sign for children under age 18)

**2011 TALBOT COUNTY FAIR**  
**CAVY SHOW**  
**4-H and OPEN YOUTH ONLY**  
(Please PRINT ALL Information)

T-Shirts for Exhibitors – Please check your size. Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ X-Large ____
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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE** (as of Jan. 1, 2011): \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE ADDRESS:**  
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**Telephone #:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_

Registration deadline: Friday, June 17, 2011. Please complete and mail this form to: **Talbot County Fair Cavy Show, c/o Karen A. Callahan, PO Box 2223, Easton, MD 21601.**  
Make checks payable to: **Talbot County Fair.**

**May enter a maximum of 6 breed class cavies and 2 pet entries.**

**Showmanship (check one):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Novice** \_\_\_\_\_ **Jr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Int.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sr.** \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Breed</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Ear #</b>	<b>Boar</b>	<b>Sow</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Int.</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
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