

Dear Rabbit & Cavy Exhibitors,

September 2017

On behalf of the Essex County Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association, We would like to invite you to enter the Topsfield Fair Rabbit and Cavy Show. Katelynn Schultz will be the show secretary for this show. The email address is still shows@ecrcba.org.

The show will be held on **Saturday, September 30th**, with judging starting at 10am. It is a single ARBA sanctioned Open show. Everyone (adults and youth) can enter in this show. The 4H youth-only (non ARBA) show is on Sunday, October 1st. If you want to enter the 4H show, send mail to shows@ecrcba.org and we'll forward it to the person organizing the 4H show.

If you enter the show, you will need to plan on being here early (between 8 and 9am.) We aren't the only show in town! Traffic and parking will be difficult after 9am. For this show, you will need to park in "Parking E", also known as the Route 97 lot. If you enter the show, your parking and admission is free. The gate attendants will have exhibitor lists. There is no Day of Show Entry at this show.

REGISTRATION

Please use our on-line system to enter your animals for the show. To do this, go to our website (www.ecrcba.org) and click on "enter on-line". Payments for on-line registration are via PayPal (secure), or you can pay by check or cash on the day of the show. Website entries on our website will be automatically acknowledged by email. Email and phone entries will *not* be accepted. Paper (mailed) entries with pre-payment are always welcomed. IMPORTANT: Checks must be made out to "The Topsfield Fair" for the fair show. Please mail all paper entries to Katelynn Schultz, not the fairgrounds.

The Topsfield Fairgrounds on-line "Exhibitor Handbook" should redirect you to our website for your on-line entry and show information. If you inadvertently entered your animals on the fairgrounds website or sent your paper entry form to the fairgrounds, please let us know.

The official postmark deadline for entries mailed-in to Katelynn Schultz is Saturday, September 24th. The deadline for website entries is Tuesday, September 26th at 10pm. These deadlines may seem early, but the fair starts on that Friday, and all paperwork needs to be printed and exhibitor lists sent to the entrance gates before the fair begins. If you have a problem with your entry or the deadlines, please let us know and we'll try to work with you.

If you have any questions, please send mail to shows@ecrcba.org.

Sincerely, Karen Walrath & Katelynn Schultz, Show Secretaries ECR&CBA

DIRECTIONS TO THE FAIRGROUNDS

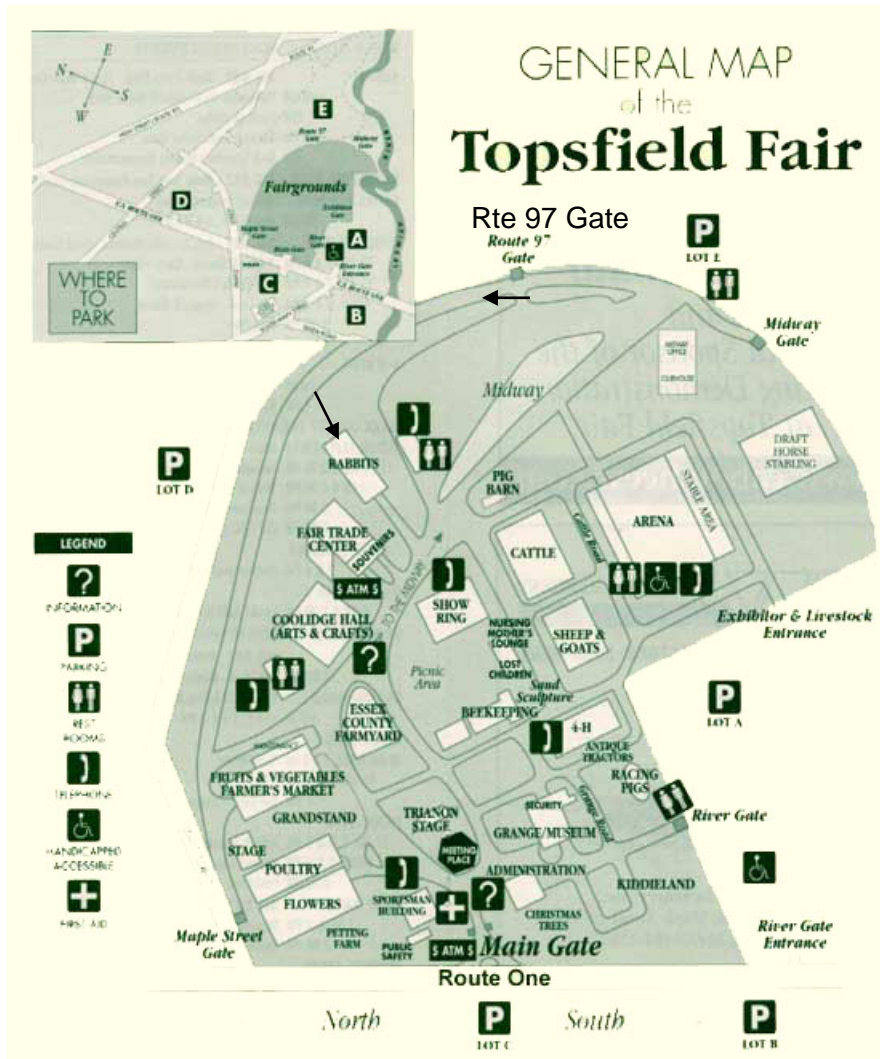
From Points South:

Take Route I-95 North to Exit 50. (Rte 1) Follow Route 1 north past the fairgrounds.
Turn right on Rte 97 (or Central St. to Rte 97) and proceed to parking E.
(At the 128/I-95 split – exit 45, make sure you stay *right* for I-95.)

From Points North:

Take Route I-95 South to Exit 53. (Rte 97)
Follow Route 97 south to Route 1. Cross Rte 1 and proceed to parking E on Rte 97.

Fairgrounds main entrance GPS address: 207 Boston Street, Topsfield, MA 01983
Fair Parking E (97 Gate) GPS address: 167 High Street, Topsfield, MA 01983



ARBA Sanctioned Open Rabbit & Cavy Show

Sponsored By The Essex County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association

Fall Show held in conjunction with Topsfield Fair.
This is a Carrying Case Show.

Saturday, September 30th, 2017
Show Secretary: Katelyn Schultz
Barn Superintendent: Fred Gardner
Show Superintendent: Jeff Schiller

Official ARBA Sanctioned Show: This is an Official American Rabbit Breeders Association sanctioned show, and the latest rules of this organization will govern this show.

Eric Stewart, Executive Director, www.arba.net
PO Box 5667, Bloomington, Illinois 61702

Dues: Single -\$20/1 year \$50/3 years
Husband & Wife Combo - \$30/year \$75/3 years

Sanction Fee: \$25.00 open, \$20.00 youth

This is an official New England Show Circuit sanctioned show and points will count towards the Sweepstakes prizes. Sweepstakes awards will be made annually on each breed of rabbit and cavy recognized by the ARBA. For information on the New England Show Circuit contact the secretary: Nancy Platt, 299 East Main St., Norton, MA

To be eligible for NESC sweepstakes awards, the exhibitor must be a member in good standing of a New England organization and of the ARBA at the time of the awards.

Essex County Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association
Officials:

President	Perley Emery
Vice President	Amanda Medeiros
Treasurer	Jeff Schiller
Secretary	Jennifer Barbaro
Board of Directors	Sally Hamel (chair), Paula Andruskiewicz, Rick Remieres, Katelynn Schultz, Manny Silva.
Barn Superintendent	Fred Gardner
Judges:	Lisa DiMambro, Mark Fiorentino, Judy Cook (Cavies only). The ECR & CBA reserves the right to add or change judges.
Show Secretary	Katelynn Schultz, shows@ecrcba.org

SHOW RULES

1. You do not have to be a member of ARBA or ECRCBA in order to enter the Topsfield Fair Rabbit & Cavy Show.
2. The show will be governed by the show rules and standard of perfection of the ARBA. Entry indicates acceptance of same. If you are unsure if your rabbit

or cavy meets ARBA standards, please contact the show secretary.

3. JUDGING WILL START AT 10 AM.
4. ABSOLUTELY NO PHONE ENTRIES. Entries with full payment 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.
5. Make checks payable to the Topsfield Fair and mail with entry to the **show secretary**.
6. 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.
7. Judging will be done in cages made for this purpose.
8. Sick animals will be removed from the showroom immediately.
9. Do not ask for specific judges.
10. 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.
11. This association reserves the right to appoint another judge or other judges in place of or in addition to those listed.
12. All rabbits are to be tattooed in the left ear with legible and permanent identification. All cavies must be tagged to be shown.
13. 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.
14. There will be no registrar available. There is no tattooing on the fairgrounds during the fair.
15. This is a CARRYING CASE SHOW. Carrying cages must have solid, leak-proof bottoms.
16. All entries must be paid to the secretary before judging starts. All unshown entries will be billed by The Topsfield Fair 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.
17. There will be no grooming tables set up in the barn due to lack of available space. A grooming area will be available for anyone wishing to groom their animals.
18. 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 booth for exhibitors.

NOTE: When filling out the entry form, be sure to include the breed, variety, age, sex, and ear number of each animal.

Entry Fees

Single Rabbit \$3.00

Single Cavy \$3.00

Fur \$2.00 extra

Meat Pen \$2.00 extra

No separate youth entries (youth enter in open)

Send entries to

Katelynn Schultz, 25 Molloy St, Watertown, MA 02472

Entries can also be submitted at Website Address:

<http://www.ecrcba.org> after 9/1/2017 with Payment via

Paypal (Paypal account or credit card)

Sanctioned Breeds

Cavies, Angoras, Argente Brun, Belgian Hare, Crème D'Argent, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English/French Lop, English Spot, Flemish Giant, Florida White, Harlequin, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lionheads, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, New Zealand, Polish, Satins & Mini Satins, Silver, Thrianta

* This is an all-breed show. All ARBA recognized breeds and breeds with working standards will be judged. Sanctions are for national club sweepstakes points. If you'd like to sponsor a breed sanction, email: shows@ecrcba.org.

Awards

FIRST \$4.00 SECOND \$3.00 THIRD \$2.00

The ECR & CBA offers awards to all breeds with 10 or more animals shown. ROSETTES will be available for all BOB and BOS placements. RIBBONS will be furnished through 5th place in all classes UPON THE REQUEST OF THE EXHIBITOR ONLY.

Sanctioned National Clubs

Current National Specialty Club information can be found here: www.arba.net/natl_specialty.htm, or contact the show secretary.

ESSEX COUNTY RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Topsfield Fair Rabbit & Cavy Show

*****Saturday***, September 30th, 2017**

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

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**Essex County Rabbit &
Cavy Breeder's Association**

**159 Newport St
Arlington, MA 02476-7833**
