



# The American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

*Devoted to the Interest of Rabbit Raising for Commercial and Fancy*

PARENT BODY OF ALL CHARTERED LOCAL AND SPECIALTY CLUBS

**ONE NATIONAL JUDGING AND REGISTRATION SYSTEM**

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## TO REGISTER RABBITS or CAVIES:

- Owner of rabbit/cavy must be a current ARBA member.
- Rabbit/Cavy being registered must be at least 6 (six) months of age. Animal must meet all senior requirements for their breed to be eligible for registration.
- Rabbit/Cavy being registered must have a complete three generation pedigree.
  - Imported animals are not allowed on the pedigree unless name, ear number, variety, and weight of said animal are listed. The word "import" alone is not acceptable.
  - Each animal listed in the pedigree must show complete name (even if same as ear), ear number of the animal, variety, and weight. Listing only the breeders' name or rabbitry/caviary name is insufficient. If a pedigree animal is registered, please include their registration number on the pedigree. If a grand champion number has been issued, please state on the pedigree also. An animal does not have to be registered to appear in the pedigree.
  - Each listed rabbit/cavy in the pedigree must be of the same breed as the one being registered.
  - Cavies listed on the pedigree must be of the same breed, or the normal coated/satin counterpart of the same breed. Satin or normal coated animals in the lineage are to be denoted with either (satin) or (normal) on the line with the variety ie TSW (satin), Golden Agouti & White (normal)
- Seek out a Licensed Registrar. An ARBA sanctioned show is one source. Please contact show secretary prior to attending for Registrar's availability. Contact information for show secretary is located at our website – [www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net). List of Registrars near you can be obtained from our website also.
- Present current ARBA membership card. Primary and any co-owners of the rabbit or cavy must show a current ARBA membership card or proof of current status. If proof is not provided, Registrar will collect membership payment, or deny registration at that time. Individual name(s) must be listed. Cannot list ownership under a company, rabbitry/caviary name, family name, or any collective. If the animal is owned by an adult and and co-owned by a youth, it should be noted that the rabbit or cavy can only be shown in an open show.

*See Show Rule #52. See Show Rule #30. [www.arba.net/official-arba-show-rules/](http://www.arba.net/official-arba-show-rules/)*
- Present the complete three generation pedigree to the Registrar.

Present animal seeking registration to the Registrar. Registrar will examine and weigh the animal to verify it meets the standard for the breed. The pedigree will be reviewed. If everything is in order, the Registrar will proceed with registration.

- Registrar may have owner complete the pedigree portion of the application. A computer generated or typed pedigree may be used in lieu of handwriting out the pedigree. The pedigree is attached to the back of the registration application (back-to-back) and becomes a permanent part of the registration file.

*If an offspring is registered **PRIOR** to any ancestral animal (parents & grandparents), and we are not notified of the update or no indication is made in the pedigree portion to add this registered pedigree animal - it may not be added if we are not aware as the system is not dynamic with the addition of newly registered animals on past registrations' pedigrees, this is a key opportunity to "catch" any update oversights and amend our database.*

- Owner **MUST** proof the entire **COMPLETED** application. An agent may proof and sign completed registration application on behalf of the owner(s). Check for omissions, corrections, and address any concerns **PRIOR** to **SIGNING** the "Owner's Affirmation". **\*\*\*IT IS IMPORTANT TO SIGN A COMPLETED REGISTRATION APPLICATION AFTER YOU HAVE PROOFED THE APPLICATION, AND NOT PRIOR\*\*\*** Check for clear, concise handwriting that is not open to interpretation. Make sure the difference is clear between a 1 and I or O and 0. Be sure to include your phone number and/or email address should we need to contact you. Registrar should have a contact source too. Reprint fee is \$2.00 for additional certificate or corrections.
- Registration Insignia is tattooed in rabbit's right ear or registration tag placed in right ear of cavy by Registrar. The registration insignia (R with a circle around it) must be tattooed using the clamp method and **NOT** the "pen" technique. The "pen" may be used if the **COMPLETE** registration number is placed in the rabbit's right ear in lieu of the circled R. The complete registration number includes both the letter that precedes the number(s) and the letter that ends the set. The 0's that precede the numbers are dropped. Example – J0123K on application is placed in ear as J123K.
- Signed and dated registration application is handed back to the Registrar.
- Owner receives a copy (pink) of registration application from Registrar.
- Registration fee is collected by the Registrar - \$6.00.
- Registrar submits the application to the ARBA office for processing. The registration application is submitted within 15 days from date registered. Please follow up with the office only after 1 months' time from the date of registration if you have not received your certificate or other communication regarding the application (errors etc).
- Application is processed. Registration certificate is issued showing the registration number assigned to the animal by the Registrar on the day of registration.
- A registration file is maintained in the ARBA office on the rabbit or cavy.
- This process works best when member and registrar hold each other accountable to these procedures, and shortcuts or other noticeable non-adherence could result in discipline measures as deemed necessary.