

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
2009 YOUTH ROYALTY CONTEST**

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence among PaSRBA youth members in attendance at the State Convention and to allow these members to demonstrate a working knowledge of the rabbit and cavy industry. To explore critical thinking skills, demonstrate personal initiative and provide problem-solving, decision-making and goal-setting activities for these youth members.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must be an individual, not an affiliate, member of the PaSRBA at the time of entry and participation. The age requirements and divisions are as follows: (age is determined as the youth's age on the day of the State Convention)

Years of Age 15 -18 12 -14 9 – 11 8 years and under

Boys: King Duke Prince Lord

Girls: Queen Duchess Princess Lady

RULES

1. Applicants agree to be available and complete all events scheduled. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. You may need to find another youth to put your rabbits/cavies on the table.

2. Application must be made from the direction form provided by the PaSRBA Youth Department. These forms are available from the website or Anne Copenhaver (abecka@netscape.com), Royalty Chairperson.

3. While at the State Convention, contestants are the responsibility of their parents or chaperons. The chaperon must be of legal age.

4. Up to five 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.

5. The sum of the scores from the application, written test, interview, identification, and judging contests will determine the winners. Each of these will be graded on a basis of 200 points and carry equal weight in the final scoring. King and Queen contestants will also give a three to five minute promotional talk including visual aids. Talks are to be performed by the contestant without help except for special circumstances with prior approval. *Points will be deducted for talks too short or too long.* The rest of the candidates must do showmanship.

6. Winners will be announced at the PaSRBA Banquet at the State Convention. Make plans to attend.

7. Send your original **Royalty Written Application Direction Form, a single copy of your answer to question #15, and three copies of your answers to questions #0 – 14.** Also enclose a photo of yourself. There will be a *20 point deduction* for not following this rule. Applications shall be mailed to: Anne Copenhaver, 10 Hirschmann Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307

8. Enclose a photo of yourself with the application. It will be used in a display of royalty contestants at the PaSRBA Convention. It will also be used in *The Discovery* and on the PaSRBA website if you are a winner. On the back of your photo write your Royalty age group and name. Send photos **no larger than 3x5 inches.** This photo is part of your application. Failure to include a photograph will result in a *10 point deduction.*

9. Application and photo become the property of the PaSRBA Youth Committee and may not be returned.

Applications must be postmarked no later than December 1, 2008, late applications will be accepted until December 15, 2008, but will receive a 50 point deduction.

These items should be in the application packet you send in:

1. Completed **Royalty Written Application Direction Form**, including your signature and your parent/guardian's signature.
2. Three (3) copies of your answers to the form's questions #0 – 14.
3. One copy of your answer to question #15. This will be printed in *The Discovery* if you are a winner. Everyone will read it so make it a good reflection of what you wish to say.
4. One photograph of yourself with your Royalty age division and name.

PaSRBA considers the entrants and participants in this Royalty Contest to be our "Best & Brightest" for the continued strength and growth of our organization. The written test for the PaSRBA Royalty Contest will include only questions for which all the answers will be found in ARBA published materials. "The Standard of Perfection", "The Guidebook for Raising Better Rabbits and Cavies" and the "ARBA Yearbook" have all been used.

Application Scoring Rubric:

Size and Scope of Project	30 points
Purpose, Goals and Plans for Future Management	30 points
Achievement	30 points
Leadership	30 points
Clarity, Neatness and Thoroughness	30 points
Question #15	20 points

Total	200 points

2009 PaSRBA ROYALTY WRITTEN APPLICATION DIRECTION FORM

Check one: KING _____ QUEEN _____ DUKE _____ DUCHESS _____
PRINCE _____ PRINCESS _____ LORD _____ LADY _____

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Will you be attending the ARBA National Convention? _____
If so, would you like to be on a Judging or Breed ID team? _____
Chaperon while at the convention _____
Can Chaperon help with contests at convention? ___Yes ___No
Chaperon's phone at convention _____

Applicant's Signature _____
Parent's Signature _____

The following information must be typed, printed, or written on your own paper (8.5x11 in.). Fill in the information requested after you have *copied* each question. No more than five (5) pages, excluding question #15 and this page, are allowed. Use 10 -12 point reader friendly fonts if using a computer. Points are allotted for "Clarity". *Do not put your name on each page. You will be assigned a number for judging purposes.*

- #0 - When did you join PaSRBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
- #1 - How and when did you get started in your project? Include names of those who have helped you the most.
- #2 - What are your goals for this project?
- #3 - List your memberships in rabbit &/or cavy related organizations. Include the name of each club (no abbreviations) and the number of years you have been a member.
- #4 - What offices or committees have you served on in local, state, or national rabbit or cavy clubs?
- #5 - Name the breed(s) you raise and how many animals you have in each breed. Include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
- #6 - Describe the housing & equipment for your animals, be very specific.
- #7 - What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project?
- #8 - Describe the records you keep and how you keep them.
- #9 - List outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned.
- #10 - List outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in this project.
- #11 - What have you done to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?
- #12 - How have you been a leader in your project?
- #13 - How do you feel your project will help you in your future endeavors?
- #14 - What would you like us to know that has not been asked?
- #15 - If you win this award, a short biography will be printed in *The Discovery*. Write what you would like to be printed in 300 to 600 words.

Send Application to: Anne Copenhaver, 10 Hirschmann Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307, by Dec. 1, 2008