

Dear Rabbit & Cavy Exhibitors,

September 2014

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, October 4th**, 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 5th. 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.

Please read the following information. Some of it has changed from previous years.

WHERE TO PARK (BE HERE BY 9AM!)

Unlike at our regular shows, the fairgrounds will not permit exhibitor's vehicles to enter the fairgrounds during the fair.

Parking for our show is always at the "Rte 97" gate, also known as "Parking E". (Rtes 1 and 97 intersect just north of the fairgrounds. Follow Rte 97 around to the back of the fairgrounds.) **It is recommended that you plan on arriving at the fairgrounds before 9am to avoid traffic. There is additionally a parade leaving from Topsfield center at 9am heading toward the fairgrounds for "opening ceremonies" at 10am. This will heavily impact traffic in the area.** The fair gates open at 8am. We ask every year for them to open early at 7am for our exhibitors. We will confirm this in the pre-show email sent to exhibitors. Exhibitors and anyone carrying rabbits or cavies will be admitted without charge on the day of the show. We will provide exhibitor lists to the gate attendants and parking attendants in case of questions.

Only hand carts will be allowed through the Rte. 97 gate. We can drive the golf cart from the barn up to the 97 gate to pick up/drop off exhibitors & carriers, but we can't drive through the gate into the lot. (The golf cart is too wide for the gate.) We do have hand carts to lend to help with transportation of carriers from the parking lot to the barn and back. **However, these carts are only for use between the barn and the 97 lot (Parking E) and must be returned to the barn or 97 gate area for other exhibitors to use.**

Please follow the directions of the parking attendants for where to unload you animals by the 97 gate. Have patience, we aren't the only show in town!

After you enter via the 97 gate, immediately turn right and go down the dirt road alongside the midway. Our barn is the first one after the midway. Enter through the back of the barn, as the front doors are closed until 10am.

SECURITY CHECKS

Because of past events in Boston, there will be additional security checks as you enter the fairgrounds. These checks are preventative and were recommended as a prudent response by state & local police. There have been no security threats against the fairgrounds or the surrounding areas. Expect to have your vehicle checked as you enter the parking lot. Expect to have bags inspected as you enter the gates. (Bags that have been inspected will be marked with tags.) Again, these searches are only preventative in nature and supposed to be quick. We expect some additional delays entering the fairgrounds due to these checks.

Please remember that alcohol and firearms or weapons of any type are not allowed on the fairgrounds, either in your car or on your person. (They never were, but no one ever checked in the past.)

REGISTRATION

This year, the fairgrounds has allowed us to use our own on-line registration system for our show. This includes using paypal for credit card payments. (Note: the fairgrounds website is not secure.)

To use our website to enter on-line, go to 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. If you have entered via the fairgrounds website or sent a paper entry to the fairgrounds, PLEASE send us a copy and indicate how you paid. We do not receive this info from them in a timely fashion (if at all!)**

The official postmark deadline for entries mailed-in to Katelynn Schultz is Saturday, September 27th. The deadline for website entries is Tuesday, September 30th at 10pm. These deadlines may seem early, but the fair starts on that Friday, and all paperwork needs to be printed 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.

We have requested BOB and BOS fair rosettes for all breeds this year, no matter how many animals are shown. Trophies are also available for any breed with 10+ animals shown. Ribbons are available to 5th place, at the request of the exhibitor. (You need to pick them up at the show, we do not mail them.)

The following breeds are sanctioned: Angoras, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Cavy, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Spot, English/French lop, Flemish Giant, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolly, Lionheads, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, New Zealand, Polish, Satin/Mini Satin, and Thrianta. If you'd like to sponsor a breed sanction, please send mail to shows@ecrcba.org or to the secretary's address on the entry form.

The rabbit judges will be Paul Jurgelonis, Alan Platt, and Lisa DiMambro. Either Paul Jurgelonis or Alan Platt will be judging the Cavies (depending on total number of animals.)

The fairgrounds would like to clarify that you do not have to be a member of ARBA or ECRCBA in order to enter the Topsfield Fair Rabbit Show, and that this is an all-breed show. All ARBA recognized breeds and breeds with working standards are welcome. Sanctions are for national club sweepstakes points only.

All animals will be judged to ARBA standards. If you are not sure of your rabbit or cavy meets the breed's specific variety (color) standards or class weight categories, please contact us!

The space in the barn set aside for the show is limited because the barn must also remain open to the public during the fair. Although the public will be able to view parts of the show, the show area itself is reserved for exhibitors only. Please plan on keeping your carrying cage setup as compact as possible. Stack vertically, not horizontally! We may have tables available to help with multi-level cage storage. Also, please limit the number of chairs you set up to the absolute minimum.

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

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

DIRECTIONS TO THE FAIRGROUNDS

From Points South:

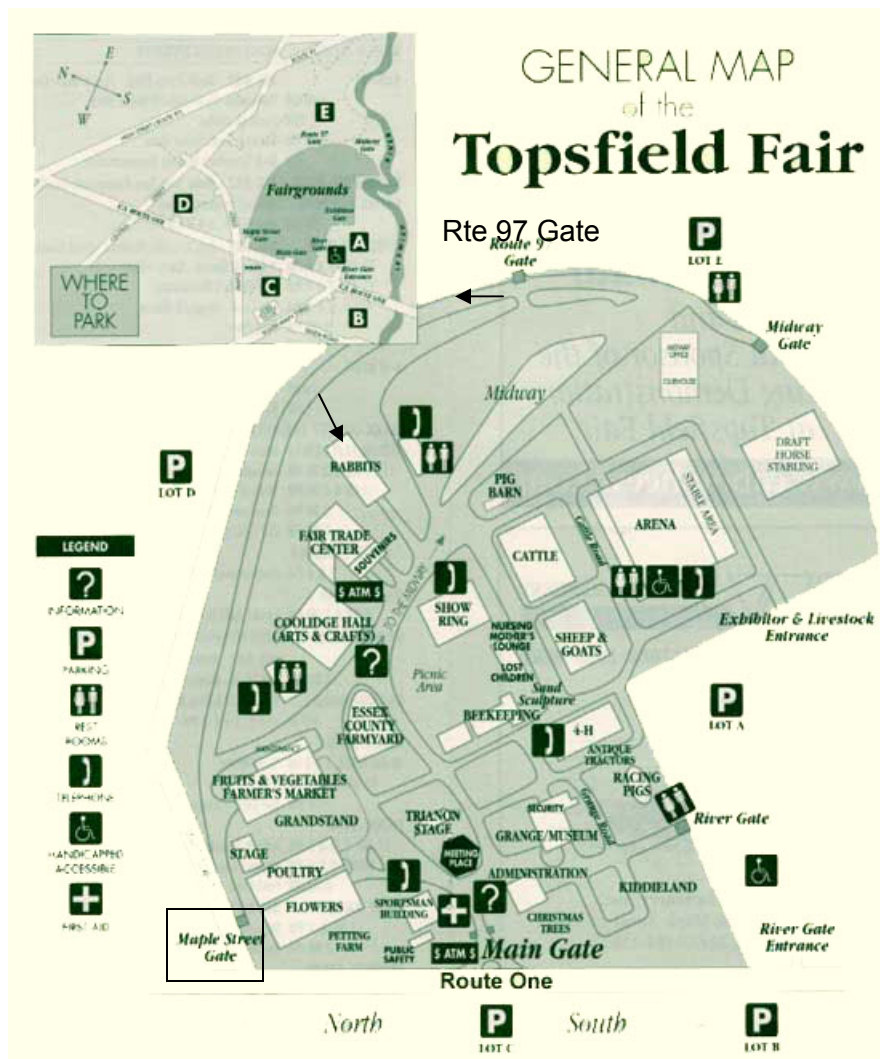
Take Route I-95 North to Exit 50. (Rte 1) Follow Route 1 north past the fairgrounds.
Turn right on Rte 97 (or Central St. to Rte 97) and proceed to parking E.
(At the 128/I-95 split – exit 45, make sure you stay *right* for I-95.)

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 Box Show.

Saturday, October 4, 2014
Show Secretary: Katelyn Schultz
Barn Superintendent: Eric Thurkins
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 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.

THIS IS A CARRYING CASE SHOW

Essex County Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association
Officials:

President	Mike Andruskiewicz
Vice President	Norma Horsch
Treasurer	Faleen Wies
Secretary	Amanda Medeiros
Board of Directors	Mary Merriam, Perley Emery, Sally Hamel, Jeff Schiller, Manny Silva
Barn Superintendent	Eric Thurkins
Judges:	Alan Platt, Paul Jurgelonis, Lisa DiMambro. 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 ECRBCA in order to enter the Topsfield Fair Rabbit 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 show secretary.
6. The ECRBCA 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 12 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 9/1/2013 with Payment via
Paypal (Paypal account or credit card)

Sanctioned Breeds

Cavies, Angoras, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English/French Lop, English Spot, Flemish Giant, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lionheads, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, New Zealand, Polish, Satins & Mini Satins, Thrianta

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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.

Entry #: _____ Date: _____
 Exhibitor's Name: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____ ARBA #: _____ (optional)
 Email address: _____ (optional)

ECR & CBA Show Entry Form
The Topsfield Fair Rabbit & Cavy Show
Saturday, October 4th, 2014
10am, Rabbit Barn, Topsfield Fairgrounds

FEE: \$3 per entry (fur \$2 extra)

ESSEX COUNTY RABBIT & CAVY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION SHOWS

Coop #	Ear #	Breed	Variety	Class (SR, Int, JR)	Sex	Fur (\$2 extra)	Total Fees

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Topsfield Fair Rabbit & Cavy Show

*****Saturday***, October 4th, 2014**

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

Fairgrounds main entrance *GPS* address: 207 Boston Street, Topsfield, MA 01983

Fair Parking E (97 Gate) *GPS* address: 167 High Street, Topsfield, MA 01983

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

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