



## 2009 ROYALTY CONTEST GUIDELINES

The royalty contest will be held in conjunction with the Oregon League State Convention on Saturday, June 6, 2009. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please report to the contest area by 8:45 a.m. Please bring this sheet and an ARBA Standard of Perfection book with you.

The contest consists of 5 parts: applications, judging contest, written test, oral interview, and breed/color identification. If you only entered the rabbit portion of the contest then that is all you will compete in - the same for the cavy portion. You will only compete in both if you entered in both. The contest will start with everyone taking the written test. As you finish you will go on to the interview, breed identification, or judging. Please stay in the contest area until you are finished with the test and breed ID. You might have to wait a short time to get through some areas of the competition depending on the facilities we have available. If you need to leave the area to get your animals to the judging table please inform us and keep checking back until you finish all four parts of the contest. Please make sure you put your name on all pages!

The judging contest is four classes of four animals each. Each class of animals will be the same breed, variety, sex and age. You will need to check the animals for disqualifications and then place the animals 1st - 4th. You will not need to give comments on their placing. Any animal with a disqualification will be placed 4th. You will have seven minutes to judge each class and may use an ARBA Standard of Perfection while judging. Please bring a copy of the Standard with you or find someone to borrow one from. If you are sharing a Standard with someone else you will need to schedule your judging at different times. Lord and Lady Contestants will compete in showmanship instead of judging.

The written test has true/false, multiple choice, matching, and fill in the blank questions. We will have volunteers available to read or explain the questions if you need help. This test covers a broad area of topics including management; rabbit or cavy breed information; and ARBA officers, history, and rules. The questions are taken from the Standard of Perfection, ARBA Guide to Raising Better Rabbits (similar to 4-H manual), and the ARBA yearbook. When taking the test please ask if you do not understand something. Try to answer every question even if you have to guess; you might be right!

All contestants, including Lord/Lady, compete in a 10-15 minute oral interview with two or three adult members of the rabbit & cavy community. The oral interview covers information on you, your achievements, goals, management plans and involvement with rabbits and/or cavies. A possible question might be "how do you think your project will help you in your future endeavors?" The best way to prepare for this part of the contest is to practice with a parent or 4-H/FFA or rabbit project leader.

The breed identification consists of 20 rabbits or cavies. The contestant must correctly identify each animal as to its breed and color and show class. Our usual format for this segment of the contest is to have rabbits and cavies numbered from 1-20 around the showroom with different exhibitors. A volunteer will take small groups of contestants around the show room to identify all 20 animals. You will need to identify each animal as to breed and color. For example, if you have a broken opal Mini Lop the breed will be Mini Lop and the color would be broken opal. Mini lops are a four class breed. A broken

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pattern Red, white and beige American cavy would be breed: American and color: red, white and beige. Just Broken or Solid is not correct. In other words, we are looking for the actual color of the animal, not just the variety. The best way to prepare for this section of the competition is to watch the judging of different breeds at the shows. Also, it would be a good idea to walk around the showroom looking at different breeds and colors.