



**ESSEX COUNTY RABBIT & CAVY
BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**

Spring Show 2026 - Sunday, June 7th, 2026

**DOUBLE OPEN RABBIT & CAVY SHOWS
DOUBLE YOUTH RABBIT & CAVY SHOWS**

**Rabbit & Cavy Barn
Topsfield Fairgrounds
Route 1, Topsfield, Massachusetts**



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Essex County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association
Official ARBA Sanctioned Show

Eric Stewart, Executive Director, www.arba.net
PO Box 400, Knox, PA 16232

Dues: Individual - \$20.00 per year, \$50.00 for 3 years;

Husband/Wife - \$30.00 per year, \$75.00 for 3 years

Youth- \$12 per year \$30 for 3 years

**THE 2026 AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
WILL BE HELD IN RENO NEVADA OCTOBER 24-28.
HOSTED BY CALIFORNIA RABBIT AND CAVY SHOWS**

"Distractions"

Heather, one of our club members and a teacher, will be bringing games and arts & crafts to keep youth (& adults) occupied when they are not showing their animals. Games like corn hole & Velcro darts. Please check them out! We welcome your feedback.

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Topsfield, Massachusetts

Judging will start at 9AM

SHOW COMMITTEE

ECR&CBA Show Secretary - Karen Walrath
Show Superintendent - Jeff Schiller

Open & Youth Entries:	\$4 per animal per show
All Fur entries:	\$1.50 per rabbit per show
Ear # Substitutions at show:	First 2 free, \$1.00 each additional (Must be same sex, age, and variety.)
Class changes at show:	If it is DQ'd in Show A because it is in the wrong class, we'll gladly fix it for show B
Postmark Deadline:	Saturday, May 30, 2026 (Must be received by June 4th.)
Mail Entries to:	Karen Walrath 159 Newport St Arlington, MA 02476
Web entry submission Deadline:	Wednesday, June 3rd, 11:59pm
Late entries (web entry only):	\$5.00 per animal per show for new entries Deadline: Saturday, June 6th, 12 noon
Day of show entries:	\$6.00 per animal per show, must check in at show by 8am for show A, 10am for show B.
Website:	www.ecrcba.org

Questions? Send mail to shows@ecrcba.org. Make sure you put "Show" in the subject line by
check your spam box for replies.

Entries can be submitted at

Website Address: <http://www.ecrcba.org>

With Payment via Stripe (credit card processor), or pay on day of show.

Note: We provide a web-form worksheet for your entries.

You may edit, add to, and update this until close of entries.

Late entries are \$5 per animal for new entries (not including changes or corrections to existing entries), after 11:59pm on Wednesday until noon on Saturday. Day of show entries are \$6 per animal per show, and you must arrive before 8am to check in and complete paperwork.

Email confirmation will be sent when web submission is received (**check your spam box too!**)

**If you cancel the day of the show you must still pay your entry fee
(As a courtesy, please let the Show Secretary know that you can't make it.)**



SANCTIONED RABBIT BREEDS**

Open Sanctions: Cavies, Belgian Hares, Blue Holicer, Dutch, English & French Lops, Flemish Giants, Florida Whites, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lionheads, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Satins

Youth Sanctions: Holland Lop, Lionheads, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish

** List as of 5/15/2026. Check the on-line catalog for updates.
If you'd like to sponsor a breed sanction, contact the Show Secretary!

The Flemish Giant sanction is sponsored by Isabella DeSilva
The Satin sanction is sponsored by Sharon Casson
The Blue Holicer sanction is sponsored by Paul Jurgelonis
The English & French Lops sanction is sponsored by Manny Silva
The Himalayan Sanction is sponsored by Chantel & Charlie Johnson

This is an all-breed show -- All ARBA recognized breeds and breeds with working standards are welcome. You must bring your working standard.

Breed sanctions are ONLY for national club sweepstakes points for those who are members of a breed's national club. All ARBA recognized breeds, if shown, are eligible for ARBA Legs and awards.

JUDGES

Judges: Mary Anne Chmura (NY, C), Mark Fiorentino (NH, R), Gail Krall (TX, R),
Paul Jurgelonis (MA, R/C), Mary Jo Terry (TX, R), Emma Ward (OR, R)

Registrar: Alicia Trickett

RAFFLES

There will be a CLUB RAFFLE table with various rabbit & cavy related items and a basket Raffle

VENDORS

Vendors are welcome. Town Vendor permit required.
Please contact the show secretary (we will apply for it on your behalf.)
Bunny Rancher will be there!

KITCHEN

Mike's Kitchen will serve breakfast and lunch items & Beverages during the show

TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded for BIS & RIS Shows A and B, Rabbit, Cavy, and Youth
Additional Awards (Trophies or Rosettes) for all breeds with 10+ animals per breed

Donations for the following will be greatly appreciated:

Breed Sanctions - Awards

DIRECTIONS

From Points South:

Take Route 95 North to Exit 50. (Rte 1)

Follow Route 1 north to the Fairgrounds on right.

(At the 128/95 split - exit 45, make sure you stay *right* for I-95.)

From Points North:

Take Route 95 South to Exit 53. (Rte 97)

Follow Route 97 south to Route 1. Follow Route 1 south to Fairgrounds on left.

GPS address: 207 Boston Street, Topsfield, MA 01983



KEEP THE DATE: MIDNIGHT MADNESS EVENING DOUBLE SHOW AUGUST 15TH, 2026

LOCAL HOTELS, MOTELS, INNS

Note that many of the inexpensive motels along route 1 were previously used as state homeless shelters. In the past this put a strain on room prices. Hotels and motels further from Route 1 may have more availability & better prices.

Motel 6

65 Newbury St (Rt 1 North)
Danvers, MA
978-774-8045

Homewood Suites

57 Newbury St (Rt 1 North)
Peabody, MA
978-536-5050

Hampton Inn

59 Newbury St (Rt 1 North)
Peabody, MA
978-536-2020

Best Western

50 Dayton St
Danvers, MA
978-777-1700

Comfort Inn

102 Newbury St (Rt 1 South)
Danvers, MA
978-880-7717

DoubleTree Danvers

50 Ferncroft Rd
Danvers, MA
978-777-2500

Candlewood Suites

238 Andover St (114 at Rt. 1)
Danvers, MA
978-777-6222

Holiday Inn

1 Newbury St (Rt 1 North)
Peabody, MA
978-535-4600

Peabody Marriott

8A Centennial Dr
Peabody, MA
978-977-9700

Lakeview Motor Lodge

5 Lakeview Ave
Beverly, MA
978-296-8613

Red Roof Inn

19 Commerce Way
Woburn, MA
781-935-7110

****Knight's Inn****

219 Newbury St
Danvers, MA
978-774-6500

****Last we knew DOES NOT ALLOW Rabbits/Cavies ON PROPERTY****

National Club Information

The most up-to-date national club information for sanctioned breeds can be found at <https://arba.net/national-specialty-clubs/>. If you'd like a printed copy, please contact the show secretary.

SHOW RULES

1. The show will be governed by the show rules and standard of perfection of the ARBA. Entry indicates acceptance of these rules and any other rule set by this club. The current ARBA show rules can be found on their website: www.arba.net.
2. JUDGING WILL START AT 9AM.
3. **ABSOLUTELY NO PHONE ENTRIES.** Entries must be postmarked by the closing date to be accepted, per ARBA show rule section 19. Entries not meeting this requirement will be returned. Be sure to include your telephone number with your entry. **No Email entries. Please use our Website for electronic entry.**
4. Make checks payable to the Essex County Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association (ECR & CBA) and mail with entry to show secretary.
5. All entries must be paid to the secretary before judging starts. All un-shown entries will be billed by ECRCBA and future entries will not be accepted until past due accounts are paid. Checks that are returned will be subject to any fees that the bank assesses, handling charges and postage. After being notified by registered mail, the checks will be turned over to local police departments and the exhibitor will not be allowed to exhibit at future shows until account is paid. **NO PAYBACKS, LEGS OR POINTS** will be awarded until checks have cleared the bank.
6. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor(s) prior to entry. Each owner's personal name must be listed on the entry form.
7. The ECRCBA will not assume responsibility for loss of or injury to exhibitors' animals. All reasonable care will be used by the association in handling animals.
8. Sick or diseased animals shall not be brought into the showroom. The Show Superintendent has the right to examine any entry. Contagious animals will be removed from the showroom immediately, and entry fees forfeited.
9. Judging will be done in cages made for this purpose.
10. Do not ask for specific judges.
11. The judge's decisions will be final except in cases of absolute fraud. Protests must be filed with the show superintendent within 2 hours after judging and must be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00 which will be refunded if protest is sustained.
12. No one except the judge and his/her assistants are allowed behind the tables. Anyone interfering with the judging will have their entry eliminated without refund. Anyone wishing to assist a judge must write to the Superintendent and the Judge with whom they wish to work prior to the show.
13. This association reserves the right to appoint another judge or other judges in place of or in addition to those listed.
14. All rabbits are to be tattooed in the left ear with legible and permanent identification. Tattoos may only contain the numerals 0-9 and/or letters A-Z. All cavies must be tagged to be shown.
15. Ear# changes will be free for the first two changes. Each change thereafter will be \$1.00. Must be same sex and variety. Scratches are non-refundable.
16. We will not be using coop numbers for this show.
17. A registrar will be available to register animals at the show.
18. This is a **CARRYING CASE SHOW**. Carrying cages must have solid, leak-proof bottoms.
19. No open alcoholic beverages permitted in the building.
20. There will be no grooming tables or jumbo chairs set up in the barn due to lack of available space. A canopied grooming area will be setup for anyone wishing to groom their animals. No animals will be allowed in the dining area.
21. ARBA no longer requires comment cards to be filled out by the host club. Exhibitors will be expected to fill out their own comment cards. We will have a supply of comment cards available at the secretary's table for exhibitors. Writers, at their discretion, may fill the cards out, but are not required to.
22. Youth exhibitors may enter sanctioned youth shows between the ages of five (5) and eighteen (18) years. An adult cannot show in youth classes at any time. Youth exhibitors are not required to carry their own animals to the table, however Youth entries must be carried and put onto judging tables by a youth, not adults! Youth may show in either open or youth, but may not show the same animal in both during the same show (eg. Youth A and Open A is not allowed, but Youth A and Open B is allowed).

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