

## Junior Fur & Feathers Department

# RABBITS

**Fur & Feathers Coordinator:** Lenore Ryan, Sebastopol

**Rabbit Coordinator:** Karen Corda, Novato

**Breed & Showmanship Judge:** Randy Shumaker, Tollhouse

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**Tim & Sue Barnes**

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### Timeline & Rules

**Enter Online** → On or before Wednesday, June 10 at [marinfair.org](http://marinfair.org).  
A 2020 Registration Fee of \$1 per person will apply.

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

Entry Fee includes feed, water, & care – No Entry Fee for Showmanship or Fur, but register these classes

**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** → Wednesday, July 1, 7 am to 9 am, Barnyard

**Mandatory Meeting for Exhibitors and Parents** → Wednesday, July 1,  
10:30 am, Fur & Feathers Tent – Wristbands will be distributed at the meeting.

**Breed Judging** → Wednesday, July 1, 12 Noon

**Showmanship** → Thursday, July 2, 1:30 pm – Workshop followed by  
Novice, Primary, Junior, & Senior

**Awards Ceremony** → Sunday, July 5, 4 pm, Fur & Feathers Tent

**Cage Cleaning** → Sunday, July 5, 5 pm, Fur & Feathers Tent

**Departure Time** → Sunday, July 5, 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 & the Standard of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. shall apply to all District & County Fair rabbit shows, provided they do not conflict with any of the rules & regulations prescribed by the Division of Fairs & Expositions of the Department of Food & Agriculture.
- 3. Entry Forms & Fees:** Enter online at [marinfair.org](http://marinfair.org), or mail entry forms and fees to the Fair Entry Office.
- 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 only 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 rabbit illness or death.
  10. **Cage Cleaning:** Exhibitors are required to clean their cages on Sunday, July 5, beginning at 5 pm. Cages must be clean before rabbits are released.
  11. **Exhibit Reclaim:** Entries must be picked up in person, or any other person must have a signed letter or authorization from the exhibitor.
  12. **Rabbit Area is Air Conditioned.**

### Outstanding Exhibitor – Rabbits

Based on Placings in Breed Classes, Fur, & Showmanship

<u>Points breakdown:</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Points Earned</u>
	1 <sup>st</sup> Place .....	5
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place .....	4
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place.....	3
	Best of Breed (Division).....	4
	Best Fur .....	4
	Best of Show .....	10
	Reserve Best of Show .....	8

Cash Award Courtesy of ~ **Ernest & Nicole Klock, San Rafael**

**2019 Best Rabbit of Show**

*in Memory of Carol Hughes – Megan Binford – Tri Valley 4-H*

**2019 Best Reserve Rabbit of Show**

*in Memory of Lori Hughes – Michael Sittenauer – Sequoia 4-H*

**2019 Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor – Michael Sittenauer – Sequoia 4-H**

**Heavyweight Breed Divisions****Entry fee: \$4.50 per entry****700 – American****703 – New Zealand****701 – Californian****704 – All Other****702 – Champagne D'Argent****Heavyweight Breeds****Class (Classes for Divisions 700 thru 704)**

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

**Lightweight Breed Divisions****Entry fee: \$4.50 per entry****705 – Dutch****710 – Lionhead:**  
recognized varieties**712 – Mini Lop****706 – Florida White****713 – Mini Rex****707 – Himalayan****711 – Lionhead:**  
unrecognized varieties  
(not eligible for  
Best of Breed)**714 – Netherland Dwarf****708 – Holland Lop****715 – Polish****709 – Jersey Wooley****716 – All Other Light  
Weight Breeds****Class (Classes for Divisions 705 thru 716)**

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 7 Senior Buck, 6 months of age & over | 9 Senior Doe, 6 months of age & over |
| 8 Junior Buck, under 6 months of age  | 10 Junior Doe, under 6 months of age |

**Division 717 Mixed Breeds****Entry Fee – \$4.50 per entry**

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

**Class 11** Bucks**12** Does**Division 718 Neutered Animals****Entry Fee – \$4.50 per entry**

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****No entry fee****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 Place2nd Place3rd Place4th Place5th Place

\$8 &amp; Ribbon \$5 &amp; Ribbon \$4 &amp; Ribbon \$3 &amp; Ribbon \$2 &amp; Ribbon

**Best of Division ----- \$10 & Rosette****Best Rabbit of Show ----- \$50 & Rosette****Best Reserve Rabbit of Show ----- \$25 & Rosette****Outstanding Rabbit Exhibitor (see previous page) ----- \$50 & Trophy**

**Division 720 Meat Pens****Entry Fee – \$7 per entry**

Entry Limit: Two Meat Pens per Exhibitor

**Class**

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

<u>Scorecard For Judging Meat Pens</u>	
Meat Type .....	40%
Condition of Flesh.....	30%
Uniformity in Body & Weight.....	20%
Fur .....	10%
Total Score.....	100%

**American System of Judging – Awards Offered per Class**

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

**2019 Best Meat Pen – Megan Binford – Tri Valley 4-H****Rabbit Meat Pen Cash Awards***Courtesy of ~ Karen Corda Rabbitry, Novato***Division 721 Rabbit Showmanship****No entry fee**

**NOTE:** Rabbits used for showmanship must be exhibited July 3 through July 7. Showmanship entries will be accepted July 5. Age as of January 1, 2020.

- 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, Saturday, July 4

**2019 Showmanship Winners – The Drady Family Awards:**

- **Novice – Tammy Kelley – Two Rock 4-H**
- **Primary – Nick Kelley – Two Rock 4-H**
- **Junior – Josie Ielmorini – Tri Valley 4-H**
- **Senior – Michael Sittenauer – Sequoia 4-H**

**Junior Rabbit Best of Division Awards***Courtesy of ~ Ann Corda & Family, Novato***Junior Rabbit Best of Show Cash Award***Courtesy of ~ Tim & Sue Barnes, Fairfax***Junior Rabbit Fur Classes Cash Awards***Courtesy of ~ McClure Dairy, Inverness***Junior Rabbit Special Awards**

*Courtesy of ~ The Drady Family in Memory of  
George Drady, Carol Hughes, & Lori Hughes*