

**BALTIMORE & HOWARD Co. RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS
ASSOCIATION**

Hare Raisers Youth 4-H Club (Youth Show)

Double Open (2 open rabbit shows)

Single Youth (1 youth show)

Youth may show same rabbit in open since there are 2 different clubs

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Howard County Fairgrounds,

2210 Fairgrounds Rd., West Friendship. MD 21794

We encourage you to enter and pay online through Easy2Show

To enter, go to www.easy2show.com

The open show is Baltimore and Howard, and the youth show is Hare Raisers Online Easy2show entry deadline is midnight Wednesday, April 2. You get an immediate e-mail of rabbits you have entered. If you entered earlier and need to make changes, simply go into your account and change whatever you need by midnight April 2.

Entry fee is \$5.00 per rabbit, per show. When you complete your entry, Easy2Show will accept **all major credit cards.** If you don't want to pay by credit card – note ALL credit cards are accepted – then e-mail your entry, but the deadline is a day earlier, and there are more chances for errors.

If you must e-mail, entry deadline is Tuesday, April 1, midnight. You will still need an Easy2Show account in order to get your after-show reports and have reports sent to your specialty clubs. Wendy Feaga is the show secretary for open and youth – wendyfeaga@verizon.net
Be sure to give your:

- Name, address, phone number.
- Ear number, breed, variety, sex, age class (junior, 6/8, senior) for each rabbit.

Email entry fee is \$5.00 per rabbit, and you pay by PayPal – BHRabbitShows@gmail.com or the morning of the show by cash or check. You will get e-mailed confirmation your entry has been received by Wednesday evening through the Easy2Show platform – please **print** that e-mail confirmation!

If you must snail mail your entry, use the entry form on pg 5, and send a check with your entry for \$5 per rabbit. Mailed entries must be **postmarked by Friday, March 28** (to be sure your entry is received in time). Bounced check fee is \$20.

Day of show rabbit is \$10 per show – this includes class changes as well as new rabbits.

Day of show changes are ear number only (same sex, class, variety, group and breed) and \$1 per show. Any other changes are scratch and day of show entry (\$10). No refund for day of show scratches. No-shows are expected to pay for all pre-entries. Free changes will be accepted up to 7 pm Thursday, April 3 by e-mailing Wendy at WendyF1980@verizon.net – and look for and check your e-mail for the online receipt from Easy2Show. **All changes must be reported to the show secretary by the end of the show at the latest or recording of placements will be wrong.**

Rabbits are to be in by 8 am, with judging starting at 9 with youth.

RABBIT SHOW SECRETARY:

Wendy Feaga
13151 Triadelphia Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21042
410-206-8173 (cell – text is best)
wendyfl980@verizon.net

Cavy Show, contact:
Faith Storms at faithstorms@gmail.com

RABBIT JUDGES

Dana Bramble, NJ
Bill Bramble, NJ
Steven Buell, NY

Whitney Post, VA
Paige Smith, NC
Mike Ross, NY

Ashley Sweeney, OH
Mary Ellen Stamets, NJ
Fayth Young, NC

SHOW SUPERINTENDENT: Anne Copenhaver

Assistant Show superintendents: Kathi, Maoliosa and Eoin Wilson, Deb Denisuk

REGISTRAR: Robin Keyser

Writers: Please help by writing for your breed. If there is no writer, we will move to the next breed.

OFFICIAL ARBA SANCTIONED SHOW
Eric Stewart, Secretary, PO Box 5667,
Bloomington Il, 61702,
Sanction fee: \$25 open, \$20 youth;
adult dues \$20, youth \$12

ARBA Convention,
Indianapolis, IN
November 14-19, 2025

OPEN BREEDS SWEEPSTAKED – Baltimore & Howard

Note: All breeds are accepted! Breeds below will earn points for national ranking if you are a member of that specialty club before judging starts.

American Fuzzy Lop, Angoras* sponsored by Deb Denisuk, Argent Brun* sponsored by Jim Theurer, Californian*, Champagne D'Argent* sponsored by Jim Theurer, Checkered Giants sponsored by Laurie Thompson-Godoy*, Czech Frosty*, Dutch*, Dwarf Hotot, English Spot* (youth sponsored by Andrew Stutler), Flemish, Florida White*, French & English Lop*, Havana sponsored by Rachel Walsh, Himalayan*, Holland Lop*, Jersey Wooly*, Mini Lop*, Mini Rex*, Netherland Dwarf*, New Zealand*, Polish*, Rex, Satin & Mini Satin*, Silver Fox*, Silver Marten, Tan.

***Youth sanctioned breeds are by the Hare Raisers 4-H Club**

If you would like to sponsor an additional breed, please contact

Wendy Feaga wendyfl980@verizon.net

For information on specialty clubs please visit <http://www.arba.net/>

Emergency day of show number: 410-206-8173 (Wendy Feaga's cell phone).

**Our food vender will be the food truck (Antojitos Express)
located outside the show room**

Rules

1. **Baltimore and Howard RCBA seeks to provide a safe and inviting environment for all who attend our shows. As a result, any reports of racially or sexually inappropriate comments or behaviors will be taken seriously by the show committee. If they are found to have basis, the person(s) involved will be required to leave the showroom immediately and will be forfeiting their entry and/or judging fees.**
2. This show will conform to all ARBA show rules. ARBA rule 23 is that there can be no changes once judging has started. Be sure to check your e-mailed confirmation that everything is correct.
3. ARBA youth age is 5 to 18.
4. All stock must be permanently & legibly earmarked in the left ear.
5. The decision of the show committee as to the placing of the breeds on a judge's show table will be final.
6. Any bad checks must be made good, or the exhibitor will be left off all show reports. **Bounced check fee \$20.**
7. Any stock showing signs of disease will be removed from the showroom and entry fee forfeited
8. No breeding allowed in the showroom.
9. **Exhibitors must act in a professional manner toward judges and the show committee, and follow the directions of the show committee or security officer, or they and their exhibits will be removed from the showroom, and entry fee forfeited.**
10. Parents are responsible for actions of their children.
11. No alcoholic foods or beverages on the show grounds.
12. The BHCRCBA will not be responsible in the case of fire, theft, and injury or providential loss, but every precaution will be taken to prevent these losses.
13. In the event of a dispute in the placing of a rabbit, the show record will determine the placing.
14. Rabbits exhibited in Maryland are to have a Self Certification Certificate of Health. Submission of an entry will serve as certification, which reiterates rule #6 above. Please, if you realize you have rabbits which are ill, leave them home or in your vehicle.
15. Maryland has a rule that animals must be at least 8 weeks old to be sold.
16. No smoking is permitted inside the showroom.

Awards

Open Show A:

- Best in Show ----- Large Rosette
- First Reserve ----- Large Rosette
- Second Reserve ----- Large Rosette
- BOB, BOS, ----- Various choices
- N. Dwarf BOG/BOSG -----Rosettes
- BOV/BOSV ----- Double overlay ribbons

Open Show B: money awards only – no ribbons

- BIS - \$50, First Reserve \$40, Second Reserve \$30
- BOB \$10, BOS \$5 if sanctioned and there are 10 or more in breed –
- If you prefer a rosette you may have that instead
- You must pick up your money at the show – none will be mailed after the show.*

Youth:

- Best in Show ----- Trophy
- First and Second Reserves ---- Trophy
- Silver Fox BOB & BOS --- Special Awards donated by Silver Fox exhibitors

There will be a photobooth where you can take your own photo of your rabbit or cavy.

Specialty Club Information:

If you belong to the specialty club for sweepstaked breeds before judging begins, you will receive points which count toward a national ranking. The specialty clubs have guide books and newsletters which are helpful to people raising that breed. We encourage you to first join the American Rabbit Breeders Association, <http://www.arba.net>. For information on joining the specialty clubs, please go to the ARBA web site, member resources, affiliated clubs, National Specialty Clubs, and you will see the contact information and dues for each breed club.

**Non sweepstaked, recognized breeds do compete for BIS
and if 10 or more are shown, will receive the same awards as sweepstaked breeds**

Working standard breeds and varieties are accepted, and qualify for awards if there are sufficient numbers, but they cannot compete for BOB or BIS. Be sure to bring your working standards.

**Thank-you Hare Raisers 4-H Club for setting up for the show
Exhibitors - please do your part at the close of the show to tidy up your area
before leaving, and as possible, to help in taking down and stacking equipment at
the close of the show.**

Baltimore and Howard Officers and Members:

Danae Grisgby, President	Michelle Beahm	Hutchison Family
Kathi Wilson, Vice President	Burroughs-Dunn Family	Tina Luer
Anne Copenhaver, Secretary	Katie Denisuk	Zach Newman
Wendy Feaga, Treasurer	Cindy Dixon	Wayne Sanders
Tresa Hutchison, Director	Karen Dixon	Faith Storms
Debra Denisuk, Director	Grigsby Family	Wilson Family
Vernon Brown, Director	Karen Herriotts	Yoder Family

The Baltimore & Howard Co. RCBA was first chartered by ARBA in 1946 and is the oldest Maryland ARBA club. Charter members included judges Lawrence Ritter, Bill Thompson, and Jack Pugh. The club has produced several other judges: Robert Frizzell, Wendy Feaga, Stacey Groncki and Faith Storms. Current members who are registrars are Anne Copenhaver, Wayne Sanders, Karen Dixon, and Cindy Dixon. We also welcome judge Zach Newman as a new member. Current ARBA life members are Wayne Sanders, Wendy Feaga, and Anne Copenhaver.

We hold 2 shows a year, the first Saturday in April unless its Easter weekend, when we move to the second Saturday, and again the 3rd Saturday in November. Meetings are held by zoom the 3rd Thursday of each month during the school year. All people are welcome to join. Baltimore & Howard's youth help comes from the Hare Raisers 4-H Club which meets the 2nd Fridays at the Howard Co. Fairgrounds. 4-H membership is open to all youth age 8 through 19, and the 4-H club leader is Kathi Wilson. Hare Raisers was formed in 1967, and ARBA chartered in 1986 under the leadership of Wendy Feaga. The 2 clubs began combining their show dates in 2016.

Beginner's pages - if you use www.easy2show.com you will be guided through the entry process and you can skip to (D) below. With Easy2Show, you must pay by credit card – all cards accepted – or you can't complete your entry.

A. Hints on e-mailing an entry – please don't scan or photograph your entry:

1. We need the same information as what is on the regular entry form – see B below – be sure to give your name, snail mail address and telephone number.
2. Don't worry about columns, but it's most helpful if you give the ear number first, then breed, variety, class (jr, intermediate, sr), typing these in on one line.
3. Be sure to say if open or youth (or both), and if open, which or both shows.
4. If you are only showing one breed it's okay to say "all are (name of that breed)" and then give just the rest of the information for each rabbit.
5. **MOST IMPORTANT! Watch your e-mail for confirmation your entry was received, and respond if the show secretary has more questions.**
6. E-mails pay morning of show or avoid the line by paying by PayPal BHRabbitShows@gmail.com

B. How to fill out a paper entry form for rabbits –

Variety: Lop breeds are shown as solid or broken, Jersey Woolies and Harlequins are shown by group (see your standard for the groups), Angoras are shown as white or colored, and all other breeds are shown by specific variety if different varieties are recognized.

Class means senior, 6-8, or junior. Juniors are under 6 months old in all breeds. Small breed rabbits are seniors at 6 months of age or older. If you enter a small breed rabbit as a 6-8, it will be moved to the senior class. Large breed rabbits have a 6 - 8 class. These rabbits are 6 months old to just under 8 months old. They are a senior the day they turn 8 months old.

Sex is buck or doe.

Fur - this is an optional class usually only for woolled breeds, Rex, Mini Rex, and Satins, although any breed can be judged in fur. This is a re-judging of that breed on fur qualities only. Breed disqualifications apply, and the rabbit must be entered in breed before it can be entered in fur.

C. Hints on filling out the entry form:

1. List all of one breed before going to another breed.
2. List all of the same variety in a breed before going to the next variety.
3. Within a variety, begin with senior buck, then senior doe, then 6-8s then juniors which is the judging order.
4. Be sure you have the breed, variety, class, and sex correct. If you try to change a rabbit to a new breed, variety, class, or sex this is a scratch and day of show entry (very expensive!). If you sent the entry and realized the mistake, e-mail by the Thursday before the show so the paperwork can be printed out correctly and you won't be charged!

D. Check your rabbits at home before loading them –

As you put your rabbits in your carriers, check for wet or snotty noses, dirty butts, obvious dandruff, badly matted, etc. ***Please leave sick rabbits at home!***

Hint: a day or more before the show, **use the check-in sheet** you received from Easy2Show, and, mark the ear number, breed, variety, sex and class on your show carrier with tape or an index card to ensure the show secretary recorded your entry correctly.

Then when you load your rabbits, be sure the rabbit you take is the one you entered. All changes are free as long as they are made by 5 PM Thursday before the show. Loading your entry in judging order will make it easier for you or others to find your rabbits and get the right one to the table.

E. Traveling to the show

Put your rabbits in a rabbit show carrier – please do not use the plastic cat carriers which open from the end; top opening carriers are best and be sure there is something to absorb urine, such as a terry cloth towel, if you are using a plastic cat carrier. Use shaving or underpads in the tray under the rabbits to absorb urine and odors when using the rabbit show carriers.

F. At the show

You should have an e-mail with the rabbits you entered. Be sure that matches the rabbits you actually brought. If there is an error, it's **your job to report these errors to the show secretary before judging starts for your breed.** No changes or adding rabbits are allowed at the judging table.

G. Changes are handled by the show secretary, and all go on the official change sheets. Changing a rabbit to a different class involves both scratching the rabbit AND adding it to the new class. ***If you change information at the show table, these changes will be ignored.*** The only acceptable changes are done by the show secretary onto official change sheets. Once judging has started on the breed, no changes are allowed.

H. Put your carriers in front of the judge who has that breed. If space is limited, stack your cages. Keep alert for the judging. If you are nowhere to be found and we have called for your rabbits 3 times, you will be skipped. It's best if you let friends also showing your breeds know where your rabbits are. Labeling the tops of your carriers with the breed variety, sex and class will help you, and any others find your rabbits quickly and return them to the correct coop. When it is time for your class, bring your rabbit to the show table. Do not let the judge know which rabbit is yours, and never, never tell a judge how that rabbit placed in another show. That is called influencing the judge, and can result in your rabbit or even your whole entry, being dismissed from the show. After your rabbit is judged and you are ready to take it back to its carrier, then you can ask a question about the rabbit. If, for example, you didn't understand what buck teeth were, do ask, and the judge will gladly show you.

I. Awards – pick up your awards as the breed is done. **Show B has no ribbons, only money for sweepstaked BOB and BOS.** Be sure to pick up your money before you leave as it will not be mailed to you, but accepted as a donation back to the club.

J. Leaving Please leave your area as orderly as possible, picking up big trash like soda cans and disposing of them in the barrels. Be sure to get your ribbons and any other awards (ask). Be sure you have all your rabbits and have not left a rabbit or child behind. **If you realize you have left something behind, call or e-mail the show secretary after the show so we can get your things back to you. ☺**