



# TEXAS 4-H RABBIT EXTRAVAGANZA 2013

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# *Entry and Other General Information*

*Entry Process:* All entries must be submitted through 4HConnect.

4HCONNECT is a 4-H Member and Family Registration on-line system. Each family should establish a family profile and “enroll” their 4-H members on this system. Once the membership record is approved by your county, you will be assigned a Membership ID and you will then be able to register for this event. Event name: 2013 Rabbit Extravaganza.

EARLY ENTRY ONLY: **All registration must be done using 4-HConnect.**  
**Registrations open from October 16 - October 31, 2013**  
Instructions for using 4HConnect can be obtained at the website  
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

ENTRY FEE \$12 per youth (includes a t-shirt)  
Rabbits \$3.25 per entry (meat pen of 3 is ONE entry)  
Special Events \$2.00 per entry  
Fees must be paid in full via e-check or credit card at time of entry.

ENTRIES: Rabbits may only be shown by one 4-H'er. Entries submitted in the name of more than one 4-H'er or entries **WITHOUT EAR TATTOOS LISTED WILL NOT BE PROCESSED OR ACCEPTED.**

SUBSTITUTIONS: Entries may be changed the morning of the show **AS LONG AS THEY ARE THE SAME CLASS, SAME SEX AND THE SAME VARIETY; THEREFORE THE ONLY THING THAT CAN BE CHANGED IS THE RABBIT'S TATTOO NUMBER.**  
All changes must be made before the show begins. \$3 per head substitution fee.

**(Cash ONLY, correct change.)**

NO ADDITIONAL OR NEW RABBIT OR SPECIAL EVENT ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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2) Katie Lyle

RULES COMMITTEE: Eddie Bruton, Kathy Brase and Brittani Shephard.

LOCATION: Gatesville Civic Center, 301 Complex Circle  
Gatesville, TX 76528 (Hwy 84 just east of town behind ball parks)

**DIRT EXHIBIT AND STAGING AREA FLOOR  
NO ANIMALS ALLOWED INSIDE THE Civic Center.**

**RABBIT EXTRAVAGANZA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Showroom Opens**..... 6:30 a.m.

**RABBIT Check-in (make substitutions now!)**..... 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.  
\$3 per head substitution fee (Cash only, correct change)

**Check-in for Poster, Art, Photo and T-Shirt Design (at designated areas)**.....7:00 - 8:00 a.m.  
***NO LATE ENTRIES OR SUBSTITUTIONS OF SPECIAL EVENTS***

**Poster, Art and Photo entries must remain on display until 3:00 p.m.  
(OR LATER IF JUDGING IS NOT COMPLETE)**

**Special Contests Begins in Designated Locations** ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Awards will be presented as judging is completed. (Approximately 3 p.m.)

t	Breed Identification	9:00 a.m. - noon
t	Hands-On Rabbit Judging	9:00 a.m. - noon
t	Best Dressed Rabbit	9:00 a.m. - noon
t	Showmanship	9:00 a.m. - noon

These events are run on a “come and go” basis. Participants should check in with the special event coordinator at the event location when they are ready to participate. Please do not wait until noon to check in for these special events or you may not get to participate! Event chairmen will work with those who have schedule conflicts.

**Rabbit Show Begins** 9:00 a.m.

**Show order and table assignments will be posted in the judging area.  
Judging will begin with the Meat Pens and Single Fryers.**

**Poster, Art and Photo entries released** ..... 3:00 p.m.  
**(IF JUDGING IS COMPLETE)**

**Silent Auction closes** ..... 1:30 p.m.

**Silent Auction “payout” closes** ..... 2:00 p.m.

The **Texas Rabbit Extravaganza** is a state wide competition open to enrolled, Texas 4-H members of official 4-H age. Rabbits are judged and placed based on a universally accepted *Standard of Perfection*. This will not be an A.R.B.A. nor a T.R.B.A. sanctioned show, but all rules will pertain to judging rabbits.

There will be a special section for clover kids to participate in RABBIT ART, BEST DRESSED RABBIT and RABBIT PHOTO. Clover kids will register the same and all cost will be the same as regular 4-H'ers.

**SILENT AUCTION:**

A silent auction will be held. Exhibitors, clubs, counties, vendors and others are asked to support this effort by bringing and donating quality items - i.e. rabbit craft projects, equipment or other items that will interest those attending the show. Donations may be turned in at show check-in! Auction will close at 1:30 and payout must be completed by 2:00 p.m.

**AWARDS**

Rabbit Show: First through third place winners in each category will receive ribbons. Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex will receive awards. In addition awards will be awarded for Best of Show, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up of show, Best of the Best Opposites, and 1<sup>st</sup> runner up of Best Opposites.

Special Events: First place winners in each age division will receive an award unless otherwise noted. Ribbons will be awarded for second through third place in all age categories. All clover kids will receive an award.

## GENERAL SHOW RULES

This is a YOUTH SHOW. We encourage each young person to accept the responsibility of his/her rabbit project by placing their rabbits on and off the judging table. No adult will be allowed to place rabbits on the table for youth. With the many activities of the day youth are reminded that it is important to remember that showing your rabbit when it is called to the table is your main priority. Please try to participate in as many activities as you wish, but always be ready when your rabbits are called to the table. This will be a no commit card show.

### YOUTH MUST PLACE RABBITS ON THE TABLE

1. All stock must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and **must be permanently and clearly tattooed in the left ear**. Tattoo must NOT be freshly done.
2. Please pick up ribbons at the end of the show before you leave. **They will not be mailed.**
3. Rabbits will be called to the table three times only. If, after the 3<sup>rd</sup> call, your rabbit is still not on the table, it will be listed as a “no show”.
4. No exhibitor or spectator will be allowed in the judging area.
5. Any animal showing signs of disease or sickness will be removed from the showroom area and will not be accepted for judging.
6. The superintendent/show committee reserves the right to make any necessary changes.
7. There will be no changes after judging begins.
8. No carriers will be allowed under judging tables at any time.
9. Meat pens will consist of three rabbits – all of the same breed and variety. Entries will be eliminated if more than one breed or variety is in the same pen. Age limit not over 10 weeks, weight limit not over 5 pounds for each rabbit and not less than 3 pounds. If any one rabbit in the pen is disqualified, the whole pen becomes disqualified. Single fryers will be judged by the same standards. Do not have to own the doe from which meat pens are selected. Meat pens must be in possession at least 30 days before the Extravaganza.
10. **NO DOGS or OTHER ANIMALS** will be allowed in the showroom. Exception: Dogs used to aid the visually impaired will be allowed.
11. All judges’ decisions will be final.
12. Young people choosing not to show a live animal are welcome to register and participate in any of the additional contests offered.
13. This is a one day carrier show - **ALL CARRIERS MUST HAVE WATER PROOF BOTTOMS.**
14. Bring lawn chairs for the family as chairs /bleachers are not available.
15. **IF YOU ARE LEAVING THE SHOW EARLY AND YOU HAVE A BEST OF BREED WINNER, PLEASE INFORM THE SHOW SECRETARY OF SCRATCH.**

The Texas Rabbit Extravaganza Booster Club, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program, Coryell County and its employees will assume no responsibility in case of theft, accident, or other destruction of your property. However, every precaution will be taken to eliminate any danger in the showroom. **PARENTS WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THEIR CHILDREN’S ACTIONS.**

**SPECIAL EVENTS RABBIT CONTEST**  
**Supt. Brittani Shepherd**

***SPECIAL EVENTS GENERAL INFORMATION***

**EXHIBITOR AGE DIVISIONS:**

Clover Kids ages **5-6-7 years old as of August 31, 2013**

Junior ages **8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or 9-10 years old as of August 31, 2013**

Intermediate ages **11-12-13 years old as of August 31, 2013**

Senior ages **14-18 years old on August 31, 2013**

**Rabbits are to be entered by the rabbit's age not the exhibitor's age. (junior, intermediate or senior)**

Must not have passed 19<sup>th</sup> birthday - i.e. if age 18 on August 31<sup>st</sup> and turn age 19 on September 1<sup>st</sup>, the youth is eligible.

Changes will be made to entry classification if deemed necessary by Special Events Supt.

Contest design and age appropriateness does not allow Clover 4-H participants to compete in any contest, but they are welcome to observe and learn in preparation for future years!

Adult and teen volunteers are asked to assist in any way possible to help make these contests run smoothly. If you would like to volunteer in any way, email us at [rabbitevents@yahoo.com](mailto:rabbitevents@yahoo.com) to let us know how you can help! Volunteers can also check with us at the event if you want to help!

**Youth assistants may NOT enter an event for which they are providing rabbits or other type of leadership or assistance for the show.**

**RABBIT ART CONTEST:**

Purpose: To display your creative skills using various methods of artistic creativity. All work must be original and done by the exhibitor since the last Extravaganza and MUST contain a rabbit or its likeness. Entries will be classified as 1) Graphic - to include drawings, colorings, etchings, paintings. 2) Handicrafts - to include sewing, baskets, embroidery, etc. - Identification tags will be provided at show check-in. The first place entry from graphic and handicraft in each age division will be awarded an award.

**BREED IDENTIFICATION:**

Purpose: To demonstrate the participants knowledge of the different breeds of rabbits using breed, showroom classification, type and class. Use the ARBA Standards of Perfection to study.

Youth will view a variety of rabbits then will write answers on an official answer sheet.

EXAMPLE:

BREED	SHOWROOM CLASSIFICATION	BODY TYPE	CLASS (4 OR 6)
<i>Mini Rex</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Compact</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Netherland Dwarf</i>	<i>Self</i>	<i>Compact</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Holland Lop</i>	<i>Broken</i>	<i>Compact</i>	<i>4</i>

**EDUCATIONAL / PROMOTIONAL RABBIT POSTERS & DISPLAYS:**

Purpose: To promote the rabbit project and show rabbit knowledge and/or rabbit project possibilities. Please use standard size poster board or free standing tri-fold display (science) boards. **Do not pre-label exhibits.** Identification tags will be furnished upon check-in. Posters will be judged from a distance of 5 feet on: eye appeal, originally, subject matter and readability. All entries must have been made by the exhibitor member since the last Extravaganza.

**HANDS-ON RABBIT JUDGING:**

Purpose: To demonstrate the ability of the participant in placing rabbits as a judge would. The *Standard of Perfection* may be used in this contest. Youth will place rabbits according to the scale of points for each breed. A class will consist of four animals each. These rabbits will have been evaluated and officially ranked by a show judge. Scoring will be done using the Hormel Computing Slide. Juniors will judge 1 class, Intermediates 1 or 2 classes, Seniors will judge 2 classes of same breed, sex and variety. Tie-breakers /call-backs will be held when necessary to determine the top winners in each age group. A number (1,2,3 or 4) in the right ear will be used to identify each rabbit to be judged in each class. Youth will rank the rabbits according to their decision as to which rabbit is the best, second best, third best, etc. For example:

Breed/ Class     California - Class 1          $\frac{3}{1^{st}}$     $\frac{1}{2^{nd}}$     $\frac{4}{3^{rd}}$     $\frac{2}{4^{th}}$

**BEST DRESSED RABBIT:**

Purpose: To have fun using your imagination in dressing your rabbit. Bring what you need the day of the show. Each contestant is allowed one entry. Contestants may give up to a two-minute presentation (explanation to the judges of their rabbit's theme/costume) on their entry. Entries will be evaluated on originally & creativity, behavior of rabbit while in costume, and communication with the judge.

### **RABBIT PHOTO CONTEST:**

Purpose: To display your creative skills using a camera. All pictures must be taken by the exhibitor since the last Extravaganza. All photos must include one or more “real” rabbits. Each photo may be entered in only ONE category (the same picture can not be color and b&w). Categories will include: Color Humor, Color Rabbit (single rabbit breed photos), Color Rabbits and People, Color Open (all others), Black & White (all) and may be taken with any camera.. First place winners in each category will be considered for AGE division grand champion award.

**All photos must be 8 inches x 10 inches in dimension. All prints must be permanently mounted on solid photographic mount board or a board of like thickness no larger than 8 x 10 inches suitable for hanging, without an additional frame. No framed photos.**

**Do not pre-label exhibits. Identification tags will be furnished upon check-in at the Extravaganza.**

### **SHOWMANSHIP:**

Purpose: Provide youth an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to professionally examine a rabbit as a judge would do in competition. Judges may ask several “standard” questions that will be age appropriate. Judges will be fair and consistent with all judging and will have experience in this field. Some youths will be asked to do showmanship more than one time to determine winners in case of ties. The Texas 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Guidelines and score form will be used as the standard for judging. Guidelines can be located on-line at:

[http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/rabbit%20extravaganza/index\\_rabbit.php](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/rabbit%20extravaganza/index_rabbit.php)

### **2013 T-Shirt Design (Concept):**

We’re looking for new original ideas! Come up with a slogan, cute sketch, or concept for the 2014 extravaganza. Can’t draw, no problem! Computers generated graphics (winner may be asked to submit in digital format); drawings, stick figures with word descriptions or other creative ways to get your idea across are permissible! Entries will be judged by the 2013 youth exhibitors at the show. Be sure to check your registration packet for the official voting ballot and information! One vote per exhibitor. Submit your idea, drawing, sketch, theme on 8 ½ X 11 paper. **USE OF THE 4-H LOGO IS NOT REQUIRED IN THE DESIGN. NO TRADEMARK OR COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL.**

**A concession stand with breakfast & lunch items will be available.  
Please plan to support them!**



## **Lodging Facilities**

Ramada  
111 N. Hwy 36 Bypass  
Gatesville, TX 76528  
(254) 865-1207

Best Western  
2501 E. Main Street  
Gatesville, TX 76528  
(254) 865-2281

Regency Motor Inn  
2307 E. Main Street  
Gatesville, TX 76528  
(254) 865-8405

Weston Inn Suites & RV Park  
711 West McGregor Dr.  
McGregor, TX 76657  
(254) 840-0444

Gatesville RV Park  
(254) 248-2008

Extravaganza information can be found on the web at:

[http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/rabbit%20extravaganza/index\\_rabbit.php](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/rabbit%20extravaganza/index_rabbit.php)