



# AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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## ARBA 2012 NATIONAL YOUTH ROYALTY CONTESTS

### PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence among ARBA youth members in attendance at the ARBA National Convention and Show; To allow these members to demonstrate a working knowledge of the rabbit and cavy industry; To explore critical thinking skills, demonstrate personal initiative and provide problem-solving, decision-making and goal-setting activities for these youth members. The ARBA considers the entrants and participants in this Royalty Contest to be our "Best & Brightest" for the continued strength and growth of our organization.

### RULES

- 1 Any ARBA youth member is eligible to compete, however, attendance at the National Convention is required.
- 2 Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- 3 Up to five pages and less than 4500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.
- 4 Include your name and ARBA membership number at the top of each page of information submitted.
- 5 Enclose a photo of yourself with this application. On the back of the photo write your Royalty age group, name, city, and state. Send photos sized no larger than 3 x 3 inches. This photo is part of your application and will be used in *Domestic Rabbits* and in the *ARBA Yearbook* if you are a Royalty winner. The best photo would be head and shoulders or waist up. You may be with your animal, but remember that you are the center of attention.
- 6 If entering online, you may upload you application and picture. If entering by mail, you must send your Contest Entry Form and THREE copies of your answers as well as your picture!

### CATEGORIES

Divisions are: King(Boys, Ages 15-18 years), Queen(Girls, Ages 15-18 years), Duke(Boys, Ages 12-14 years), Duchess(Girls, Ages 12-14 years), Prince(Boys, Ages 9-11 years), Princess(Girls, Ages 9-11 years), Lord(Boys, Ages 5-8 years), Lady(Girls, Ages 5-8 years). Age is determined by the contestant's age on the last day of the National Convention. Winners will be announced at the Youth Banquet at the ARBA National Convention.

### CONTEST SCORING

Final Scores for the Royalty Contests will be the sum of the scores for each of the five components of the contest. The components are: Application(200 points), Written Examination(200 points), Oral Interview(200 points), Breed Identification(200 points), and the age-appropriate Individual Contest(200 points).

### CONTEST COMPONENTS

#### Pre-Convention:

Applications will be judged on the following criteria: Size and Scope of Project(30 points); Purpose, Goals & Plans for the Future(30 points); Management(30 points); Achievement(40 points); Leadership(40 points); Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers & Neatness of Application(30 points). Applications that do not follow the rules listed above will be assessed a penalty of 10 points per infraction, with the exception of late applications which will be assessed a penalty of 20 points for up to one week late and disqualification for later than one week.

#### Saturday, October 27, 2012:

Each Royalty contestant will compete in the Individual Contest that is age-appropriate, with the exception of Lord and Lady Contestants. Prince and Princess Contestants will participate in the Showmanship Contest (*please see the individual contest rules for more information*). Contestants will be scored on their ability to handle and evaluate an animal. A sample score sheet is available on the ARBA website Duke, Duchess, King and Queen Candidates will participate in the Judging Contest (*please see the individual contest rules for more information*). Each contestant will judge four classes of four animals. This is a timed event of 7 minutes per class. Placements will be made on special forms provided. The use of the *ARBA Standard of Perfection* at the judging table is encouraged. The use of judging aids or placing markers should be of very minimal size.

Each Royalty contestant will compete in the Breed Identification Contest (*please see the individual contest rules for more information*). Contestant will be required to identify 25 animals, both rabbits and cavies, listing the complete breed name as printed in the *ARBA Standard of Perfection*. They will also identify the showroom variety, whether a 4 class or 6 class breed, and the registration variety of each of the 25 animals. No abbreviations are accepted.

**Sunday, October 28, 2012:**

All contestants will take a Written Examination at the convention. The questions for this test will be taken from the *ARBA Official Guidebook*, the *ARBA Yearbook*, the *ARBA Standard of Perfection*, the *ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide*, issues of *Domestic Rabbits* from Jan/Feb, 2011 to present, and the ARBA Web Site. Lord and Lady Contestants will be provided help in reading their test. Test answers will be recorded on optical scan answer sheets. Utmost care will be needed to assure the correct recording of answers for accurate scoring.

**Monday, October 29, 2012:**

All contestants will participate in an Oral Interview. By 4:00 p.m. on examination day, the order of oral interviews will be posted. Contestants for interviews should be in proper showroom attire with a show coat, apron with long sleeved shirt or, at minimum, a long sleeve white shirt. If the Youth Committee determines that it is not feasible to interview every contestant in a category, the total points received for the other four components will be used to determine those contestants that will be interviewed.

**Tuesday, October 30, 2012:**

Results will be announced at the Youth Banquet. Results packets will be available from your ARBA Director, or their representative, following the awards presentations.

### ENTRY PROCEDURES

Entry must be made **online** or on the form provided by the ARBA Youth Department. This form is available from your ARBA District Director, the ARBA office, the ARBA Youth Website, and the ARBA Youth Committee. **NO EMAIL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Mailed entries must be postmarked by September 1, 2012 and should be mailed to the ARBA Youth Chairperson.

- **FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THE ARBA CONTEST APPLICATIONS, PLEASE SEE THE SUPPLEMENT "APPLICATION TIPS", AVAILABLE ON THE ARBA WEBSITE AND THE ARBA ENTRY FORMS PACKET.**

## ARBA NATIONAL YOUTH ROYALTY CONTEST APPLICATION

### QUESTIONS

- 1 When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
- 2 How and when did you get started in your project? Include names of those who have helped you the most.
- 3 Name the breed(s) you raise and how many animals you have in each breed. Include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
- 4 What have you done to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?
- 5 List your memberships in rabbit &/or cavy related organizations. Include the name of each club (no abbreviations) and the number of years you have been a member.
- 6 What offices or committees have you served on in local, state, or national rabbit or cavy clubs?
- 7 How have you been a leader in your project?
- 8 List outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned.
- 9 List outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in this project.
- 10 Describe the housing & equipment for your animals, be very specific.
- 11 What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project?
- 12 Describe the records you keep and how you keep them.
- 13 What are your goals for this project?
- 14 How do you feel your project will help you in your future endeavors?
- 15 What would you like us to know that has not been asked?
- 16 If you win this award, a short description of your achievements will be printed in *Domestic Rabbits*. Write what you would like to be printed in 300 to 600 words. Please Note: This is a separate page and does not count toward the word count or the page count. Failure to include this question will result in a 20 point deduction.

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