



ESSEX COUNTY RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

ECR&CBA Midnight Madness 2023
4pm Saturday, August 19th, 2023

DOUBLE OPEN & YOUTH RABBIT & CAVY SHOWS

Rabbit & Cavy Barn
Topsfield Fairgrounds
Route 1, Topsfield, Massachusetts
Note: This is an **EVENING** show!



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2023 Show Notes

Covid-19 gave us the unique opportunity to re-think our show format. Last year, our club tried a triple "Summer Solstice" show, which we intended to have on the last weekend of June. However, we ran into an ARBA "Grand Opening" party that weekend at their new facility in Pennsylvania. So we moved the show to the first weekend in July. That day was miserably hot and being 4th of July weekend, it was also expensive for travel and interfered when many club member's vacation and travel plans. We tried again this year, but found that ARBA was now having an "Anniversary Party" that last weekend in June. So back to the drawing board...

A bit of history: For many years, it had been very difficult to find judges for our traditional late April/Early May show date due to the large Ohio show as well as all of the national club shows held during this time period. In addition, the show secretary now has other obligations the first weekend in May as well as the first weekend in August (our traditional "Midnight Madness" show date.)

So this year, we had our Spring Show the first Sunday in June. That did not conflict with any regional shows. It was a double open and double youth show. Midnight Madness will be on the 3rd Saturday in August (August 19th). As in the past, it will be a late afternoon/evening show, and will also be a double open & double youth show. This show has traditionally only an open show. New for this year, we've added the youth sanctions as well, and moved the start time up to 4pm. Hopefully, we'll be done by Midnight!

Health Certificates

This is *NOT* a fair show, so health certificates (OCVI or Official Certificate Veterinary Inspection) are NOT required for entry into the ARBA sanctioned open and youth shows.

The Topsfield Fair Show on Saturday, September 29th will require OCVI certificates for all livestock show entries. That includes rabbits & cavies.

Essex County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association

Official ARBA Sanctioned Show

Eric Stewart, Executive Director, www.arba.net

PO Box 400, Knox, PA 16232

Dues: Individual - \$20.00 per year, \$50.00 for 3 years;

Husband/Wife - \$30.00 per year, \$75.00 for 3 years

Youth- \$12 per year \$30 for 3 years

**THE 100TH AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
FOR 2023 WILL BE HELD IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY OCTOBER 7-11**

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SHOW COMMITTEE

Show Secretary - Karen Walrath

Show Superintendent - Jeff Schiller

Open & Youth Entries:	\$4.00 per animal, per show \$1.50 per rabbit, per show
Ear # substitutions at the show	First 2 free, \$1.00 each additional (Must be same sex, age, and variety.)
Class changes at show:	If it is DQ'd in Show A because it is in the wrong class, we'll gladly fix it for show B
Postmark Deadline:	Monday, August 14th, 2023 Must be received by August 17th
Mail Entries to:	Karen Walrath 159 Newport St Arlington, MA 02476
Web entry submission Deadline:	Wednesday, August 16th, 2023, 11:59pm
Late entries (web entry only):	\$5.00 per animal per show for new entries Deadline: Friday August 18th, 11:59pm
Day of show entries:	\$6.00 per animal per show, must checkin at show by 3pm.
Website:	www.ecrcba.org
Questions? Trouble with Website? Send mail to	shows@ecrcba.org

Entries can be submitted at Website Address: <https://ecrcba.org>

With Payment via Stripe (credit card processor), or pay on day of show.

Note: We provide a web-form worksheet for your entries.

You may edit, add to, and update this until close of entries.

Late entries are \$5 per animal for new entries (not including changes or corrections to existing entries), after 12:01am on Thursday, with a deadline of 11:59pm on Friday. Day of show entries are \$6 per animal per show, and you must arrive before 3pm to check in. Email confirmation will be sent when web submission is received.

**If you cancel the day of the show you must still pay your entry fee
(As a courtesy, please let the Show Secretary know that you can't make it.)**



SANCTIONED RABBIT BREEDS**

Cavies, Belgian Hares, Beveren, Dutch, English/French lops, Florida White, Holland Lop, Lionheads, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, New Zealand, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin/Mini Satin

Youth Sanctions: Britannia Petites, English/French Lops, Florida White, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lionheads, Mini Lop, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rhinelander

**** Current list as of 7/30/2023. Check the on-line catalog for updates.**

If you'd like to sponsor a breed sanction, contact the Show Secretary!

Thanks to Tracy Dollins for sponsoring the Rhinelander sanctions

Shannon & Lee Kelly for sponsoring the Belgian Hare sanctions

Ocean View Polish for sponsoring the youth Polish sanctions

Robin Estrella for sponsoring the youth Britannia Petite, Jersey Wooly, and Netherland Dwarf sanctions

Marcia Edwards for the Beveren sanctions

Ashley Schoenborn for the Satin Sanctions

This is an all-breed show -- All ARBA recognized breeds and breeds with working standards are welcome. You must bring your working standard.

Breed sanctions are ONLY for national club sweepstakes points for those who are members of a breed's national club. All ARBA recognized breeds, if shown, are eligible for ARBA Legs and awards.

JUDGES

Judges: Jennifer Burr (NY), Mary Anne Chmura (NY, Cavies), Vinnie Consiglio (MA), Mark Fiorentino (NH), James Goodrich (NY, R/C), Josh Humphries (TN)

Registrar: Alicia Trickett

If you are bringing a large number of animals to be registered, please reach out to Ali ahead of time.

The registration papers are taking a long time to get in.

RAFFLES

ECR&CBA will run a 50/50 cash raffle.

VENDORS

Vendors are welcome. Town Vendor permit required.

Please contact the show secretary (we will apply for it on your behalf.)

KITCHEN

Great Scott's 4H club will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza and beverages during the show

PJ Party

We don't want to disrupt the show to have a "contest", but if are wearing your PJs, come to the secretary's table after dark and pick out a prize.

Open to Adults and Youth.

TROPHIES & AWARDS

There will be special awards (or Trophies) for BIS & RIS Rabbit & Cavy

Awards will be given for BOB and BOS for all breeds with 10+ Animals shown.

Trophies, Rosettes, Coop Cups, and special awards (tshirts & mugs only for Midnight Madness).

This show is dedicated to all of the ECR&CBA members that have passed.

This year, we remember Mike DeNuzzio, Sr, Harry McLaughlin, and Martin Wies



DIRECTIONS

From Points South:

Take Route 95 North to Exit 50. (Rte 1)

Follow Route 1 north to the Fairgrounds on right.

(At the 128/95 split - exit 45, make sure you stay *right* for I-95.)

From Points North:

Take Route 95 South to Exit 53. (Rte 97)

Follow Route 97 south to Route 1. Follow Route 1 south to Fairgrounds on left.

GPS address: 207 Boston Street, Topsfield, MA 01983

LOCAL HOTELS, MOTELS, INNS

Motel 6

65 Newbury St (Rt 1 North)
Danvers, MA
978-774-8045

Homewood Suites

57 Newbury St (Rt 1 North)
Peabody, MA
978-536-5050

Hampton Inn

59 Newbury St (Rt 1 North)
Peabody, MA
978-536-2020

Best Western

50 Dayton St
Danvers, MA
978-777-1700

Comfort Inn

102 Newbury St (Rt 1 South)
Danvers, MA
978-880-7717

DoubleTree Danvers

50 Ferncroft Rd
Danvers, MA
978-777-2500

Candlewood Suites

238 Andover St (114 at Rt. 1)
Danvers, MA
978-777-6222

Holiday Inn

1 Newbury St (Rt 1 North)
Peabody, MA
978-535-4600

Peabody Marriott

8A Centennial Dr
Peabody, MA
978-977-9700

Lakeview Motor Lodge

5 Lakeview Ave
Beverly, MA
978-296-8613

Red Roof Inn

19 Commerce Way
Woburn, MA
781-935-7110

Knight's Inn

219 Newbury St
Danvers, MA
978-774-6500

**Last we knew DOES NOT ALLOW
Rabbits/Cavies ON PROPERTY**

SHOW RULES

1. The show will be governed by the show rules and standard of perfection of the ARBA. Entry indicates acceptance of these rules and any other rule set by this club. The current ARBA show rules can be found on their website: www.arba.net.
2. JUDGING WILL START AT 4PM.
3. **ABSOLUTELY NO PHONE ENTRIES.** Entries with full payment must be postmarked by the closing date to be accepted, per ARBA show rule section 19. Entries not meeting this requirement will be returned. Be sure to include your telephone number with your entry in case we have questions. **No Email entries. Please use our Website for electronic entry. Entries \$4 prior to entry deadline, 11:59pm Wednesday, August 16th. Late entries are \$5 each. Day of show entries \$6, and you must check in before 3pm for your entries to be accepted.**
4. Make checks payable to the Essex County Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association (ECR & CBA) and mail with entry to show secretary.
5. All entries must be paid to the secretary before judging starts. All un-shown entries will be billed by ECRCBA and future entries will not be accepted until past due accounts are paid. Checks that are returned will be subject to any fees that the bank assesses, handling charges and postage. After being notified by registered mail, the checks will be turned over to local police departments and the exhibitor will not be allowed to exhibit at future shows until account is paid. **NO PAYBACKS, LEGS OR POINTS** will be awarded until checks have cleared the bank.
6. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor(s) prior to entry. Each owner's personal name must be listed on the entry form.
7. The ECRCBA will not assume responsibility for loss of or injury to exhibitors' animals. All reasonable care will be used by the association in handling animals.
8. Sick or diseased animals shall not be brought into the showroom. The Show Superintendent has the right to examine any entry. Contagious animals will be removed from the showroom immediately, and entry fees forfeited.
9. Judging will be done in cages made for this purpose.
10. Do not ask for specific judges.
11. The judge's decisions will be final except in cases of absolute fraud. Protests must be filed with the show superintendent within 2 hours after judging and must be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00 which will be refunded if protest is sustained.
12. No one except the judge and his/her assistants are allowed behind the tables. Anyone interfering with the judging will have their entry eliminated without refund. Anyone wishing to assist a judge must write to the Superintendent and the Judge with whom they wish to work prior to the show.
13. This association reserves the right to appoint another judge or other judges in place of or in addition to those listed.
14. All rabbits are to be tattooed in the left ear with legible and permanent identification. All cavies must be tagged to be shown.
15. Ear# changes will be free for the first two changes. Each change thereafter will be \$1.00. Must be same sex and variety. Scratches are non-refundable.
16. **NO COOP NUMBERS THIS SHOW! Please make sure your tattoos are legible!**
17. A registrar will be available to register animals at the fairgrounds.
18. This is a CARRYING CASE SHOW. Carrying cages must have solid, leak-proof bottoms.
19. No open alcoholic beverages permitted in the building or on the fairgrounds.
20. Due to limited space in the building, please keep your carriers organized compactly and avoid using jumbo chairs inside. Leave aisles open for travel. There will be canopies set up out back, and you are welcome to bring your own canopies.
21. All grooming with blowers must occur outside. There are outlets at the back of the building for your blowers. Because food is served in the barn, grooming that causes fur to fly is not allowed inside. (A quick brush & fluff before showing is fine.)
22. No animals will be allowed in the dining area.
23. ARBA no longer requires comment cards to be filled out by the host club. Exhibitors will be expected to fill out their own comment cards. We will have a supply of comment cards available at the secretary's booth for exhibitors. Writers, at their discretion, may fill the cards out, but are not required to.
24. Youth exhibitors may enter sanctioned youth shows between the ages of five (5) and eighteen (18) years. An adult cannot show in youth classes at any time. Youth exhibitors are not required to carry their own animals to the table, however Youth entries must be carried and put onto judging tables by youth, not adults! Youth may show in either open or youth, but may not show the same animal in both during the same show (eg. Youth A and Open A is not allowed, but Youth A and Open B is allowed).

National Club Information

The most up-to-date national club information for sanctioned breeds can be found at www.arba.net/natl_specialty.htm/. If you'd like a printed copy, please contact the show secretary.

Exhibitor #: _____ Date: _____
 Exhibitor's Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____ ARBA #: _____ (optional)
 Email address: _____ (optional)

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ENTRY BLANK All Shows (A, B, Open or Youth)									
Open or Youth	Show		Ear #	Breed	Variety	Class (SR, Int, JR)	Sex	Fur (\$1.50 extra)	Total Fees
	A	B							

Total Fees Enclosed: _____

OPEN & YOUTH SHOW SECRETARY
 Karen Walrath, 159 Newport St, Arlington, MA 02476
 Make Checks Payable to ECR&CBA

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