

Arizona State Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association

Youth Management Contest

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence of management style by the ASRCBA youth members in the areas of housing and equipment, feeding, and animal care, disease control, record keeping, breeding and genetics for the care and production of rabbits and/or cavies.

RULES

1. Any ASRCBA youth member must meet the following requirements to compete: Current ASRCBA membership in good standing; Age consistent with royalty eligibility; Participation in youth royalty activities at the ASRCBA convention.
2. Application must be made using the form provided by the ASRCBA. This form is available from the ASRCBA Vice-President or web-site (www.azrcba.org)
3. Application will be judged based on the number of cages/animals (division) that a youth member has for housing their animals. There will be 20 points deducted for failure to enter the correct division based on your answers to the questions.
4. Winners will be selected in each division.
5. Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
6. Up to seven pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. There will be 30 points deducted for not following this rule. Include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation.
7. Include your name and ASRCBA number at the top of each page in the upper right hand corner of information submitted. There will be a 10 point deduction for not following this rule.
8. Winners will be announced at the ASRCBA Convention Banquet held on Saturday night of Convention. Contestants need not be presents to win but attendance is recommended.
9. Send your original Management Application Direction Form and THREE copies of your answers! There will be 20 points deducted for not following this rule.
10. Please include a five dollar application fee. This fee is waived if applicant is participating in Royalty competition.

Applications must be **postmarked** by **January 30, 2010**. Forms received after the deadline will have 20 points deducted.

Send Applications To: *Mrs. Gina Layton ~3720 W. Mauna Loa Lane ~ Phoenix, AZ 85053*

Scoring Rubric:

Management Methods	40 points
Management Procedures	40 points
Management Results	40 points
Record Keeping	30 points
Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers	30 points
Neatness & Appearance of Application	<u>20 points</u>
Total possible score:	200 points

Arizona State Rabbit and Cavy Association Management Application Direction Form

ASRCBA Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Date of Birth _____

Age on last day of Convention _____

Check One Division: Limited: (\geq Ten holes or \geq 10 adult animals)

Average: (11-50 holes)

Unlimited: (\leq 51 holes or \leq 51 adult animals)

Name: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZipCode _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

I have read the accompanying rules for this contest and agree to abide by them.

Applicant's Signature: _____

The following information must be typed, printed or written OWN paper (8.5 X 11 inches) Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. No more than seven (7) pages in addition to this page, are are allowed. Use 10-12 point friendly fonts if using a word processors, pints are allowed for "Clarity". Include your name and ASRCBA number in the upper right had corner of each page submitted.

0. When did you join ASRCBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
1. Name the breed(s) you have raised, how many animals you have in each breed and why you raise these breed(s). Also include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
2. Describe your cages/coops, list the number, size, materials they are made of, and how they are constructed.
3. Describe where your animals are located: barn, outbuilding, yard, garage, basement, house.
4. Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals.
5. Describe any other equipment used for the care of the animals in your project.
6. What types of feeds do you give your animals? Do you give your animals feed supplements? If so why?
7. How do you dispose of you manure and waste your animals generate?
8. How do you protect your animals from heat, cold or drafts?
9. Describe any diseases that have affected your production and explain what you did to control them.
10. Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your animals. Include ages, time of year, system for keeping track of bred animals and provisions for kindling.
11. Describe everything you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning.
12. How many litters with how many total animals did you have born in the past year? How many young did you wean?
13. Do you track the quality of your offspring to the breeding animals? Explain.
14. Describe your culling procedures. What do you do with your surplus animals?
15. How many replacement animals have you added in this past year? What qualities do you look for in selecting replacements?
16. Explain your system for keeping records and what information is kept on each animal?
17. Did your ARBA animal project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.