

**New York Rabbit & Cavy Breeder's Association - Management Contest**

**Purpose for Participating**

The Management Contest is meant as an opportunity for youth who are passionate about our hobby to display their knowledge of housing & equipment, feeding & animal care, disease control, record keeping, as well as breeding & genetics.

**RULES**

- 1 Any NYRCBA youth member is eligible to compete. Attendance at Grand Finals is not necessary.
- 2 Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- 3 Up to seven pages and less than 5500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.
- 4 Include your name at the top of each page of information submitted.
- 5 If entering online, you may upload your application. If entering by mail, you must send your Contest Entry Form and ONE copy of your answers!
- 6 Entry deadline for application is September 1st 11:59 pm. Entries may be mailed to the NYRCBA Youth Chairman or uploaded as a PDF file and emailed as an attachment to the Youth Chairman. Any additional questions about the contests should be brought to the attention of the Youth Chairman

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of the Friday of Grand Finals) \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the categories you will be participating in below:

Jr: 9-13 years

Sr. 14-18 years

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

NYSRCBA Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please answer the following questions honestly and to the best of your ability:**

- 1 When did you join NYRCBA?
- 2 Name the breed(s) you raise, how many animals you have in each breed and why you raise these breed(s).
- 3 What kind of shelter do you provide your rabbits?
- 4 Describe in detail your cages as well as the number of cages you own.
- 5 What materials are your cages made out of?
- 6 How do you manage the temperature and ventilation in your shelter?
- 7 What equipment do you use to feed and water your rabbits?
- 8 What kind of feed do you give your rabbits? Include the amount, why you feed this particular brand as well as any supplements you might add to their daily ration and why
- 9 Describe any other equipment used for the care of the animals in your project.
- 10 Describe how you determine how and when you breed your rabbits. How do you keep track of your breeding records?
- 11 Describe in detail how you care for a doe and litter. Also include when and how you wean the young.
- 12 How many litters did you have born last year?
- 13 How do you cull your rabbits? What do you do with your culls once they are chosen?
- 14 How do you determine whether you need to purchase a new rabbit to introduce into your program? How often have you done this in the past year?
- 15 In the time you have participated in the hobby, have you had any diseases that have affected your program? If so, how did you rectify the situation? Also, how would you try to prevent an outbreak of disease from occurring in your rabbitry?
- 16 In detail describe the types of records you keep on your project.
- 17 Has your rabbit project shown a profit or loss in the past year? If it has shown a loss how could you change your program to decrease your loss? If it has shown a profit, in your opinion what about your program has provided you with this profit?