

## 4-H RABBIT & CAVY Department 19

*ARBA Youth Sanctioned Show*

### **SUPERINTENDENTS**

- Tom Fitzpatrick, 301-633-3251
- Show Secretary, Kyla Butts, 301-613-3245

### **ENTRY DEADLINE: July 20, 2025**

### **ENTRY FEE**

None required.

### **ARRIVAL and CHECK-IN TIME**

- Friday, Aug. 8 from 3:00–9pm

*Late arrivals will be scratched*

Please see catalog page 176 for drop-off procedures.

### **RELEASE TIMES**

See General Rules and Regulations for animal release times.  
Please see catalog page 176 for pick-up procedures.

### **JUDGING CONTEST**

Friday Aug. 8

- 6pm in the Rabbit Barn (Written Material)

### **RABBIT SHOW**

Saturday, Aug. 9

- 8am in the Rabbit Barn

### **MARKET PEN AUCTION**

Saturday, Aug. 9

- 7pm in the Sheep Show Ring (Bldg. #36)

### **SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

Sunday, Aug. 10

- 9am in the Rabbit Barn

### **RABBIT HOPPING CONTEST**

Monday, Aug. 11

- 5:15pm in the Cattle Show Pavilion (Bldg. #16)

### **JUDGING CONTEST**

Tuesday, Aug. 12

- 9am in the Rabbit Barn (Live Judging & Reasons)

### **RABBIT PROMOTION**

Friday, Aug. 15

- 3pm in the Rabbit Barn

### OFFICIAL ARBA YOUTH SANCTIONED SHOW

- Plan on attending the 2025 ARBA Convention in Indianapolis, IN November 14-19, 2025

### **4-H Rabbits**

#### **PREMIUMS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
\$9	8	7	7	6	5	5	5	4	3

Best of Breed \$5

Best of Opposite sex in each breed \$3

### **RULES and REGULATIONS**

1. All exhibitors must comply with General Rules and Regulations.
2. All exhibited rabbits must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor by May 20 of the current year. Formal leasing agreements are permissible by May 20 of the current year and must be on file with the extension office.
3. This show will be governed and operated under the 4-H rules. In the absence of complete rules and specifications those pertinent to American Rabbit Breeder Association (ARBA) will apply. Submission of entry indicates acceptance of these rules.
4. Rabbit entries can not be made online. You must submit a hard copy to the Fair Office. Please complete Rabbit and Cavy entries on separate forms.
5. All exhibitors must be enrolled in the Montgomery County 4-H Rabbit Project. Each 4-H member must submit a Rabbit Project Record (4-H 470), updated through July 5 of the current year, to the 4-H Rabbit Superintendent by Aug. 1. Entries will be scratched if record books are not complete. Owner registration papers are due to the extension office by May 20.
6. 4-H members must have turned in a complete 4-H Rabbit Project at the end of the preceding year. This rule will not apply for first time exhibitors.
7. If mailing your project records, please allow enough time so that they reach the Superintendent by Aug. 1, of current year.
8. There will be a clinic to review entries, make corrections, tattoo as necessary, and assist entrants at the rabbit barn during the last Fair workday. No changes will be permitted after that time except scratches.
9. Any rabbits entered in the Open Show must conform with all Open Show regulations. These rabbits must also be entered on appropriate Open Show form and entry fees must accompany that entry. This process is separate from the 4-H entry.
10. More than 25 animals may be entered by exhibitors as long as space in the barn allows. Please fill out entry blanks in order of cooping preference in the event that entries exceed cooping capacity.
11. All rabbits must be permanently and legibly tattooed in the left ear as per ARBA rules.
12. All Rabbits for exhibition shall complete a "Self-Certification of Rabbit Health" document. The "Self-Certification of Rabbit Health" document will be available on the MDA website, [www.mda.state.md.us](http://www.mda.state.md.us), by January 2025 or in hard copy at the MDA Regional Offices.
13. Show Officials will inspect each rabbit at check-in time.
14. All Junior rabbits will be weighed at check-in time. Any Junior rabbit that weighs less than the minimum weights for their breed, as listed in the ARBA Standard, will be refused.
15. Only 4-Hers can put animals on the table for showing. Parents will not be allowed to put rabbits on the table for showing.
16. Each 4-H'er may enter only two rabbits for each breed in the fur and wool classes. Selection of entries may be made on day of check in.
17. Rabbit Showmanship, Judging Contests, Promotion and Hopping Contest must be pre-entered on 4-H Rabbit entry form.
18. No rabbit may be sold at the Fair unless it was entered in the Fair, and may not be sold prior to the official end of judging. No rabbit that has a physical abnormality or illness may be sold. No sold rabbit may be delivered to the purchaser before designated release time on Saturday, August 16, 2025. Further rules will be posted.
19. No does with litters, or rabbits under 2 months old will be allowed in rabbit barn for competition or sale. Market class entries will only be allowed to be sold in auction.
20. Rabbits must be on the grounds and checked in by the superintendent between 3:00-9:00pm, Friday, August 8.
21. Each 4-H'er may enter only one rabbit per breed in the Best Bred and Owned. Selection of entry may be made on day of check in. Market class entries cannot be entered in Best Bred and Owned.

22. 4-H'er must use his or her own rabbit (or leased rabbit) for showmanship contest. 4-H'er can only use cavy for showmanship if it was entered in the show. Cavy and rabbit showmanship will be judged together and 4-H'er can only compete with one animal. Only 4-H'ers exhibiting animals in the 4-H Rabbit and Cavy show, can compete in Showmanship.
23. Rabbits entered in Hopping Contest do not need to be entered in regular show. They may stay in barn in own carrying cage on Monday only and must meet all requirements of general show (Self-Certification). Hopping rabbits must be at least 6 mos old. No jrs. are allowed. All hopping rabbits must have their own carrying cage to stay in when not hopping. Rabbits cannot be carried up to the Cattle Show Pavilion in only 4-H'ers hands. Each 4-H'er may only enter one rabbit in hopping.
24. Animals in market pen entries must be bred and owned by 4-H'er and cannot be purchased from another breeder. Brood does producing market pens must be property of the 4-H'er by May 20. Other market animals must be property of the 4-H'er by June 1. Animals in market pen entries may be no older than 70 days old on Saturday, Aug. 9. Does producing market pens should be bred no earlier than May 2. Breeding dates and birthdates of market animal entries need to be turned in with Project record book to Superintendent by Aug. 1.
25. Rabbits shown in the market classes (market pen, fryer, roaster or stewart) cannot be shown in any other classes or in the open show.
26. By entering market class, 4-H'er indicates acceptance of Market pen animals being entered to sell in Market Rabbit Auction after judging.
27. 4-H'er may enter more than 1 entry in market classes but will be limited to only selling two highest placing entries.
28. Only 4-H members exhibiting rabbits in the barn or on the judging team are allowed to handle rabbits in the barn. Other 4-H'ers may volunteer in barn in other capacities but can't handle or get rabbits out of cages.
29. Rabbits used in the Promotion event must be a rabbit shown by 4-H'er in the 4-H show. The 4-H'er needs to turn in a script of 200 words or less to the show secretary at check-in on Fri., Aug. 8.
30. By entering and participating in a 4-H show you agree to abide by all rules and regulations detailed in the most current edition of the Fair catalog for each specific Department, as well as 4-H rules, 4-H Club rules and those indicated in the General Rules and Regulations.
31. To show in market classes and sell in any of the 4-H market sales, an exhibitor must be in good standing in their respective 4-H market club and have fulfilled all requirements that are indicated in the published rules for each individual 4-H market club, as determined by the 4-H Club leader(s).
32. Violations of these rules could result in consequences and/or sanctions as might be determined by 4-H and/or Fair leadership.

## CLASSES

1. Senior Buck.
2. Senior Doe.
3. Intermediate Buck (six to eight months): 6 class rabbits.
4. Intermediate Doe (six to eight months): 6 class rabbits.
5. Junior Buck.
6. Junior Doe.
7. Fur Class: white and colored.
8. Wool Class: white and colored.
9. Best Bred and Owned.
10. Market Class: Market Pen (three uniform fryers).
11. Market Class: Fryer (under 10 weeks and weighing 3.5-5.5 lbs).
12. Market Class: Roaster (under 6 months and weighing 5.5-9 lbs).
13. Market Class: Stewer (over 6 months and weighing over 8 lbs).

## PREMIUMS

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## SPECIAL AWARDS

1. **Lynn Zebroski and Family** offers a Best in Show trophy in memory of Bob, Cindy and Steve Ray.
2. **The National Capital Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.** offers a trophy for the Best of Breed and Best Opposite in the two breeds having the largest entry.
3. **Lynn Zebroski and Family** offer an award in memory of Bob, Cindy and Steve Ray, to the first place; second place; and the third place Rabbit Project Record.

4. **Dr. Robin Keyser** offers a trophy to the Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship.
5. **Dr. Tom Fitzpatrick** offers a trophy to the Champion Junior, Intermediate, and Senior in the Rabbit Judging Contest.
6. **The Bryans/Miskelly Family** offers awards in Rabbit Hopping.
7. **Mr. Gary Young** offers an award for The Shirley P. Young Memorial Award for the Best Bred and Owned Rabbit.
8. **JC & Kyla Butts** offer an award for Champion and Reserve Champion Meat Pen.
9. **Jay & Trish Udovich** offer an award for Champion Rabbit Promotion.

## 4-H CAVIES

### ENTRY DEADLINE: July 20, 2025

#### ENTRY FEE

None required.

#### ARRIVAL and CHECK-IN TIME

Saturday, August 9th by 7:30 AM. Late arrivals will be scratched.

#### RELEASE TIMES

This is a day of show only. Cavies can leave after cavy show is over and must be out of the rabbit barn before the conclusion of the rabbit show and opening of the barn to the public.

## RULES and REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors must comply with General Rules and Regulations.
2. All exhibited cavies must be bonafide property of the exhibitor by July 1 of current year. Formal leasing agreements are permissible by June 1 of the current year and must be on file with the extension office.
3. This show will be governed and operated under the 4-H rules. In the absence of complete rules and specifications those pertinent to American Rabbit Breeder Association (ARBA) will apply. Submission of entry indicated acceptance of these rules.
4. The show will take place in the Rabbit Barn before the start of the 4-H Rabbit Show.
5. Cavies will be judged by ARBA guidelines but the show will not be an ARBA sanctioned show.
6. Cavy entries can not be made online. You must submit a hard copy to the Fair Office. Use the 4-H Rabbit entry form. Please complete a separate entry form for Rabbit and Cavies.
7. All exhibitors must be enrolled in the Montgomery County 4-H Cavy Project. Each 4-H member must submit a Rabbit/Cavy Project Record (4-H 470), updated through July 10 of the current year, to the 4-H Cavy Superintendent by Aug. 1. Entries will be scratched if record books are not complete. Owner registration is due by June 1 to extension office.
8. 4-H members must have turned in a completed 4-H Record book at the end of the preceding year. This rule will not apply for the first time exhibitor.
9. If mailing your project records, please allow enough time so they reach the Superintendent by Aug 1st.
10. There will be a clinic to review entries, make corrections, and assist entrants at the Rabbit Barn during the last fair workday. No changes will be permitted after that time except scratches.
11. All cavies must be permanently and legibly marked in left ear as per ARBA rules.
12. All cavies for exhibition shall complete a "Self Certification of Cavies Health" document and must turn it into the Superintendent before the start of the show.
13. Show officials will inspect each cavy before show. Cavies must be in rabbit barn no later than 7:30 am on day of show so that the show can start on time. The cavies will be shown before the rabbits.
14. Cavies will remain in carriers during show and will not be allowed in barn cages. Cavies must be removed by the conclusion of the rabbit show and before the barn is opened to the public. This is a day of show only and no cavies will be housed in barn.
15. Only 4-H'ers can put animals on table for showing. Parents will not be allowed to put any animal on the table.
16. No cavy may be sold on the Fairgrounds.
17. Cavies may be used for the showmanship contest on Tuesday. Showmanship Cavy may be brought in a carrier during contest and leave at conclusion of contest. Cavy showmanship will be held together with the rabbit showmanship contest and 4-H'er may only compete in showmanship once, either with a cavy or rabbit but not both.

## CLASSES

1. Senior Boar
2. Senior Sow
3. Intermediate Boar
4. Intermediate Sow
5. Junior Boar
6. Junior Sow

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## SPECIAL AWARDS

1. Best in Show trophy is offered by Dr. Tom Fitzpatrick.

## INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS

### RABBIT/CAVY SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship classes will evaluate the 4-H member's ability to carry, manage and show the project animal. The member will additionally be evaluated on their own appearance and on the knowledge of the 4-H project animal and of show-ring procedures. Point percentages will be announced prior to the show.

## CLASSES

1. Junior Showmanship.
2. Intermediate Showmanship.
3. Senior Showmanship.

## PREMIUMS

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$6	4	3

### RABBIT JUDGING

Rabbit Judging Classes will evaluate the 4-H member's ability to evaluate and select for ideal breed characteristics. The members will also demonstrate knowledge of rabbit management techniques.

## CLASSES:

4. Junior Rabbit Judging.
5. Intermediate Rabbit Judging.
6. Senior Rabbit Judging.

## PREMIUMS

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$5	3	2

### RABBIT HOPPING

4-H Members train their rabbit to hop over jumps of different heights. They are evaluated on how fast they go through the course and the height of the jumps.

## CLASS

7. Rabbit Hopping.

## PREMIUMS

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$5	3	2

### RABBIT PROMOTION

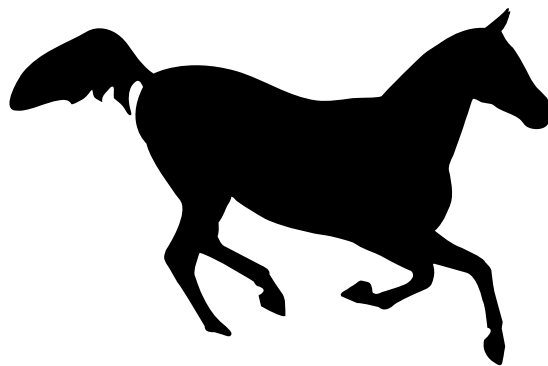
Promotion is a fun class that educates the public about different aspects of rabbits. The 4-H'er and rabbit dress up and write a script.

## CLASS

8. Rabbit Promotion.

## PREMIUMS

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$5	3	2



## 4-H HORSE & PONY Department 20

## SUPERINTENDENTS

- Lori Sewell, 301-639-3291 - 4-H Horse Barn Superintendent
- Marie Wheeler, 443-744-1426 - 4-H Horse Show Superintendent

## ENTRY DEADLINE: July 20, 2025

- Copy of current Coggins Test must accompany entry form.
- 4-H Exhibitor's name must appear in top right corner of Coggins.

## ENTRY FEE

None required.

## JUDGING

### Saturday, Aug. 9

- 9am: Grooming and Showmanship
- 10am Performance Classes

### Wednesday, Aug. 13

- 10am: Jr. & Sr. Promotion
- 10:30am: Novice & Advanced Gymkhana

### Friday, Aug. 15

- 10am: In-Hand Gymkhana
- 12pm: Written Horsemanship Contest, closes at 2pm.

## PREMIUMS

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\$12	11	10	8	7	6	6	6

## RULES and REGULATIONS

1. Ages are as of Jan. 1 of the current year: Juniors 8–10, Intermediates 11–13, Seniors 14–18. Where only Jr. and Sr. classes are called for: Jr. 8–13 and Sr. 14–18.
2. Contestants must have turned in an acceptable 4-H Horse Project Record by Jan. 2 of current year (Exception: first year members).
3. A Maryland 4-H Horse Identification Card verifying the ownership and/or lease agreement for each horse you plan to exhibit must be filed with the Extension Office by June 1st of current year.
4. A copy of the current Coggins Test **must accompany** each entry. If you enter online, you must send a copy of current Coggins to Fair Office. Exhibitor name must be printed clearly on the Coggins Test.
5. Juniors: small ponies to jump 18", Large ponies/horses two feet; Seniors: Small ponies to jump 2 feet, large ponies/horses 2'6". Small ponies will be designated under 13.2. Large ponies will be 13.2 and above for the purpose of this show. Ponies may be shown in classes designed for larger sized ponies/horses, but they must continue to be shown at that height division for the remainder of the show.
6. Horses and ponies shown in performance (under saddle) classes cannot be under three years old.