



The American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

Devoted to the Interest of Rabbit Raising for Commercial and Fancy
PARENT BODY OF ALL CHARTERED LOCAL AND SPECIALTY CLUBS

ONE NATIONAL JUDGING AND REGISTRATION SYSTEM

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STEPS to REGISTER RABBITS or CAVIES:

- Owner of rabbit/cavy must be a current ARBA member.
- Rabbit/Cavy being registered must be at least 6 (six) months of age.
- Rabbit/Cavy being registered must have a complete three generation pedigree.
 - Imported animals are not allowed on the pedigree unless name and/or ear number is listed, along with variety, and weight of said animal.
 - Each animal listed in the pedigree must show complete name and/or ear number of animal, variety, and weight. Listing only the breeders' name or rabbitry/caviary name is insufficient. *Need to identify* the rabbit/cavy by name and/or ear number. IF registered, please include the registration number. Also, IF a grand champion number has been issued, please state. An animal does not have to be registered to appear in the pedigree.
 - Each listed rabbit/cavy in the pedigree must be of the same breed as the one being registered.
- Seek out a Licensed Registrar. An ARBA sanctioned show is one source. Please contact show secretary prior to attending for Registrar's availability. Contact information for show secretary is located at our website – www.arba.net . List of Registrars can be obtained from our website or by contacting us directly.
- Present current ARBA membership card. Primary and any co-owners of the rabbit or cavy must show a current ARBA membership card or proof of current status. If proof is not provided, Registrar will collect membership payment, or deny registration at that time. Individual name(s) must be listed. Cannot list ownership under a company, rabbitry/caviary name, family name, or any collective. If the animal is owned by an adult and co-owned by a youth, it should be noted that the rabbit or cavy can only be shown in an open show.

See Show Rule #52. See Show Rule #30. These are posted at website too.
- Present the complete three generation pedigree to the Registrar.
- Present animal seeking registration to the Registrar. Registrar will examine and

weigh animal to verify it meets the standard for the breed. The pedigree will be reviewed. If everything is in order, the Registrar will proceed with registration.

- Registrar may have owner complete the pedigree portion of the application. A computer generated or typed pedigree may be used in lieu of handwriting out the pedigree. The pedigree is attached to the back of the registration application (back-to-back) and becomes a permanent part of the registration file. *An attached pedigree is beneficial to the ARBA office in updating our existing files. We crosscheck the attached FULL three generation pedigree provided against our existing database to see if updates of registration numbers are needed. If an offspring is registered **PRIOR** to any ancestral animal (parents & grandparents), and we are not notified of the update, this is a key opportunity to “catch” any update oversights and amend our database.*
- Owner **MUST** proof the entire **COMPLETED** application. An agent may proof and sign completed registration application on behalf of the owner(s). Check for omissions, corrections, and address any concerns **PRIOR** to **SIGNING** the "Owner's Affirmation". **THIS IS IMPORTANT! SIGN ONLY A COMPLETED REGISTRATION APPLICATION AFTER YOU HAVE PROOFED** the copy. Check for clear, concise handwriting that is not open to interpretation by office. Be sure to include your phone number and/or email address should we need to contact you. Registrar should have a contact source too. Reprint fee is \$2.00.
- Registration Insignia is tattooed in rabbit's right ear or registration tag placed in right ear of cavy by Registrar.
- Signed and dated registration application is handed back to the Registrar.
- Owner receives a copy (pink) of registration application from Registrar.
- Registration fee is collected by the Registrar - \$6.00.
- Registrar submits the application to the ARBA office for processing. The registration application is submitted within 25 days from date registered.
- Application is processed. Registration certificate is issued showing the registration number assigned to the animal by the Registrar on the day of registration.
- Track registration application from time received by this office until certificate is mailed by checking under “Registration Application Lookup” at ARBA website!
- A registration file is maintained in the ARBA office on the rabbit or cavy.

Thank you....ARBA Registration Department

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