

LEAPS & SQUEAKS RABBIT AND CAVY CLUB RULES

LOUDOUN COUNTY FAIR 2017

- Exhibitor must be a registered member of Loudoun County 4-H or FFA by November 10th, of the current fair year.
- Exhibitor must be registered as having a “Rabbit or Cavy Project”, and must have an “In-Progress” project record book signed by a club leader and exhibited in Sykes Hall.
- Exhibitors must attend at least **50%** (5 meetings) of the regularly scheduled L&S club meetings between October and June of the current 4-H year.
- Exhibitors must have done a presentation on an agriculture or 4-H related topic at **one** of the following events:
 - 4-H Presentation Day (February 22, 2017@ 6:30PM)
 - L&S Club Presentation Days (March 26, 2017 **or** April 23, 2017 @ 2:00PM)
- Exhibitors must participate in at least **two** club-sponsored community service activities, each lasting at least 2 hours. If the total time of an event is less than two hours, the exhibitor must stay for the entire length of the event in order for it to count towards their two club-sponsored community service activities.
- Exhibitors must complete **one** “Fair Qualifier” that has been set forth and approved by the Loudoun County 4-H Extension Office.
- Exhibitors must participate in Rabbit Showmanship at the Fair. In order to participate in the breed show, you must participate in Rabbit Showmanship.
- Exhibitors must help with the fair grounds and rabbit barn clean up before and after the fair or make approved arrangements with the club leader in advance. ***Exhibitors must also attend the Mandatory Fair Meeting and General Fair Clean Up for all clubs. Date(s) are currently TBD.***
- Exhibitors are expected to participate and aid the Leaps and Squeaks Club each day during the Fair, even if the 4H'er is a member of multiple clubs. This includes fair and club activities: working the ice cream booth, trash pickup, helping with club activities such as working in the barn, greeting the public and answering their questions, monitoring rabbits' health and participating in educational presentations.

- Exhibitors must submit completed show entries online (using ShoWorks) by **July 1st**. Deletions, substitutions and additions up to the 15 rabbit limit per member may be made until **July 18th**. All rabbits shown must be at least 12 weeks old by show date and have been owned or purchased by the member prior to **June 1**, of the fair year.
- Exhibitors will be responsible for the care of their own rabbits by 8:30AM each morning or make arrangements for their care. This includes ice blocks if necessary. Only approved bedding material provided by the club will be used in trays.
- Exhibitors will pay a \$10.00 rental fee per cage used at the fair, to be refunded if the member participates at Clean Up. At Clean Up, all members will be responsible for:
 - Emptying their own trays
 - Helping to clean and store all cages and L&S equipment
 - Ensuring that the L&S area of the barn is completely clean

Cleaning only your animals' cages will NOT be enough to get your refund.
- All rabbits exhibited in the barn must be entered in the show. Rabbits must be in the barn by 10:00AM on Monday and must remain until Sunday. (Exception due to excessive heat may be made by appropriate club and/or fair officials).
- Rabbits for Individual Sale must be at least 12 weeks old. All money is payable to the owner as all transactions must be with the club member or his/her designate. It will not be the responsibility of other club members to facilitate the sale of rabbits. Care instructions, travel accommodations, and sample feed must be provided for the buyer.
- Single Sale Auction Rabbits: Must be entered in the Single Sale Auction Class. They are being sold under the premise of a meat rabbit – by the pound. Rabbits must be between 12 and 52 weeks of age and tattooed for proper identification. If donated back to the club by auction purchaser, they will be returned to the 4-H'er who owned them prior to the auction.

I have read the above guidelines and understand that I must follow them to the best of my ability in order to participate in the 2017 Rabbit Show at the Loudoun County Fair.

Exhibitor Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____