

PUREBRED RABBIT SHOWS | DEPARTMENT (RS)

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GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS:

○ **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Exhibitor must be eight (8) years old by September 1, of current year.
- Exhibitor must be a current member of Osceola County 4H or FFA and may enter all open class shows.

- **Any 4-H, FFA or Open exhibitors conducting or participating in any illegal or illicit activities including tobacco, alcohol, vaping around the Fairgrounds shall forfeit all rights to show and/or sell at the Fair. Any monies owed by the Fair for sales, premiums, and awards will be withheld by KVLS for current year.**

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○ **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:**

- All animals will be required to meet the guidelines set by the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture.
- For the Health and Safety, Pregnant Does will not be permitted to be shown at the fair.
- **MANDATORY**— All Rabbits **MUST** be brought in January for *Pre-Fair Health Check* and *Fair Information Workshop* (see EventCalendar).
- **DO NOT Bathe any animals in the hand washing stations or use for water for your animals. Please use the designated water spicket/hose for watering all animals.**

○ **JUDGING:**

- Only Blue Ribbon exhibits will be eligible for *Best in Class, Grand Champion, and Reserve Champion* places.
- There must be a minimum of three (3) animals per breed for the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion places to pay full premiums.
- If there are not enough animals in a breed to make a class, it will be up to the show committee to make a class placement decision.
- Exhibitors must be present during judging or prior arrangements must be made with the committee, otherwise no premiums will be paid.
- An animal can only be shown in one class.
- **Exhibitors are NOT PERMITTED to give ANYTHING to any judges or act as if they may give anything to any judges during any show.**

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○ **FOR THE SHOW:**

- All exhibitors must wear a white, sleeved, collared dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with dark blue or black western trousers or western jeans.
- Boots or leather closed toed shoes.
- Exhibitors may wear a 4-H or FFA jacket. A 4-H or FFA tie may be worn if the exhibitor desires.
- No other jackets, vests, or ties will be allowed.

○ **FOR SHOWMANSHIP:**

- All exhibitors must wear a long-sleeved shirt, collard dress shirt or

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blouse, tucked in with nice clean jeans or western dress trousers.

- Boots or leather closed toes shoes.
- Hats, jackets, ties, vests, will be allowed.
- **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

- **AC/HEAT:**
 - There is **NO** AC or Heat.

- **REGISTRATION:**
 - **Registration will be ONLINE ONLY.**
 - All Exhibitors are required to have an Ethics Number. Please register online at www.floridastatefairag.com/ethics. You may take The Ethics Class at any location offered listed on the Florida State Fair website. You must preregister for the ethics class online. Your Ethics Certificate will be valid for 3 Fair Seasons. (Not 3 calendar years)
 - All Ethics Numbers are due in the Fair Office by **December 30th**.
 - All animals must be registered by the online registration deadline.
 - **ALL RABBITS MUST** be brought to the January pre-fair health check and fair information workshop.
 - We will help you correct the breed and sex of your rabbit at that time if you are not sure of this information.
 - If the rabbit is entered in the wrong class, the Judge at their discretion can move it.
 - Please notify the chairperson if you are unsure of the breed.
 - Parents and Youth will be required to sign the acknowledgment form that will be emailed after confirmation is received that entries are correct. Both the parent and youth are to read, fill out and sign the forms one per exhibitor. Bring filled out form to check-in. If the form is not brought to check in then parent and exhibitor will need to read and be required to sign the acknowledgement form (a separate table will be set up to speed up check in.)
 - Any person who violates any Local, State or Department rule or displays unethical conduct will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Kissimmee Valley Livestock Show and Fair Board may order.

- **ANIMAL CARE:**
 - Exhibitors **MUST feed their own Rabbits ONLY.** Please do not feed anyone else's Rabbit. Not all rabbits are on the same type of feed.
 - **All Rabbits must be transported in an animal safe carrier or cage, to and from the Fair.**
 - **The use of UNLABELED PRODUCTS is NOT PERMITTED at the Fair.** The use of ANY SPRAYS OR CHEMICALS (LABELED OR UNLABELED) **IS NOT PERMITTED IN OR AROUND THE CAGES.**
 - **Both adults & youth are to sign in and out of tent each time you go in to feed, water, clean, barn duty, or anytime you spend time in the tent. Sign in sheet must be signed by the youth and parent on separate lines. Please DO NOT sign in a child/children that is/are not present at the time. Youth will need to sign in for themselves or no credit will be given.**

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- Exhibitors will be required to feed and water their own animals each day and bring their own feed. Please **DO NOT** use other peoples feed.
- It is not the responsibility of the KVLS Committee to feed and/or water animals.

- If an exhibitor fails to feed and/or water their animals for 24 hours the exhibitor will be asked to remove their display.
All animals must be cared for by the exhibitor— this includes feeding, watering, and cleaning beds and pens.
- **USED MULCH IS TO BE TAKEN BEHIND THE BARN TO THE DESIGNATED AREA. DO NOT put the used mulch with the new mulch that is located outside of the tents.**
- Please clean out cages daily and rake under pens **DAILY**. Remove mulch as needed (does not need to be removed daily unless very messy. Be sure mulch is good condition on show dates.
- Remember these exhibits are for the public to view, so let's show them something we're proud of!
- **NO HAY OF ANY KIND OR BEDDING MATERIAL ALLOWED OR PERMITTED INSIDE THE CAGES.**
- All exhibitors **MUST** provide a large sized water bottle.

- **SIGNAGE:**
ONLY Approved signs provided by the Fair office and/or committees are permitted on the cages or pens. Please see a rabbit committee member if you have any questions.

- **HANDLING:**
 - No animal will be exhibited in competition that cannot be properly handled by the exhibitor.
 - Animals that cannot be handled properly will be disqualified and premiums will be forfeited.

- **SHOW LIMITATION:**
 - There must be a minimum of five (5) animals per species to have a show (unless otherwise stated).

- **CHECKOUT:**
 - Any **UNAUTHORIZED ANIMAL REMOVAL** before checkout time and date will result in immediate forfeit of premium money.
 - **ABSOLUTLY NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE FAIR AREA. THE FAIR IS STILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THEREFORE IS NOT ALLOWED.** Vehicle may be pulled into the extension parking lot. Once you are ready to load up, only one vehicle at a time may pull up to the side gate for loading. Once loaded please move your vehicle to allow others to pull up.
 - Rabbits not picked-up at checkout time will forfeit premiums.
 - Any rabbit that is not picked-up by the end of checkout will be adopted out at no liability to the Osceola County Fair and Kissimmee Valley Livestock Show.

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- ANY ITEMS LEFT BEHIND become the property of the Fair and will be used, disposed of or donated at our choosing. No liability is assumed by the Fair.

- **PREMIUMS:**

- All premiums will be mailed to the exhibitors after the fair. Please allow up to six (6) weeks.
- Your animal area must be clean (inside/underneath/around) at all times, including checkout time.
- If not clean, premiums will be forfeited.

*****RABBITS REMOVED BEFORE OR NOT PICKED UP AT CHECKOUT TIME WILL FORFEIT PREMIUMS*****

- **NO LOCKS** permitted to be placed on cages— may be zip tied for safety purposes. Please clip the ends of the zip ties.
- Exhibitors are responsible for Plexiglas or chicken wire in, wire must be on the inside of the cage/around cages if you have a small breed rabbit. This is to keep them from getting stuck or out of cage and/or injured.
- No foam core/poster board or card board permitted for the health of the rabbits.

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE DIVIDERS FROM BETWEEN THE CAGES.

RABBIT RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:**

- During check-in they will be assessed free of disease, parasites and mites. Any rabbit in question will be sent home. Please check for ear mites before fair time. Exhibitors must provide a clean, large water bottle with hanger and a clean feeder/food dish for each rabbit. Please write your name in permanent marker on your bottles.
- For the Health and Safety, Pregnant Does will not be permitted to be shown at the fair.
- If a rabbit gets sick during the fair please notify a committee member. They will notify the Chair or Co-Chair. The only persons authorized to send a rabbit home sick and not forfeit premiums are the Chair, Co-Chair or a veterinarian (written proof to be provided to fair office). We do not want sick animals at the fair nor do we want you to lose your premiums.

- **TRANSPORTATION OF ANIMALS:**

- **All Rabbits must be transported in an animal safe carrier or cage, to and from the Fair.**

- **ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY:**

- Rabbits must be at least five (5) months of age or older by Fair check-in date and youth must have rabbit by registration day.

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- For the Health and Safety, Pregnant Does will not be permitted to be shown at the fair.

- **SAFETY:**
 - No rabbits are allowed on leashes.

- **PENNING:**
 - Rabbits will be cooped only one (1) rabbit per single coop/cage.

- **ENTRIES ALLOWED:**
 - Total of **THREE (3) RABBITS ONLY** allowed per exhibitor. LIMITED TO 150 TOTAL RABBIT ENTRIES DUE TO CAGE AVAILABILITY. (Includes Cloverbud Entries)

- **JUDGING:**
 - Rabbits will be judged on the tables.
 - Please attend workshops offered by KVLS to learn how to show your Rabbits. (Check Calendar)
 - **Exhibitors are NOT PERMITTED to give ANYTHING to any judges or act as if may give anything to any judges during any show.**

- **ITEMS LEFT BEHIND:**
 - Any items left behind become the property of the fair and will be used, disposed of, or donated at our discretion. The Kissimmee Valley Livestock Show & Osceola County Fair or the Chairperson(s) assumes no liability.

- **SHOWS AND TENTS:**
 - All Shows – all tents are to be cleaned before, during and after.
 - All trash & grooming items are to be properly put away or disposed of to the correct trash receptacles – throughout the tent and under the bleachers.
 - Tents are to remain clean. All trash is to be disposed of to the correct trash receptacle. Exhibitor feed areas are to be in a clean organized condition at all times. DO NOT use another persons' feed.
Please attend the Rabbit Workshop on September **16, 2023**. New information will also be given out, please attend. Rabbit Pre-Fair Workshop & Health Inspection and Information Workshop on January **20, 2024** (see calendar for exact dates & times).
Please bring all rabbits registered for the Fair to the January workshop.
There is no pre-registration for the Rabbit Workshops
****If you are unsure of any Breed, Please bring the rabbit to any rabbit workshop to be classified by the Rabbit Committee members. No class changes will be made during the Fair. ****

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○ **PREMIUMS:**

- Ribbons: Blue – \$5.00; Red – \$3.00; White – \$2.00;
- Best in Class –\$5.00;
- Purebred Grand Champion – \$50.00;
- Purebred Reserve Champion – \$25.00

SECTION 1 – PUREBRED RABBIT

1400. American Doe	1436. Crème D’Argent Doe	1470. NL. Dwarf Doe
1401. American Buck	1437. Crème D’Argent Buck	1471. NL. Dwarf Buck
1402. Amer. Fuzzy Lop Doe	1438. Dutch Doe	1472. New Zealand Doe
1403. Amer. Fuzzy Lop Buck	1439. Dutch Buck	1473. New Zealand Buck
1404. American Sable Doe	1440. Dwarf Hotot Doe	1474. Palomino Doe
1405. American Sable Buck	1441. Dwarf Hotot Buck	1475. Palomino Buck
1406. English Angora Doe	1442. English Spot Doe	1476. Polish Doe
1407. English Angora Buck	1443. English Spot Buck	1477. Polish Buck
1408. French Angora Doe	1444. Flemish Giant Doe	1478. Rex Doe
1409. French Angora Buck	1445. Flemish Giant Buck	1479. Rex Buck
1410. Giant Angora Doe	1446. Florida White Doe	1480. Rhinelander Doe
1411. Giant Angora Buck	1447. Florida White Buck	1481. Rhinelander Buck
1412. Satin Angora Doe	1448. Harlequin Doe	1482. Satin Doe
1413. Satin Angora Buck	1449. Harlequin Buck	1483. Satin Buck
1414. Belgian Hare Doe	1450. Havana Doe	1484. Silver Doe
1415. Belgian Hare Buck	1451. Havana Buck	1485. Silver Buck
1416. Beveren Doe	1452. Himalayan Doe	1486. Silver Fox Doe
1417. Beveren Buck	1453. Himalayan Buck	1487. Silver Fox Buck
1418. Blanc de Hotot Doe	1454. Holland Lop Doe	1488. Silver Marten Doe
1419. Blanc de Hotot Buck	1455. Holland Lop Buck	1489. Silver Marten Buck
1420. Britannia Petite Doe	1456. Jersey Wooley Doe	1490. Tan Doe
1421. Britannia Petite Buck	1457. Jersey Wooley Buck	1491. Tan Buck
1422. California Doe	1458. Lilac Doe	1492. Thrianta Doe
1423. California Buck	1459. Lilac Buck	1493. Thrianta Buck
1424. Champagne D’Argent Doe	1460. English Lop Doe	1494. Lionhead Doe
1425. Champagne D’Argent Buck	1461. English Lop Buck	1495. Lionhead Buck
1426. Checkered Giant Doe	1462. French Lop Doe	1496. Argente Brun Doe
1427. Checkered Giant Buck	1463. French Lop Buck	1497. Argente Brun Buck
1428. American Chinchilla Doe	1464. Mini Lop Doe	1498. Velveteen Lop Doe
1429. American Chinchilla Buck	1465. Mini Lop Buck	1499. Velveteen Lop Buck
1430. Giant Chinchilla Doe	1466. Mini Rex Doe	1500. Dwarf Papillion Doe
1431. Giant Chinchilla Buck	1467. Mini Rex Buck	1501. Dwarf Papillion Buck
1432. Standard Chinchilla Doe	1468. Mini Satin Doe	1502. Czech Frosty Doe
1433. Standard Chinchilla Buck	1469. Mini Satin Buck	1503. Czech Frosty Buck
1434. Cinnamon Doe		
1435. Cinnamon Buck		

SECTION 2 | GROOMING CROSSBRED

01. Best Groomed Doe

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- \$5.00
- 02. Best Groomed Buck
 - \$5.00

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SECTION 3 | COSTUME CONTEST

- Costume Contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members.
- Rabbit must be entered in the rabbit show and **CAN ONLY BE SHOWN BY REGISTERED EXHIBITOR. Limit 1 entry per exhibitor.**
- Youth must enter the costume contest on line.
- *(If you choose to withdrawal from the contest please do so at fair check-in).*
- Exhibitors are to dress in accordance with the rabbit's costume.
- Entry may be a fashioned outfit, either created or bought.
- Dress the rabbit in the best costume you can think up!
- All costumes must be attached to the animal in a safe, non-binding way, and is non-harmful to the rabbit.
- Entries will be judged on creativity and style.
- A 50 word or less narrative is to be turned into the Committee Member prior to the start of the event.
- **Participation Ribbons only** - 1st – 5th places in each class.
- **Premiums not paid in costume categories.**
- Awards will be non-premium donation.
- **HAVE FUN!!**
- **Exhibitors are NOT PERMITTED to give ANYTHING to any judges or act as if may give anything to any judges during any show.**

CLASSES:

9853. Junior (age 8-10) | 9854. Intermediate (age 11-13) | 9855. Senior (age 14-18)

SECTION 4 | INFORMATIONAL POSTERS

POSTERS:

- Posters can be 22" x 28" or 22" x 14".
Posters can be on Foam Core Board (preferred) or Regular Poster Board
- Data on the poster is to be related to rabbits and to be informational.
- Must be turned in at time of check-in. Informational posters are to be checked in at the same day and time as rabbit check in.
- May be decorated with paint, feathers, paper, crayons, yarn, etc.
- Please be sure that all items are attached to the poster securely.
- Posters are displayed in the tent during fair.
- All entries must be the creative work of the exhibitor.
- **NO TRI-FOLD BOARDS ACCEPTED.**
- **You must enter a new poster each year and may not be the same poster used in a prior show or fair. Please add Name, Club, Current Fair Year, 4H/FFA Age on back of poster.**

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- **AWARDS:**

- The top 3 in each division, *Junior, Intermediate, and Senior* divisions will receive rosettes and 1st place in each division will receive additional \$5 premium.

- **CLASSES:**

01. Junior (age 8-10) | 02. Intermediate (age 11-13) | 03. Senior (age 14-18)

SECTION 5 | SHOWMANSHIP

*****Coaching is PROHIBITED by anyone during Judging.**

- Showmanship is open to all 4-H and FFA members.
- 1st place in each division receives a special award, 2nd and 3rd place in each division receives medallions.
- Premiums not paid.
- Show the Judge what you have learned and HAVE FUN!!
- The judge has the discretion on time limits.

CLASSES:

9873. Junior (age 8-10) | 9874. Intermediate (age 11-13) | 9875. Senior (age 14-18)

SECTION 6 | SKILL-A-THON

****Readers will be available to assist during the skill-a-thon.**

- Skill-a-thon is open to all 4-H and FFA members.
- 1st place thru 3rd place in each division will receive ribbons.
- Premiums not paid.
- Show the Judge what you have learned and HAVE FUN!!

CLASSES:

9883. Junior (age 8-10) | 9884. Intermediate (age 11-13) | 9885. Senior (age 14-18)

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SECTION 7 | RABBIT SHOW MASTER EXHIBITOR & GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

- All exhibitors are automatically entered.
- Points are earned and tabulated with highest two (2) scores will receive:
 - Master Exhibitor - \$50
 - Reserve Master Exhibitor - \$25.
 - Each section gets points; a percentage of the points are used towards the total accumulated points:
 - Showmanship 40%
 - Skill-a-thon 40%
 - Informational Poster 20%
 - Adults & Youth please sign in & out each time in the Rabbit Tent. By doing so points earned towards Master Exhibitor as well as community service hours are tracked for youth organizations and adults time for Community Service involvement for possible grants.
 - **PLEASE DO NOT SIGN-IN** any child/children that is/are **NOT** present on the sign in sheets. **NO** credit will be given for that child.
 - Barn Duty-time is calculated by signing in & out as well as consideration for the GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD. Those who do 2 hours at a time of barn duty will receive EXTRA POINTS.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD:

- An individual who has shown an outstanding attitude of helpfulness. Is focused on going out of their way to help their neighbor. Pitching in to assist in the tent to keep it clean and presentable for each other and the public.

DEMONSTRATIONS:

- Each demonstration is to be 5-10 minutes long each in front of group of four (4) or more.
- All demonstrations must be a PROPER DEMONSTRATION and will be monitored by committee member or someone appointed by the Committee Chair.
- Sign up available at check in only. Available dates/times will be listed. Once a time slot is filled it is closed. If you come at a time that is closed and time allows, you may do a demonstration.
- Maximum demonstration allowed is two (2). *5 points per demonstrations.