2027 PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR
OPEN YOUTH RABBIT SHOW

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE: Scott Brauman / Jackson Tilton, Co-Chairmen

RABBIT DIRECTOR: Wendy Jo Williams & Bobbi Jean Watson (Organizational)

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE: Friday, **February 12, 2027**, by 5:00 p.m. to Fair Office

ENTRY FEE: $5 each animal-total of 5 entries Max. **Non-refundable**

EDUCATIONAL MEETING: Saturday, **February 20, 2027**, 9:30am–10:30am @ Ag Center Auditorium
Pee Wee's not expected to attend.

FAIR ARRIVAL: Saturday, **March 20, 2027**, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Pavilion 2, Use Entrance off of Yelvington Rd.
Exhibitors must BE PRESENT and provide feed at time of check-in. No feed, No check-in!

DIVISIONS: **Pee Wee Division:** ages 4 & under
Cloverbud: Exhibitors 5 – 7 years old
Youth Division: Exhibitors 8 -18 (Jr. (8-10), Int. (11-13), Sr. (14-18))

JUDGING/SHOW: Cloverbud & Youth - **Saturday, March 27, 2027 @ 12:00pm** in Arena
Pee Wee **Saturday, March 27 @ 11:45am** in Pavilion 2

REMOVAL TIME: Saturday, **March 27, 2027**, after Show.
Must use Livestock Entrance off of Yelvington Road.

ELIGIBILITY: Must be a resident of Putnam or St. Johns Counties

ENTRIES: **Definition**: An entry is considered to be whatever one exhibition cage will hold. A rabbit cannot be entered in both divisions.
LIMITATIONS: Any one exhibitor may enter up to five (5) entries. This number is subject to change without prior notice.
*** NO Show/NO Refunds**
*** NO PREGNANT RABBITS MAY BE ENTERED**
*** NOTE:** This is not a sanctioned show.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The exhibitor must own all animals at least 30 days prior to the fair.
2. Rabbits must be 3 months or older.
3. Exhibitor may enter five (5) entries. This number is subject to change without prior notice.
4. Animals must be brought in ventilated and humane containers / cages.
5. No sick or diseased animals will be allowed in the show area. The livestock committee reserves the right to refuse the entry of any rabbit which appears to shows signs of deformities, defects, disease, sickness, infested with mites, lice or fleas, or which is not of credible show quality.
6. The Livestock Committee will provide individual entry exhibit signs. No other exhibit signs will be displayed unless approved by the Livestock Committee.
7. ** You are **REQUIRED to provide your own feed**. Containers will be provided at check in on Saturday March 20, 2027.
8. The Putnam County Fair Authority will provide water and cages for the exhibitors' rabbit(s) during the week of the fair up until completion of the rabbit show. An attendant will feed and water all rabbits during this week.
9. One entry pass per exhibitor for the day of the show will be given at check-in.

10. For the safety of your rabbit. Exhibitors are not to open cages or take rabbits from their cage at any time during the week of the fair, without approval from show director.
11. Exhibitors will be exhibiting their own rabbit and will do so at their own risk. NO LOCKS ON CAGES BY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED. The Putnam County Fair Authority, Inc. will not be responsible for loss by accident, fire, theft or providential destruction.
12. **Pee Wee Division** – anyone four (4) and under interested in exhibiting rabbits and is a resident of Putnam or St. Johns County. Exhibitors are not required to be present for the show.
13. Pee Wee judging will be 12:30p on **Saturday, March 27, 2027**, in cages. Pee Wee entries are not judged for competition. The judge will examine entries and provide comments for the youths benefit. All Pee Wee entries will receive a participation ribbon and one $5 premium (regardless of number of entries).
14. Pee Wee rabbits can be removed after Pee Wee judging is completed.
15. Pee Wee awards will be given at 5pm during awards ceremony in the Arena.
16. **Youth Division** – anyone eight (8) – eighteen (18) years old, interested in exhibiting rabbits and is a resident of Putnam County or St. Johns County and/or an active member of Putnam County 4-H or FFA Chapter. Exhibitors MUST be present for the show. Exceptions should be prearranged with the livestock committee.
17. The Modified Danish System of judging rabbits will be used for Junior, Intermediate & Senior age divisions. Judging will be on **Monday, March 22, 2027.** Youth Exhibitors MUST present their rabbit(s) to the judge for judging. Exceptions should be prearranged with the livestock committee or Show Director.
18. Youth Division Awards will be given DURING the show.
19. Youth **SHOWMANSHIP** divisions are as of Youths age on **Sep. 1, 2026** (Clover bud 5-7, Junior 8-10, Intermediate 11-13, and Senior 14-18). **Proper show attire MUST be worn**: Black JEANS ONLY, button front, long-sleeved, collared white shirt. Official 4-H/FFA jackets may be worn. Showmanship will be immediately following the show.
20. Clover buds will receive a participation ribbon and a $5 premium (regardless of the # of entries) for participating in Showmanship. **Proper Show Attire MUST be worn.**
21. The decision of the Judge is final.
22. Entries must be on official entry forms. Forms are available from the Putnam County Fair Office or the website, www.putnamfairandexpo.com. Forms **MUST** be returned to the Putnam County Fair Office by **Friday, February 12, 2027**, by 5:00 p.m.
23. Cages will be open approximately one hour before rabbit show. Youth are expected to be in the barn at least 30 minutes prior to the show (11:15pm). Exhibitor needs to remain in show area during the show.
24. Show order will be posted in barn.
25. Rabbits can be in a carrier before and during the show until called to the table. Carriers can't be left in the barn after the show.
26. No premium money will be paid without having all of the correct information on their registration form and all requirements meet.
27. Exhibitors MUST make their own arrangements for delivery and pick up of all animals. Putnam County Fair Authority, Inc. will not be responsible for any exhibit left after the date and time set for pick-up. NO EXCEPTIONS.
28. Exhibitors are expected to attend the **Educational Meeting**/Workshop on **Saturday, February 20, 2027**, 9:30am -10:30am @ Ag Center Auditorium, 111 Yelvington Rd., E. Palatka. Pee Wee's are NOT expected to attend.
29. For further details, see GENERAL RULES.
30. If your rabbit is accustomed to using a **resting pad**, you will need to provide a pad at check-in to avoid your rabbit getting sore hocks and being disqualified from the show.
31. Any and all rules, regulations and/or requirements are subject to change due to any federal, state and local government mandate. If such changes occur, a notification (or notifications) will be issued to agents, instructors, advisors and registered participants via the official registered contact information on file
32. A rabbit can only be shown by one exhibitor
33. Only rabbit breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) will be judged as a specific breed. All other rabbits will be judged as a mixed breed and placed into this category. Please refer to www.arba.net for a list and description of all 50 recognized rabbit breeds.
34. **Cloverbuds <u>are not eligible</u> for Best of Breed or Best of Show.**
35. **Mixed Breed Rabbits <u>are not eligible</u> for Best of Breed or Best of Show.**