

## Cavy Showmanship

- This is an optional contest
- Must sign up to participate on Sunday of the Fair at the Cavy Check in Table by 1:00 PM
- Contest will take place Monday Following Breed Show
- Contestants are divided into divisions by age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>:
  - Level I: Ages 8 - 10
  - Level II: Ages 11 - 13
  - Level III: Ages 14 & Up
- Awards are given in each division. Rosettes: 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Place and Cash Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.
- Showmanship cavy must arrive at the Fair on Sunday by 1:00 and must pass a mandatory health check.
- Judging elements will be at the discretion of the presiding evaluator, but in general, scoring will be divided as follows:

**Appearance & Condition of Cavy**                      **10%**

The cavy should meet ARBA standards. Basic health and grooming will be taken into consideration.

**Demonstration of Verbal Knowledge**                      **20%**

Communicate knowledge either by direct questions of the evaluator or during examination process.

**Examination of Cavy**    **35%**

What to check on a cavy and why. Evaluator will not prompt or cue.

**Handling & Posing of Cavy**                                      **25%**

Handling includes removing cavy from cage and replacing cavy in cage as well as during the examination. Posing is proper positioning of the cavy for the evaluator.

**Appearance of Contestant**                                      **10%**

This included proper attire (long white sleeves), well groomed and pleasant attitude.

- The attached is an example of Cavy Handling. The participant should verbally communicate with the judge as he/she is handling the cavy. Participant should explain what he/she is checking on the cavy as well as share cavy knowledge with the judge.
- The evaluator's decisions are final.

