

Junior Fur & Feathers Department

RABBITS

Fur & Feathers Coordinator: Lenore Ryan, Sebastopol

Rabbit Coordinator: Karen Corda, Novato

Breed & Showmanship Judge: Randy Shumaker, Tollhouse

Timeline & Rules

Entry Forms Due → On or before Thursday, May 10, 5 pm, Fair Office

Note: You may enter online at marinfair.org through Friday, June 1

Entry Fee → \$4.50 per Rabbit, \$7 per Meat Pen

Entry fee must accompany Form. – Entry Fee includes feed, water, & care – No Entry Fee for Showmanship or Fur, but do include Showmanship and Fur entries on your entry form.

Wristband Fee → \$15 per exhibitor – includes five day Fair admission (Include wristband fee on your entry form.)

Entry Limit → Three Rabbits per Class per Division, Not to Exceed 12 Animals and 2 Meat Pens

Arrival Time → Saturday, June 30, 8 am to 10 am, Barnyard

Mandatory Meeting for Exhibitors and Parents → Saturday, June 30, 10:30 am, Fur & Feathers Tent – Wristbands will be distributed at the meeting.

Breed Judging → Sunday, July 1, 9 am

Showmanship → Sunday, July 1, 15 minutes after conclusion of Breed Judging – Workshop followed by Novice, Primary, Junior, & Senior

Awards Ceremony → Wednesday, July 4, 4 pm, Fur & Feathers Tent

Cage Cleaning → Wednesday, July 4, 5 pm, Fur & Feathers Tent

Departure Time → Wednesday, July 4, 6 pm to 7 pm, Barnyard
RABBITS MUST BE REMOVED BY 7 PM.

- 1. Eligibility:** Open to Marin, Sonoma, & Napa County junior residents.
- 2. Rules:** Definition and judging procedures as prescribed in the latest edition of the Guide Book and the Standard of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. shall apply to all District and County Fair rabbit shows, provided they do not conflict with any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions of the Department of Food and Agriculture.
- 3. Entry Forms & Fees:** Mail entry forms and fees to the Marin County Fair, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA, 94903. Entry forms are available through the Fair Entry Office, 415.473.7048 or enter online at marinfair.org.
- 4. Credentials:**
 - a.** Fur and Feather (Poultry & Rabbit) exhibitors that are exhibiting for the duration of the five day Fair will be charged a \$15 fee for a wristband. The wristband will be their five day admission credential. If you do not bring your animal, you will forfeit your wristband (no refunds). No wristbands will be given or sold to non-exhibitors. Exhibitors participating in one day shows will not be eligible for the purchase of wristbands.

- b. A replacement fee of \$20 will be charged for lost or detached wristbands.
 - c. Parents & Volunteers assisting in the Fur and Feather Tent will be issued complimentary admission/parking credentials based on the number of days they are volunteering.
 - d. If any exhibitor or parent gives their credential or wristband to any other person, all privileges will be revoked, and cash awards may be withheld. This rule will be strictly enforced.
5. **Disqualification:** A judge or fair management may remove a rabbit from competition if it appears to be fatigued or out of condition.
 6. **Identification:** All animals must be identified by permanent tattoo number conforming with the number listed on entry form. Duplications of numbers are not allowed. Substitutions must be made two weeks prior to the Fair. If you need assistance in tattooing, call the Fair Entry Office at 415.473.7048. No tattooing will be permitted on the fairgrounds.
 7. **Ownership:** Entrants must have owned their animals 30 days prior to closing date of Fair entries.
 8. **Feeding:** Feed and water dishes will be supplied. Rabbits will be fed for you. If you wish to feed your own rabbits, they should be fed before the Fair opens.
 9. **Liability:** Fair Management is not responsible for rabbits if illness or death occurs.
 10. **Mandatory Meeting:** All exhibitors and their parents are required to attend a meeting in the Fur and Feathers Tent on Saturday, June 30 at 10:30 am. Passes will be distributed at this time.
 11. **Cage Cleaning:** Exhibitors are required to clean their cages on Wednesday, July 4, beginning at 5 pm. Cages must be clean before rabbits are released.
 12. **Exhibit Reclaim:** Entries must be picked up in person, or any other person must have a signed letter or authorization from the exhibitor.
 13. **Rabbit Area is Air Conditioned.**

HEAVYWEIGHT BREEDS

Division

700 – American

701 – Californian

702 – Champagne D'Argent

703 – New Zealand

704 – All Other

Heavyweight Breeds

Class (Classes for Divisions 700 thru 704)

- 1 Senior Buck, 8 months of age and over
- 2 Senior Doe, 8 months of age and over
- 3 Intermediate Buck, 6 months of age and under 8 months
- 4 Intermediate Doe, 6 months of age and under 8 months
- 5 Junior Buck, under 6 months of age
- 6 Junior Doe, under 6 months of age

Junior Rabbit Breed Classes Cash Awards

Sponsored by ~ **Tim & Sue Barnes, Fairfax**

LIGHTWEIGHT BREEDS

Division

705 – Dutch

706 – Florida White

707 – Himalayan

708 – Holland Lop

709 – Jersey Wooley

710 – Lionhead:
recognized varieties

711 – Lionhead:
unrecognized varieties
(not eligible for
Best of Breed)

712 – Mini Lop

713 – Mini Rex

714 – Netherland Dwarf

715 – Polish

716 – All Other Light
Weight Breeds

Class (Classes for Divisions 705 thru 716)

7 Senior Buck, 6 months of age & over

9 Junior Buck, under 6 months of age

8 Senior Doe, 6 months of age & over

10 Junior Doe, under 6 months of age

Division 717 Mixed Breeds

NOTE: Mixed breeds are not eligible for Best of Show or Best Reserve trophies.

Class 11 Bucks

12 Does

Division 718 Neutered Animals

NOTE: Neutered rabbits are not eligible for Best of Show or Best Reserve trophies.

Class 13 Neutered Bucks

14 Neutered Does

Division 719 Fur Animals

Class

15 Normal, White

17 Lionhead

19 Satin

16 Normal, Colored

18 Rex

20 Wool

American System of Judging – Awards Offered per Class

(Awards for Divisions 700 through 719)

1st Place ----- \$8 & Ribbon

2nd Place ----- \$5 & Ribbon

3rd Place ----- \$4 & Ribbon

4th Place ----- \$3 & Ribbon

5th Place ----- \$2 & Ribbon

Best of Division ----- \$10 & Rosette

Best Rabbit of Show ----- \$50 & Rosette

Best Reserve Rabbit of Show ----- \$25 & Rosette

Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor ----- \$50 & Trophy

Junior Rabbit Best of Division Awards

Sponsored by ~ Ann Corda & Family, Novato

Junior Rabbit Best of Show Cash Award

Sponsored by ~ Karen Corda Rabbitry, Novato

Junior Rabbit Fur Classes Cash Awards

Sponsored by ~ McClure Dairy, Inverness

Junior Rabbit Special Awards Sponsored by ~

The Drady Family in Memory of Carol Hughes & Lori Hughes

Division 720 Meat Pens

Scorecard For Judging Meat Pens

Meat Type-----	40%
Condition of Flesh -----	30%
Uniformity in Body and Weight -----	20%
Fur -----	10%
Total Score-----	100%

Class

Entry Limit: Two Meat Pens per Exhibitor

- 21** Meat Pen - A trio of three rabbits, same breed, 3.5 (minimum) to 5.5 pounds (maximum) each, under 70 days of age

American System of Judging – Awards Offered per Class

1st Place-----	\$25* & Ribbon
2nd Place -----	\$20 & Ribbon
3rd Place-----	\$15 & Ribbon
4th Place -----	\$10 & Ribbon
5th Place -----	\$5 & Ribbon
Best of Show Meat Pen-----	Rosette

2017 Best Meat Pen & Best Fur Animal – Megan Binford – Tri-Valley 4-H

***First Place Rabbit Meat Pen Cash Award**

Sponsored by ~ Karen Corda Rabbitry, Novato

Division 721 Rabbit Showmanship

NOTE: Rabbits used for showmanship must be exhibited June 30 through July 4. Showmanship entries will be accepted July 1. Age as of January 1, 2018.

Class

- 22** Novice Showmanship (A Novice is someone who has never competed in a rabbit showmanship contest before, regardless of age.)
- 23** Primary Showmanship 5 – 8 Years of age (Danish Judging System)
- 24** Junior Showmanship 9 – 12 Years of age
- 25** Senior Showmanship 13 years of age and older

American System of Judging – Awards Offered per Class

1st through 5th Place Ribbons Will Be Awarded at the Discretion of the Judges.
No Cash Awards for Showmanship.

Novice Primary, Junior, & Senior Showmanship Winners – Trophies

Youth placing First and Second in Junior and Senior Showmanship are invited to compete in Round Robin Showmanship, Tuesday, July 3.

Award for Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor

Based on Placings in Breed Classes, Fur, & Showmanship

Sponsored by ~ Ernest & Nicole Klock, San Rafael

2017 Best Rabbit of Show in Memory of Carol Hughes & Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor – Megan Binford – Tri-Valley 4-H

2017 Best Reserve Rabbit of Show in Memory of Lori Hughes – Amelia Paulsey – San Rafael 4-H

2017 Showmanship Winners – The Drady Family Awards:

- **Novice – Ila Flynn – San Rafael 4-H**
- **Primary – Josie Ielmorini – Tri-Valley 4-H**
- **Junior – Amelia Paulsey – San Rafael 4-H**
- **Senior – Megan Binford – Tri-Valley 4-H**