

TEXAS 4-H RABBIT EXTRAVAGANZA 2009



Coryell County Activities Complex
Gatesville, Texas
Saturday, November 21, 2009
4hRabbitEvents@ag.tamu.edu
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/rabbits.html>

Entry and Other General Information

Entry Process : All entries must be submitted through 4-H Connect.

4-H CONNECT is a 4-H Member and Family Registration Program. Each 4-H family should establish a family profile and “enroll” their 4-H members on this system. Once the membership record is approved by your county, you will be assigned a Membership ID and you will then be able to register for this 4-H event.

EARLY ENTRY ONLY: All registration must be done using 4-H Connect.
Registration open from October 1 - October 19, 2009
 Instructions for using 4-H Connect can be obtained at the Texas 4-H website <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

ENTRY FEE \$10 per youth (includes a t-shirt)
 Rabbits \$3.25 per entry (meat pen of 3 is ONE entry)
 Special Events \$1.50 per entry
 Fees must be paid in full via e-check or credit card at time of entry.

ENTRIES: Rabbits may only be shown by one 4-Her. Entries submitted in the name of more than one 4-H'er or entries **without ear tattoos listed will not be processed nor accepted.**

SUBSTITUTIONS: Entries may be changed the morning of the show as long as they are the same class, same sex and the same variety. Therefore the ONLY thing that can be changed is the rabbit's tattoo number. All changes must be made before the show begins. \$3 per head substitution fee. (Cash ONLY, correct change.)
NO ADDITIONAL OR NEW RABBIT OR SPECIAL EVENT ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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RULES COMMITTEE:
 Eddie Bruton, Cheryl Palumbo
 and Kathy Brase

LOCATION: Coryell County Activities Complex, 303 Veterans Memorial Loop
 Gatesville, TX 76528 (Hwy 84 just east of town behind ball parks)
Dirt exhibit and staging area floor. NO ANIMALS ALLOWED INSIDE THE COMPLEX.

4-H RABBIT EXTRAVAGANZA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Showroom Opens 7:00 a.m.

NOTE: All staging / exhibitors grooming areas will be in the south side of the facility. The Show will be held in the north side - exhibitors will not be allowed to set up in the north side.

RABBIT Check-in (make substitutions now!) 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
\$3 per head substitution fee. (Cash only, correct change.)

Check-in for Poster, Art, Photo and T-Shirt Design (at designated areas) . . . 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
NO LATE ENTRIES OR SUBSTITUTIONS OF SPECIAL EVENTS

*Poster, Art and Photo entries must remain on display until 3:00 p.m.
 (OR LATER IF JUDGING IS NOT COMPLETE)*

4-H Special Contests Begins in Designated Locations 9:00 a.m.
Awards will be presented as judging is completed. (Approximately 3 p.m.)

★	Breed Identification	9:00 a.m. - noon
★	Hands-On Rabbit Judging	9:00 a.m. - noon
★	Best Dressed Rabbit	9:00 a.m. - noon
★	Showmanship	9:00 a.m. - noon

These events are run on a “come and go” basis. Participants should check in with the special event coordinator at the event location when they are ready to participate. Please do not wait until noon to check in for these special events or you may not get to participate! Event chairmen will work with those who have schedule conflicts.

Opening Ceremonies and Welcome 10:00 a.m.
Rabbits Judging begins immediately following ceremonies.
*Show order and table assignments will be posted in the judging area.
 Judging will begin with the Pens of Three and Single Fryers*

Poster, Art and Photo entries released 3:00 p.m.
(IF JUDGING IS COMPLETE)

4-H Silent Auction closes 1:30 p.m.

4-H Silent Auction “payout” closes 2:00 p.m.

The **Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza** is a state wide competition open to enrolled, Texas 4-H members of official 4-H age. It is not open to clover kids. Rabbits are judged and placed based on a universally accepted *Standard of Perfection*. This will not be an A.R.B.A. nor a T.R.B.A. sanctioned show, but all rules will pertain to judging rabbits.

SILENT AUCTION:

A silent auction will be held. Exhibitors, clubs, counties, vendors and others are asked to support this effort by bringing and donating quality items - i.e. rabbit craft projects, equipment or other items that will interest those attending the show. Donations may be turned in at show check-in! Auction will close at 1:30 and payout must be completed by 2:00 p.m.

AWARDS

Rabbit Show: First through third place winners in each category will receive ribbons. Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex will receive trophies. In addition trophies will be awarded for Best of Show, 1st runner up of show, 2nd runner up of show, Best of the Best Opposites, and 1st runner up of Best Opposites.

Special Events: First place winners in each age division will receive trophies unless otherwise noted. Ribbons will be awarded for second through third place in all age categories.

SPECIAL 4-H RABBIT CONTESTS - Supt. Cheryl Palumbo
SPECIAL EVENTS GENERAL INFORMATION

EXHIBITOR AGE DIVISIONS:

Junior ages **8 and in the 3rd grade or 9-10 years old as of August 31, 2009**

Intermediate ages **11-12-13 years old as of August 31, 2009**

Senior ages **14-18 years old on August 31, 2009.**

Must not have passed 19th birthday - i.e. if age 18 on August 31st and turn age 19 on September 1st, the youth is eligible.

Contest design and age appropriateness does not allow Clover 4-H participants to compete in any contest, but they are welcome to observe and learn in preparation for future years!

Adult and teen volunteers are asked to assist in any way possible to help make these contest run smoothly. If you would like to volunteer in any way, email us at 4hrabbitevents@ag.tamu.edu to let us know how best you can help! Volunteers can also check with us at the event if you want to help!

Youth assistants may NOT enter an event for which they are providing rabbits or other type of leadership or assistance for the show.

RABBIT ART CONTEST:

Purpose: To display your creative skills using various methods of artistic creativity. All work must be original and done by the 4-H member since the 2008 Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza and MUST contain a rabbit or its likeness. Entries will be classified as 1) Graphic - to include drawings, colorings, etchings, paintings. 2) Handicrafts - to include sewing, baskets, embroidery, etc. - Identification tags will be provided at show check-in. The first place entry from graphic and handicraft in each age division will be awarded a trophy.

RABBIT PHOTO CONTEST:

Purpose: To display your creative skills using a camera. All pictures must be taken by the 4-H member since the 2008 TX 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza. All photos must include one or more “real” rabbits. Each photo may be entered in only ONE category (the same picture can not be color and b&w). Categories will include: Color Humor, Color Rabbit (single rabbit breed photos), Color Rabbits and People, Color Open (all others), Black & White (all) and may be taken with any camera.. First place winners in each category will be considered for AGE division grand champion trophy.

All photos must be 8 inches x 10 inches in dimension. All prints must be permanently mounted on solid photographic mount board or a board of like thickness no larger than 8 x 10 inches suitable for hanging, without an additional frame. No framed photos. Do not pre-label exhibits.

Identification tags will be furnished upon check-in at the Extravaganza.

SHOWMANSHIP:

Purpose: Provide youth an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to professionally examine a rabbit as a judge would do in competition. Judges may ask several “standard” questions that will be age appropriate. Judges will be fair and consistent with all judging and will have experience in this field. Some youths will be asked to do showmanship more than one time to determine winners in case of ties. The Texas 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Guidelines and score form will be used as the standard for judging.

2010 T-Shirt Design (Concept):

We’re looking for new original ideas! Come up with a slogan, cute sketch, or concept for the 2010 extravaganza. Can’t draw, no problem! Computers generated graphics (winner may be asked to submit in digital format), drawings, stick figures with word descriptions or other creative ways to get your idea across are permissible! Entries will be judged by the 4-H youth exhibitors at the show. Be sure to check your registration packet for voting information! One vote per exhibitor.

Submit your idea, drawing, sketch, theme on 8 ½ X 11 paper.

GENERAL SHOW RULES

This is a YOUTH SHOW. We encourage each young person to accept the responsibility of his/her rabbit project by placing their rabbits on and off the judging table. No adult will be allowed to place rabbits on the table for youth. With the many activities of the day youth are reminded that it is important to remember that showing your rabbit when it is called to the table is your main priority. Please try to participate in as many activities as you wish, but always be ready when your rabbits are called to the table.

YOUTH MUST PLACE RABBITS ON THE TABLE

1. All stock must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and **must be permanently and clearly tattooed in the left ear**. Tattoo must NOT be freshly done.
2. Please pick up remark cards and ribbons at the end of the show before you leave. **They will not be mailed.**
3. Rabbits will be called to the table three times only. If, after the 3rd call, your rabbit is still not on the table, it will be listed as a “no show”.
4. No exhibitor or spectator will be allowed in the judging area.
5. Any animal showing signs of disease or sickness will be removed from the showroom area and will not be accepted for judging.
6. The superintendent/show committee reserves the right to make any necessary changes.
7. There will be no changes after judging begins.
8. No carriers will be allowed under judging tables at any time.
9. Meat pens will consist of three rabbits – all of the same breed and variety. Entries will be eliminated if more than one breed or variety is in the same pen. Age limit not over 10 weeks, weight limit not over 5 pounds for each rabbit and not under 3 pounds. If any one rabbit in the pen is disqualified, the whole pen becomes disqualified. Single fryers will be judged by the same standards. Do not have to own the doe from which meat pens are selected. Meat pens must be in possession at least 30 days before the Extravaganza.
10. **NO DOGS or OTHER ANIMALS** will be allowed in the showroom. Exception: Dogs used to aid the visually impaired will be allowed.
11. All judges decisions will be final.
12. Young people choosing not to show a live animal are welcome to register and participate in any of the additional contests offered.
13. All participants must be academically eligible to participate in any aspect of this event.
14. This is a one day carrier - ALL CARRIERS MUST HAVE WATER PROOF BOTTOMS.
15. Bring lawn chairs for the family as chairs /bleachers are not available.
16. ***If you are leaving the show early and you have a BEST OF BREED winner, please inform the show secretary of scratch.***

The Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza Booster Club, Texas Agrilife Extension Service, Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program, Coryell County and its employees will assume no responsibility in case of theft, accident, or other destruction of your property. However, every precaution will be taken to eliminate any danger in the showroom. **Parents will be held responsible for all of their children's actions.**

Coryell County 4-H Council will have a concession stand with breakfast & lunch items. Please plan to support them!

Lodging Facilities

Ramada

111 N. Hwy 36 Bypass
Gatesville, TX 76528
(254) 865-1207
Ask for the 4-H rate

Best Western

2501 E. Main Street
Gatesville, TX 76528
(254) 865-2281
Ask for the 4-H Rabbit rate (limited # rooms will be held until Nov 12th)

Regency Motor Inn

2307 E. Main Street
Gatesville, TX 76528
(254) 865-8405

Weston Inn Suites & RV Park

711 West McGregor Dr.
McGregor, TX 76657
(254) 840-0444

Gatesville RV park

254.248-2008
(mention TX 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza)

BOOTH SPACES

A limited number of vendor spaces are available for product sales. Booth space rental is \$75.00 for individuals/organizations or businesses. (You must provide your own tables) If you are interested please contact Marilyn Prause at 4hrabbitevents@ag.tamu.edu

4-H information can be found on the web at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

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