



**DEPARTMENT BB
SMALL PETS
(Open)**

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- 3 Any animal showing signs of disease will be refused entry.
- 4 Any animal not considered domesticated - otherwise know as wild - may not be shown.
- 5 Pets will be judged on conformation, health and condition. Conformation judging will compare the animal's structure and muscling to the ideal type for the respective species.
- 6 Cats must have proof of rabies shots.
- 7 A Champion and Reserve Champion may be selected.

- 8 Any youth with an entry for class 1 rabbit may enter the pet class in the rabbit show but they must fill out the appropriate entry form by June 12, 2009.

CLASSES:

1. Rabbit, pen of 1, male or female, any breed
2. Cat, any breed (must have proof of rabies shots)
3. Hamster
4. Guinea Pig
5. Gerbil
6. Dog (must have proof of rabies shots)
7. Poultry
8. Miscellaneous, please specify

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**DEPARTMENT B
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(4-H/FFA)**

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6. Cats and dogs must have proof of rabies shots.
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**2009 TALBOT COUNTY FAIR
DEPARTMENT BB (OPEN) AND B (4-H): SMALL PETS**

4-H Please Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Clover <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Senior
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4-H and OPEN CLASS

(Please print ALL information)

NAME: _____ **AGE** (as of Jan. 1, 2009): _____ **Check if Open Class** _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

Telephone #: (_____) _____ - _____ **COUNTY:** _____

Rabies Certificate # (for Cats and Dogs): _____ **Expiration Date:** _____

Registration deadline: Friday, June 12, 2009. Please complete and mail this form to: **Talbot County 4-H, 28577 Mary's Court Suite 1, Easton, MD 21601**

Entry fee for Small Pets is \$1.00 per exhibit.. Make check payable to: **Talbot Agricultural Center Fair Fund.**

CLASS	DESCRIPTION

Talbot County Fair and the Maryland Cooperative Extension programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age or national origin.

2009 MARYLAND POULTRY EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS:

Maryland Exhibitors:

Poultry Exhibition Requirements:

1. Obtain a Maryland Poultry Premises Registration number. Information concerning that registration is available on the MDA website at:
http://www.mda.state.md.us/animal_health/poultryreg/index.php
2. Valid copy of Avian Influenza test
3. Valid copy of Pullorum-Typhoid test
4. All poultry exhibitors must fill out a [Self Certification of Poultry Health](#) prior to loading animals and shall present it upon request to the designated fair and show representative. A new Self-Certification of Poultry Health must be completed for each additional show attended. All poultry entries must be individually tagged.

Pullorum-Typhoid: 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 microagglutination 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.

Avian Influenza: 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.

Out of State Exhibitors:

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2. Valid copy of Pullorum-Typhoid test
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Avian Influenza: All poultry (*pigeons excluded*) must originate from a flock that is currently a participant of the U.S. NPIP Avian Influenza-Clean Flock Program, or the exhibitor must have a minimum of **30 birds** (or the complete flock if fewer than 30), 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 state or federal animal health agency staff, an accredited veterinarian or a state-certified poultry technician within a 10 day period prior to movement to Maryland exhibition. Negative avian influenza test results will be good for **30 days** after issuance. Proof is to be documented on an Interstate Health Certificate or comparable state form. All poultry entries must be individually tagged.