



NYS GRAND FINALS & CONVENTION

October 21 & 22, 2023

Cortland County Fairgrounds

[4301 Fairgrounds Dr, Cortland, NY 13045](https://www.cortlandcountyfairgrounds.com/)

DEADLINES: These are FIRM

09/01/2023	11:59 PM Applications to Youth Chair for Royalty, & Youth Management Contests (see page 14)
09/01/2023	Education Contest Deadline (see page 14)
09/23/2023	Sanction Requests to Venita (see page 4) ** (Specialty Club Requests by 9/16/23 - see page 9)
10/14/2023	Rabbit Entries Due via Email & Snail Mail (see page 5)
10/18/2023	9 PM Cavy Entries Due via Email Only (see page 7)
10/18/2023	Changes to ALL pre-entries via Email only, cutoff at midnight
10/20/2023	3:00 PM Showroom Opens 6:00 PM Youth Events Begin 6:00 PM Early Check In until 8 pm 7:00 PM Delegate Meeting (Tentative Location: Conference Suite at HomeTowne Suites, Host Hotel)
10/21/2023	6:30 AM - Showroom Opens 8:00 AM - Rabbit Judging Starts, Youth & Open: SHOWS A & B 9:00 AM - Youth Arts & Craft Display Deadline 9:00 AM - Cavy Judging Starts 5:00 PM - Showroom Closes 7:00 PM - NYRCBA Banquet Starts (see page 2)
10/22/2023	7:00 AM - Showroom Opens 8:00 AM - All rabbit & cavy judging Begins, Youth & Open: SHOW C & SPECIALTY SHOWS

Welcome to the NYS Grand Finals & Convention

The New York State Rabbit & Cavy Breeder's Association would like to welcome you to our annual Grand Finals and Convention. This is an exciting time, here in New York. This show capitalizes on the wonders of autumn in our incredible state. The weather is cool, crisp, and perfect for rabbits.

In this catalog you will find information about our incredibly popular [youth events](#). These are a great way for youth to practice for ARBA convention, hone their skills, and see if they have an interest in rabbits beyond just showing and raising. Our Youth Committee, headed by Karen Coombe, has worked very hard to put these events together.

This year, we will be once gain holding our event at the [Cortland County Fairgrounds](#). We will be utilizing 3 of their adjoining buildings. Feel free to bring your chairs, and signs. There are 9 campsites available with electric ([see Page 11](#))

The NYR&CBA strives to provide a fun and safe environment for all exhibitors, vendors, judges and visitors. We will abide by all [CDC & NYS recommended guidelines and/or mandates](#) at the time of the show. Necessary updates will be posted on our Facebook page as well as our website, www.nyrcba.com

This show only happens each year because of you, Our Volunteers. **As always, we'll take any volunteers we can get!** Please contact Debbie Vecchio at dvecchio12@yahoo.com if you'd like to help!

We are proud of what we've accomplished here in New York. We hope you'll join us, and see what we have to offer at our local state convention.

[Best Wishes, NYR&CBA Officers](#)

THIS IS A FULL WEEKEND TRIPLE SHOW

**ALL RABBITS MUST BE IN LEAK PROOF CARRY CAGES
NO COOPING WILL BE AVAILABLE**

All shows in this catalog are NYR&CBA sanctioned.
If you are a member of a NYS All-Breed Club, the **Saturday AM (Show A only)**
for both Open and Youth will count as **DOUBLE Sweepstakes Points!**

*****Attention*** EACH NYS Club is required to donate a basket to **BOTH** of the NYRCBA Raffle tables:
NYRCBA AND Roger Kids Fund. There will also be a quality **Rabbit Silent Auction** during Grand Finals.
Contact Marigrace Hoag at loveknotfarm@live.com (All Rabbits and Cavy need to be pre entered with Breed, Variety, and Sex)
*Proceeds from the Roger Kids Fund & Silent Auction will go to supporting District 7 Youth Attending Convention in 2024.***

Rabbit Judges & Registrar:

- ◇ Matt Bishop (PA)
- ◇ William (Bill) Bramble (NJ)
- ◇ Amanda Hutchinson (OH)
- ◇ Bryan Shirk (MI)
- ◇ Ashley Sweeney (OH)
- ◇ Standby Judge: Deb Vecchio (NY)
- ◇ Nicole Bortz (PA)
- ◇ G. Joseph Coulucci (OH)
- ◇ Paul Kyle (DE)
- ◇ Donald Sheets (VA)
- ◇ Kyle Yacobucci (NY)
- ◇ Registrar - Logan Manning-Orvis
- ◇ Dana Bramble (NJ)
- ◇ Robert Frizzell (MD)
- ◇ Ron Petras (OH)
- ◇ Mary Ellen Stamets (PA)

Cavy Judges:

- ◇ Val Horning (NY)
- ◇ Sheila Schwartz-Zych (NY)
- ◇ G. Joseph Coulucci (OH)

NYR&CBA Banquet:

Saturday, October 21st from 7-10 PM
Cortland Elks Club, 9 Groton Ave, Cortland, NY
Buffet Meal, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Water & Gratuity included.
Cash Bar

Tickets must be purchased in advance @ \$25 per person
Send total number of attendees with your entries to Venita **by 10/14/23**
Checks payable to NYR&CBA

NYRCBA OFFICERS:

President: Steven Buell
Vice-President: Ken Nesbitt
Secretary/Treasurer: Debbie Vecchio

2023 Show Committee and Officers:

General Chairperson, Assistant Show Secretary:

Debbie Vecchio dvecchio12@yahoo.com

Show Secretary:

Venita Ackley ackleyv@gmail.com

Cavy Secretary:

JoAnn McGowan jomcgowan1@gmail.com

Co-Show Superintendent:

Marty Earle martyearle@gmail.com
Dan Kipp busterbunny10956@gmail.com

Show Catalog, Facebook & Web Page Coordinator:

Jody Earle nyrcba.email@gmail.com

Sweepstakes Recorder:

Melissa Ordway NYRCBASweepstakes@gmail.com

Awards Chairperson:

Logan Manning-Orvis grapeviewfarms@yahoo.com

Youth Scholarship Chairperson:

Jack Bailey bailey.jackarin@yahoo.com

Youth Committee Chairperson:

Karen Coombe KCoombe86@hvc.rr.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SHOW DATES &
OTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO NYS RABBIT SHOWS,
CLUBS, YOUTH PROGRAMS, ETC,
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

WWW.NYRCBA.COM

Pointer Hill Pet Products
will be our Vendor for this show
[Click Here to visit their Website](#)

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Sanctioned Rabbit Breeds & Cavies

O = Open **** Y = Youth

American Chin - O	American Fuzzy Lop - O
American Sable - O	Angora - O&Y
Argente Brun - O	Belgian Hare - O&Y
Californian - O&Y	Checkered Giant - O
Dutch - O&Y	Dwarf Hotot - O
English Lop - O&Y	English Spot - O
Flemish Giant - O&Y	Florida White - O&Y
French Lop - O&Y	Harlequin - O&Y
Havana - O&Y	Himalayan - O
Holland Lop - O&Y	Jersey Woolly - O&Y
Lilac - O	Lionhead - O&Y
Mini Lop - O&Y	Mini Rex - O&Y
Mini Satin - O&Y	Netherland Dwarf - O&Y
New Zealand - O	Palomino - O & Y
Polish - O&Y	Rex - O&Y
Rhineland - O&Y	Satin - O&Y
Silver - O&Y	Standard Chins - O&Y
Tan - O&Y	Cavy - O

Please Contact Venita Ackley by 09/23/2023 for Breed Sanction Requests

OFFICIAL ARBA SANCTIONED OPEN & YOUTH SHOWS

American Rabbit Breeders Association Eric Stewart PO Box 400, Knox, PA16232, 814-797-4129, www.arba.net. Membership: Adult: (19 & over \$30/year, \$50/3 years. Two adult combination \$30/year, or \$75/3 years. Youth: (18 & under) \$12/year, \$30/years. Family: \$30/year +\$5. Each child, \$75/3 yrs + \$10 per child. International Memberships add \$10/year handling fee. International members (excluding Canada) add \$40/year for the Domestic Rabbits Magazine.

2023 NATIONAL A.R.B.A. CONVENTION (100th Annual) October 7-11, 2023 in Louisville KY

<https://www.kyarbaconvention.com/>

[CLICK HERE to see a list of all National Breed Specialty Clubs currently chartered with ARBA](#)

Entry Information - Rabbits

Send all Open & Youth Rabbit Entries to:

Venita Ackley

422 Kipp Road. Parish, NY 13131

ACKLEYV@gmail.com (315) 596-9791

All fees can be made in one check payable to: **NYR&CBA**

SNAIL MAIL AND EMAIL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

SATURDAY: SHOW A & B + SUNDAY: SHOW C

Specialty Show Entries MUST be sent to the Specialty Show Secretary Noted on Page 9

Pre-Entry fee is **\$5** per animal per show (US)

Day of Show fee is **\$7** per animal per show (US)

Fur entries are **\$2** per animal per show (US)

Changes on the day of show in the same breed, sex and class
will be charged **\$3** per change, per animal, per show (US)

ALL FEES ARE IN AMERICAN MONEY (US)



CANADIAN FRIENDS: You are being offered a reduced rate of **\$4.00 per PRE-ENTRY FOR SHOW A ONLY**, payable in AMERICAN CASH. No checks accepted in order to receive this discount!

E-mail CHANGES ONLY allowed through Wednesday, Oct 18th

If you send your e-mail entry and don't get a response from Venita within 1 day, follow up with her!!!

Without an email confirmation from Venita you will pay the day of show rate at check-in.

NOTE: Venita will not be checking her email after 12 PM Oct 18th.

Anything entered after this date will be charged day-of-show rate at **\$7** per animal. No exceptions!

If you do not show after emailing your entry you are still responsible for paying fees.

**SPECIAL AWARDS FOR: BEST OF BREED, BEST OPPOSITE OF BREED
RIBBONS FOR: Placements 1st - 3rd, Best of Variety**

Day of Show entries require a SEPARATE entry form to be filled out for EACH breed being shown, with one sheet per show being entered.

Entry Information - Cavies

Email all Open Cavy Entries to

**JoAnn McGowan:
jomcgowan1@gmail.com**

All fees can be made in one check payable to:
NYR&CBA

**EMAIL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY
9 PM on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

No snail mail entries

Pre-Entry fee is **\$5** per animal per show (US)
Day of Show fee is **\$7** per animal per show (US)
Fur entries are **\$2** per animal per show (US)
Changes on the day of show in the same breed, sex and class
will be charged **\$3** per change, per animal, per show (US)

ALL FEES ARE IN AMERICAN MONEY (US)



CANADIAN FRIENDS: You are being offered a reduced rate of
\$4.00 per PRE-ENTRY FOR SHOW A ONLY, payable in AMERICAN CASH.
No checks accepted in order to receive this discount!

E-mail CHANGES ONLY allowed through 9 pm on October 18

NOTE: JoAnn will not be checking her email after 9 PM on Oct 18th. Anything entered after this time will be charged day-of-show rate at **\$7** per animal. No exceptions!

**If you do not show after emailing your entry you are
still responsible for paying fees.**

**Awards for Best in Show & Best Reserve in Show
and for Top 5 breeds provided 10 or more are shown.**

**** CAVY ENTRY FORM ****

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Exhibitor Name:	Phone:
Address:	
Email:	

All entry fees are \$5.00 per animal per show. (USD)
Day of Show entry is \$7.00 per animal per show. (USD)
Entries must be sent via email by October 18 to: JoAnn McGowan - jomcgowan1@gmail.com

OPEN	Check Here To Enter
SAT: SHOW A	
SAT: SHOW B	
SUN: SHOW C	

Ear #	Breed	Variety	Class/Sex	Fur	Fee
Total Entry Fees					\$
Multiply by the Number of Shows Entered - X					
Total					\$

OPTIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW INFORMATION

[CLICK HERE to see a list of all National Breed Specialty Clubs currently chartered with ARBA](#)

AMERICAN SABLE RABBIT SOCIETY

Open Specialty Show - Sunday

Entries must be postmarked or emailed by 10/14/23 to: Venita Ackley, 422 Kipp Road, Parish, NY 13131 or ACKLEYV@gmail.com ** \$5 each pre-entered. Day of Show \$7 each ** Make Checks payable to NYR&CBA



EMPIRE STATE POLISH RABBIT CLUB

OPEN & YOUTH Specialty Show - Sunday * JUDGE: TBD

Email Entries Only by 11:59 pm, 10/18/23 to

Jody Earle at: EMPIREPOLISHRC@GMAIL.COM

\$4 each pre-entered. Day of Show \$6 each

Make Checks payable to Empire State Polish Rabbit Club

Special Awards for Open & Youth: BOB, BOSB & BOV, BOSV



NEW YORK STATE NETHERLAND DWARF

Open & Youth Specialty Show - Sunday

Entries must be postmarked or emailed by 10/14/23 to: Venita Ackley, 422 Kipp Road, Parish, NY 13131 or ACKLEYV@gmail.com ** \$5 each pre-entered. Day of Show \$7 each ** Make Checks payable to NYR&CBA

NEW YORK STATE SATIN/MINI SATIN CLUB

Open & Youth Specialty Show - Sunday

Entries must be postmarked or emailed by 10/14/23 to: Venita Ackley, 422 Kipp Road, Parish, NY 13131 or ACKLEYV@gmail.com ** \$5 each pre-entered. Day of Show \$7 each ** Make Checks payable to NYR&CBA

NORTHEAST REX

OPEN Specialty Show - Sunday

Entries must be emailed by Midnight on 10/17/23 to: Send to Cinnamon by email nomannic2008@yahoo.com
If showing 1-9 rabbits: \$4/rabbit ** If showing 10+ rabbits: \$3.50/rabbit

NYRCBA MINI REX SPECIALTY

OPEN & YOUTH Specialty Show - Sunday

Entries must be postmarked or emailed by 10/14/23 to: Venita Ackley, 422 Kipp Road, Parish, NY 13131 or ACKLEYV@gmail.com ** \$5 each pre-entered. Day of Show \$7 each ** Make Checks payable to NYR&CBA



EAST COAST HAVANA ORG

Open & Youth specialty shows on Sunday, 10/22/23, Time & Judges: TBD

in association with NYRCBA at the Cortland County Fairgrounds

Show Superintendent: Monica Gray

Show Secretary: Tricia Miller

Online entry deadline Wednesday, 10/18/23, at 11 p.m.

Online entries to triciamiller65@icloud.com - PayPal to gmilller5910@gmail.com

Mail-in entries must be postmarked by Tues, 10/17/23. Mail to Tricia Miller, 11 Pin Oak Trail, Medford, NJ 08055.

Cash/check okay. Day of show additions allowed for pre-entered exhibitors. Tattoo changes \$1 (same class, variety, sex) allowed up to day of show. Entry Fees: \$5.00 per rabbit for mail-in & e-mail entries. Day of Show \$6 ea.

New York State Lop Club is hosting the 4th annual Charlotte Bowley Memorial Show

Open ENGLISH & FRENCH LOP SPECIALTY SHOW

Entries must be postmarked by October 14th to: Jennifer Burr, 30 Morey Road, West Monroe, NY

Email entries also accepted through midnight on October 18th to JennBurrNY@gmail.com

Entry Fee - \$4 per rabbit / \$2 Fur / \$6 Day of Show Entry

HOST HOTELS

Red Rood Inn Mention NYRCBA to receive the Group Rate of \$84/night +tax <i>Pet Friendly</i>	Address: 2B River St Cortland, NY 13045 Phone: (607) 753-7609 <i>Must book by 10/5/23 for Group Rate</i>
HomeTowne Studios Mention NYRCBA to receive the Group Rate \$ TBD/ night +tax	Address: 2 River St Cortland, NY 13045 ** Bookings open in September ** Stay tuned for updates.....
MOTEL 6 - McGraw Mention NYRCBA to receive the Group Rate of \$99/night <i>Pet Friendly</i>	Address: 3775 US-11 McGraw, NY 13101 Phone: (607) 753-7594 <i>Must book by 9/20/23 for Group Rate</i>



WANT TO BRING YOUR CAMPER?

Camper hookups available with advance notice. \$25.00 per night for full hookup. **Checks payable to NYR&CBA.** Send with your entry fees. Write car/truck and camper license plate numbers on your check.

Other Area Motels:

Clarion Inn & Suites - University Area, 2 1/2 Locust Ave (607) 753-7721

Holiday Inn Express, 4.5 Locust Ave (607) 299-0099

Hampton Inn Cortland, 26 River St (607) 662-0007

Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites, 3707 NY-281 (607) 299-4455

Best Western FL Inn & Suites, 3175 Fingerlake East Dr (607) 756-2233

Hope Lake Lodge, 2177 Clute Rd (607) 218-8714

Quality Inn University Area, 188 Clinton Ave (607) 756-5622

Directions to the Show

****CORTLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS****

Physical Address:

4292 Fairgrounds Drive, Cortland, NY, 13045.

The Cortland County fairgrounds are located on the corner of Fairgrounds Drive and Carroll Street, between Route 281 and Route 11 in Cortland, NY.

Directions From North or South:

Take Interstate 81 towards Cortland: Take Exit 12 (Homer) off-ramp to Route 11 South. Take a right on to Carroll St. (approx. 1 mile).

Directions From Route 281:

Take Rt. 281 to Fisher Ave, turn right on to Fairgrounds Dr.

SHOW RULES

1. All animals are entered and shown at the risk of the owner. NYR&CBA will not be responsible in case of fire, theft, accident or providential destruction. However, every precaution will be taken to eliminate danger.
2. NYR&CBA reserves the right to substitute a judge or judges at any time it deems necessary.
3. All entries must have a legible permanent tattoo in the left ear.
4. Exhibitors must pick up check-in sheets prior to the show and verify all entries. Scratches will be done at the judge's tables. No refunds given for scratched entries.
5. No changes can be made at the judge's table unless approved by the show secretary.
6. Any animal showing signs of sickness or disease will be immediately removed from the showroom, and entry fees will not be refunded.
7. This is a carrying case show. NO express shipments will be accepted. NO telephone entries will be accepted. All carrying cages MUST have leak proof bottoms. ANY cage found leaking will be removed from the show room.
8. Absolutely NO breeding of stock in the show room.
9. Absolutely **NO Cats, Birds or Dogs allowed** in the show room (except registered & leashed service animals)
10. All exhibitors are responsible for getting their animals to the show table promptly. There will be NO more than three (3) calls for a class. After that, any animal not on the table will be disqualified.
11. Payment for entry fees must accompany the entry form and will mean that the exhibitor will comply with all A.R.B.A. rules and those rules set forth in this catalog.
12. Judging starts promptly at times listed in this catalog. Please be on time.
13. Anyone causing a disruption or attempting to intimidate a judge will immediately be asked to leave the show and will forfeit all show fees.
14. There must be 10 or more animals shown in a Sanctioned breed to be eligible for an award.
15. ALL PRIZES must be picked up before leaving the show.
16. CHILDREN MUST BE UNDER PARENTAL CONTROL AT ALL TIMES, otherwise both will be asked to leave the show and entry money will be forfeited.

RHD Rules

The Show will follow all guidance put out by the ARBA
(Visit arba.net for more details)

Covid & Social Distancing Mandates

NYR&CBA will enforce all CDC & NY State Mandates as of the date of the show.

NYRCBA is proud to offer YOUTH various opportunities to compete in additional education focused competitions during Grand Finals that run from Friday Evening through Saturday

**These competitions include:
NYRCBA Royalty Competition
Skillathon Competition
Individual Contest
NYRCBA Management Contest
and NYRCBA Education Contest**

For specific rules on each contest please see the application forms below

To download a printable copy of each application, CLICK on the 4 LINKS below:

- [1. Youth Competitions Fact Sheet 2023](#)**
- [2. New York State Rabbit & Cavy Association - Royalty/ Skillathon Contest Application](#)**
- [3. New York Rabbit & Cavy Breeder's Association - Management Contest](#)**
- [4. New York State Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association Education Contest Information](#)**