



# JR. BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION



Brecca Jo Wheaton, a member of Town & Country (Cameron) 4-H exhibited the 2009 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grand Champion Jr. Breeding Rabbit.

Entry Deadline .....January 15  
 Entry Fee.....\$5.00  
 Delivery to Show Grounds .....  
 .....11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Saturday, March 13  
 Judging .....1:00 PM, Sunday, March 14  
 Release .....4:00 PM, Sunday, March 14

## JUNIOR BREEDING RABBIT DIVISION RULES

1. Each exhibitor must be a member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school in Cameron, Willacy, Starr or Hidalgo County and in their respective FFA chapter or 4-H Club from November 1, 2009 thru the Show period.
2. FFA and 4-H exhibitors must be in third grade or nine years old but under twenty as of January 1, 2010.
3. Animals must be in the exhibitor's possession by January 15, 2010 and personally fed and cared for by the exhibitor

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from that date thru the Show, under the supervision of an AST, CEA or 4-H club manager.

4. Rabbits must have only one legible breeder's or owner's tattoo in the rabbit's left ear. Tattoos must be in each rabbit's left ear by the possession date and **TATTOO NUMBERS MUST BE ON THE ENTRY CARD.**
5. **Identification: LEGIBLE Rabbit's breeder/owner tattoo number and breed of rabbit must be on entry application, which is due JANUARY 15, 2010.**
6. Rabbits will be weighed on official Show scales at time of entry.
7. Rabbits must meet the following requirements or automatically be sifted:
  - a. Must be marketable meat and pelt (fur) quality
  - b. Must be over 5 lbs. At time of sifting
  - c. Must be free of the following defects:
    - i. Cysts, ruptures or tumors
    - ii. Cold or snuffles
    - iii. Abscesses (hocks or elsewhere)
    - iv. Matted eyelids
    - v. Blindness in either or both eyes
    - vi. Mange
    - vii. Mites (ear or body)
    - viii. Fleas
    - ix. Malocclusion
    - x. Vent Disease
    - xi. Missing toe or toenails
8. A rabbit, which in the opinion of the sifter does not meet ARBA Breed Standards of the Class in which it is entered, will be moved to the proper breed class by the sifter.
9. After rabbits have been accepted by the Show, no exchange of animals may be made. To do so will disqualify the exhibitor.
10. Each exhibitor must bring one hanging metal rabbit feeder (through the cage type) and one 32 ounce or larger water bottle (no crocks or bowls allowed). These must be displayed to the Sifting Committee at check-in time. Rabbits will not be admitted unless properly functioning spill proof containers accompany the pen.
11. The Livestock Show will not be responsible for any rabbits that get sick or die for any reason while on exhibit.
12. No oils, polishes, powders or other products may be used which would cosmetically alter the rabbit's naturally groomed appearance at sifting or at the show table.



13. Rabbits will be judged in accordance with American Rabbit Breeders' Association's (ARBA) Standard and Guide. Judges will additionally refer to the appropriate Breed Standards, as they deem necessary.
14. Basically the four judging factors are:
- A. **GENERAL TYPE** is worth 60%. Look for rabbits that are compact, short and well filled out with rounded solid flesh. Protruding hips, pin bones, back bones (spines), etc. are faults. Look for wide, deep loins, thickness of the hindquarters and well-developed shoulders. Hindquarters are most important. Loin is next and shoulders are third in importance.
  - B. **CONDITION** is worth 10%. Each rabbit should be in prime condition
  - C. **COLOR** is worth 10%.
  - D. **FUR** is worth 20%.
15. Exhibitors will be required to display their rabbits at the show tables as directed by the judge.
16. Each exhibitor will not be limited to the number of entries they can enter in this division but may enter no more than one (1) entry per class. Classes may be combined if necessary.

- Class 1** Intermediate New Zealand White Doe  
5 lbs. 1 oz to 8 lbs. 8 oz.
- Class 2** Intermediate New Zealand White Buck  
5 lbs. 1 oz to 8 lbs. 8 oz.
- Class 3** Senior New Zealand White Doe  
8 lbs. 9 oz and up
- Class 4** Senior New Zealand White Buck  
8 lbs. 9 oz and up
- Class 5** Intermediate Other Pure Breeds Doe  
5 lbs. 1 oz to 8 lbs. 8 oz.
- Class 6** Intermediate Other Pure Breeds Buck  
5 lbs. 1 oz to 8 lbs. 8 oz.
- Class 7** Senior Other Pure Breeds Doe  
8 lbs. 9 oz and up
- Class 8** Senior Other Pure Breeds Buck  
8 lbs. 9 oz and up

After the first four (4) classes are judged, there will be judging for Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion for the New Zealand Whites.

Classes 5 through 8 will be judged, then there will be judging for Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion of the Other Pure Breeds.

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the Show will be picked from the Breed Champions and the Reserve Breed Champion of the class that produced the Grand Champion.

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Rabbits and all belongings in pen areas must promptly be removed from showgrounds Sunday, March 14, 2010 between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

**General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.**

- Breed Champion .....Rosette
- Reserve Breed Champion.....Rosette
- Grand Champion .....Belt Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Grand Champion .....Trophy and Banner

**SCHEDULE FOR PREMIUM AWARDS**

Premiums will be paid as follows:

- 1 - 10 Entries.....To 5th Place
- 11 - 20 Entries ..... To 10th Place
- 21 - 30 Entries .....To 15th Place
- Over 30 Entries .....To 20th Place

<u>PLACING</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
1 .....	\$35
2 .....	\$34
3 .....	\$33
4 .....	\$32
5 .....	\$31
6 .....	\$30
7 .....	\$29
8 .....	\$28
9 .....	\$27
10 .....	\$26
11 .....	\$25
12 .....	\$24
13 .....	\$23
14 .....	\$22
15 .....	\$21
16 .....	\$20
17 .....	\$19
18 .....	\$18
19 .....	\$17
20 .....	\$16





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SHOWMANSHIP**

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Only exhibitors who are exhibiting their own rabbits will be allowed to enter the Jr. Breeding Rabbit Showmanship Competition. They must register for showmanship between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at Rabbit Check-in on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Exhibitors will be divided into three age groups.

- 8 to 11 years of age
- 12 to 14 years of age
- 15 years old and over
- As of day of show.

Immediately following check-in, a multiple-choice exam will be given at the rabbit barn. Test questions will be drawn from the Texas A&M Extension Service rabbit literature that is available through the County Agents and from the 2006 through 2010 edition of the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection (pages 24 thru 37; 87 thru 88; and 174 thru 175).

**Sunday, March 14**

(After completion of all rabbit judging):

The seven contestants from each of the age groups, who scored highest on the multiple choice exam, will go to the show table, each with one of their previously shown RGVLS rabbits, individually as called, for final competition.

Physical “showing” of their rabbits will constitute 100% of the score.

Prizes will be awarded in each age group as follows:

- 1st place .....\$75.00 and Belt Buckle
- 2nd place .....\$65.00 and ribbon
- 3rd Place.....\$55.00 and ribbon
- 4th Place.....\$45.00 and ribbon
- 5th Place.....\$35.00 and ribbon

