

Entering a Rabbit Show

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Many new exhibitors, and even some long-time breeders, fill out the show entry form in a jumbled manner and then wonder why the show secretary makes so many mistakes. With almost everyone using a show program, entry of the shows goes much faster if you list your animals using the following steps. It also results in less error and helps to ensure a smooth running show.

How to correctly enter your rabbits on a show entry form:

1. When entering rabbits on the entry form, start with one breed and variety.
2. First enter all the bucks. Start with senior bucks, on to 6/8's, and then the juniors.
3. Next follow the same procedure with the does of this variety.
4. When all animals of a variety have been entered, skip a line and go on to the next variety.
5. After entering all animals in a breed, skip a line and enter the next breed.
6. Please remember to skip line between varieties and breeds.

Tattoo	Breed	Variety	Class (Circle one)			Fur Class (Circle)	Sex (circle one)			Shows Entering (circle)	Total \$
JW04	New Zealand	White	JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	7.00
KJLP2	New Zealand	White	JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	7.00
			JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	
FSH5	Satin	Black	JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	7.00
NOU8	Satin	Black	JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	7.00
WSO5	Satin	White	JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	7.00
			JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	
HPWN	Holland Lop	Broken	JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	7.00
KLUY9	Holland Lop	Broken	JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	7.00
LOTX4	Holland Lop	Solid	JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	7.00
			JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	
WXRF	Netherland Dwarf	Chestnut	JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	7.00
HNM	Netherland Dwarf	Chestnut	JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	7.00
KLRD	Netherland Dwarf	Chinchilla	JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	7.00
			JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	
			JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	
			JR	Int	SR	FUR	B	D	A	B	

Varieties

In order to correctly complete an entry form using the above procedure, you must understand the different varieties, groups or colors your breed specifically shows in the ARBA *Standard of Perfection*. For example, Netherland Dwarfs are broken down specifically by color (REW, Chestnut, Otter, Chocolate, etc.) and then proceed to be judged in Groups. Jersey Woolies are shown by Varieties (Self, Tan, Agouti, etc.)

The show secretary cannot be expected to memorize the particulars of each breed, so putting down REW for a Jersey Woolly is not helpful in completing the paperwork for the show.

Typed entries are great, or they can be entered on a spread sheet (see example above). If you are completing your entry by hand, please print legibly, *especially your tattoo*. This saves on leg problems down the road. In the columns clearly circle the correct item, don't make a big sweeping circle that covers both areas. Do not have multiple crossed out or blacked out lines or changes on this form. If it gets too messy reprint the form and start over. It will make the show secretary's job much easier to follow a neat clean entry form and the sooner the secretary gets the entries put in the computer program, the quicker you will get your show reports and legs. Try to have your dollar total ready with cash or check when you are in the line for checking in and have the check pre-written, this will make the line move much quicker and the show start on time.

Day of Show Entries

For day of show entries, the exhibitor **MUST** complete their own comment cards prior to the start of the show. If entering shows A and B, you will need one comment card for show A and another comment card for show B for each rabbit that is being shown. The information on your comment cards must match your show entry form. Your address is not necessary on the comment cards, but you do need to have it on your entry form. All information is taken from your entry form and whatever you enter is what you will show. Only ear tattoo changes can be accepted at the table. You cannot change classes with a different variety or sex at the table or your entry will be forfeited.

RABBIT SHOW REMARK CARD
American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

Ear No. MPT5 Coop No. _____ Entry No. _____ X
 Exhibitor Ann Smith X
 Address _____ X
 Show PRRF OPEN A Date 1/12/13 X
 Breed Mini Rex Variety Castor X
 Buck Doe Sr. 6/8 Jr. Pre Jr. Fryer Meat Pen Fur X

No. in Class _____ Award _____ No. Exhibitors _____
 B.O.B. B.O.S. B.O.G. B.O.S.G. B.O.V. B.O.S.V.
 Best Sr. Best 6/8 Best Jr. Best Pre-Jr.

	VG	G	F	P		VG	G	F	P
Head					Condition				
Ears					Butterfly				
Crown					Eye Circles				
Bone					Cheek Spots				
Type					Ear Base				
Shoulders					Side Markings				
Midsection					Spine/Herringbone				
Hindquarters					Blaze				
Fur/Wool					Cheeks				
Sheen					Neck				
Density					Saddle				
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Remarks _____
 Judge _____

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Pre-Entry Shows

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I hope that this article has helped to clarify how to enter a rabbit show, whether pre-entry or day of show entry. If you have any questions, you may contact me at joyceholliday@gmail.com.