

Preparing For a Show

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First Steps

- ARBA Shows
 - Check the website (arba.net) for show dates and flyers
 - Plan ahead!
- Show Date
 - Time, day, and date
- Show Location
 - State, city, and place
- Specialty Shows
 - Is there a specialty show?
 - More than one that day?
- Travel
 - How far?
 - Overnight?



What About the Rabbits?

- Tattoos
 - Required for ARBA shows and many 4-H shows
 - Can you read them?
 - Is the tattoo at least one week old?
 - Did you clean the extra ink out of the ear?
- Grooming
 - Clean any dirty spots
 - Prep the coat
 - Clip toenails if needed
- Carriers
 - How many are you taking?
 - Will you be gone overnight?
- Overnight
 - Travel Cups/Bottles
 - Hay and Feed
 - Water

Paperwork

- Entry Sheet
 - One per show
 - Software or Hand-written
- Remark Cards
 - May be provided at the show
 - Can be purchased
 - Labels and Stamps
- Double-Check Ear Tattoos, Sex, and Variety!
- Prepare paperwork the night before the show

A.R.B.A. OFFICIAL SHOW ENTRY and REPORT

Entry No. _____ Date of Show _____

Exhibitor(s)/Owner(s) _____
PERSONAL NAME(S) REQUIRED

Rabbitry Name (Optional) _____ ARBA # _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you a member of ARBA? YES ____ NO ____
Do you desire ribbons, if applicable? Yes ____ No ____

For Secretary's Use Only										
Breed and Variety	Ear Number	Class & Sex	Entry Fee	No. in class	Placement	Points	Cash	Specials		

Display Awards _____ Total Entry Fee _____ Total Points _____ Total Premiums _____

Sponsoring Club _____
Show Location _____
Show Secretary _____



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RABBIT SHOW REMARK CARD American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

Ear No. _____ Coop No. _____ Entry No. _____ X
Exhibitor _____ X
Address _____ X
Show _____ Date _____ X
Breed _____ Variety _____ X
Buck Doe Sr. 6/8 Jr. Pre Jr. Fryer Meat Pen Fur X

No. in Class _____ Award _____ No. Exhibitors _____
B.O.B. B.O.S. B.O.G. B.O.S.G. B.O.V. B.O.S.V.
Best Sr. Best 6/8 Best Jr. Best Pre-Jr.

	VG	G	F	P		VG	G	F	P
Head					Condition				
Ears					Butterfly				
Crown					Eye Circles				
Bone					Cheek Spots				
Type					Ear Base				
Shoulders					Side Markings				
Midsection					Spine/Herringbone				
Hindquarters					Blaze				
Fur/Wool					Cheeks				
Sheen					Neck				
Density					Saddle				
Texture					Undercut				
Color					Stops				

Remarks _____
Judge _____

What Should I Take?

- Rabbits (Obviously!)
 - Show Animals
 - Sale animals (optional)
- Carriers
 - It's good practice to always have an empty hole
- Cart
- Grooming Carpet/Table
 - Small and tidy, don't "Hog" the floor space
- Grooming Kit
- Paperwork and Pens
- Money for entries, food, etc.
- Pedigrees for sale animals

What's in a Grooming Kit?

- Spray “Mist” Bottle with water
- Paper towels
- Baby wipes
- Toe-nail clippers
- Optional:
 - Cleaning fluid (such as Rabbit Shampoo, Stain eraser, Grooming Lotion, etc.)
 - Baking Soda
 - Vinegar
 - Tattoo Kit
 - Brush or Comb depending on breed
 - Pumice stone depending on breed
 - Wool Blower depending on breed

The Night Before

- Set out your carriers
- Check each rabbit for DQ's
- Put your paperwork, pens, and any sale pedigrees in the car or in your travel bag
- Make sure you have money for entry fees, etc.
- Check your grooming kit and put it in the car
- Make sure you have a carpet/table and your cart
- Optional:
 - Groom your animals
 - Pack for an overnight show

At the Show

- Be early
- Be prompt with your entry
 - Check to be sure you've filled out all of the blanks on your paperwork
 - Double check: tattoos, breed, variety, sex, and age!
- Find a spot to put your rabbits
- Respect the other breeders
 - Stack your carriers
 - Don't bring a bunch of chairs
 - Don't set-up your table unless there is room
 - Be tidy and leave walking paths
 - Bring your rabbits to the table quickly once your breed/variety has started



Preparing for the 4-H Show

- Mark important dates on your calendar and attend your rabbit club meetings!
 - When does your fair start?
 - How many days will the rabbits be at the fair?
 - When do you show?
 - Are you competing in showmanship or the ambassador contest?

Going to the 4-H Fair

- Prep your rabbits as you would for an ARBA show
 - Check tattoos and for DQ's, groom them regularly, and clean any dirty spots
- Packing
 - Carriers, bowls/crocks, feed, hay, and water
- Check your grooming kit and refill your bottles
- Make sure you have a carpet/table and your cart
- When do you show?
 - Attire, showcoats, show numbers
- When does it start?
 - Be early, be attentive, help other 4-H members

At the 4-H Show

- Know your show's start time
- Make sure your paperwork is correct
- Be early so you can groom your rabbits and check the show schedule
- Be attentive
 - Bring your rabbits to the table quickly once your breed/variety has started
 - Help other 4-H members
- Don't
 - bring a bunch of chairs
 - set-up your table unless there is room
 - Block access to the aisles and show table(s)