

American Cavy Breeders Association

Promote the breeding and improvement of the cavy, and to secure publicity for and interest in the cavy as an exhibition and pet animal.

ACBA 2023 YOUTH ROYALTY CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence among ACBA Youth Members in attendance at the ACBA Specialty Show. To allow these members to demonstrate a working knowledge of the cavy fancy; To explore critical thinking skills, demonstrate personal initiative and to provide problem-solving, decision-making, and goal-setting activities for these youth members. The ACBA considers the entrants and participants in this Royalty Contest to be our "Best & Brightest" for the continued strength and growth of our organization.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be current members of the ACBA at the time of entry and participation. Membership status will be confirmed by the ACBA Youth Chair with the ACBA Secretary.

The age requirements and divisions are as follows:
(age is determined as the youth's age on the closing day of the ACBA Specialty Show)

Years of age:	15-18	12-14	9-11	Under 9
Boys:	King	Prince	Duke	Count
Girls:	Queen	Princess	Duchess	Countess

Applicants must attend the ACBA Specialty, April 28th to April 30th, 2023 in Cloverdale California to compete in the Royalty contests.

RULES

1. Applicants agree to be available and complete all events scheduled. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
2. Applicants **MUST** participate in the Youth Management and Youth Achievement Contests.
3. The ACBA Youth Royalty Application forms must be used and is provided by the ACBA Youth Committee. **If another form is used instead of the current form (labeled ACBA 2023 YOUTH ROYALTY CONTEST), the contestant is automatically disqualified and will be informed by email.** The current forms are available from the ACBA Youth Chairperson, the district director, and the ACBA Website.
4. Applications are to be completed by the contestant and in their own words. Youth in the Count/Countess category may choose to have some help in filling out the application.
5. **Maximum number of pages is five (5) pages, printed on one side only**, information may be submitted by the applicant. These should include information needed to complete the answers. **Visual aids may be included but does not count towards the maximum number of pages.** Question 16 should be on a separate page and does not count toward the maximum number of pages.
6. While at the ACBA Specialty, contestants are the responsibility of their parents or chaperone. The chaperone must be of legal age.
7. Winners will be announced at the ACBA Banquet at the ACBA Specialty.
8. Applications may either be submitted by **Email or mailing and must be in a Word document.** Please email or mail your original application (filled out completely), and **one copy of your answers!** A current photograph of yourself is optional, unless you are one of the ACBA Youth Royalty Winners, then this will be mandatory. If you are submitting a photograph electronically, please be sure it is of high resolution and clarity

for a print publication (these items will need to be scanned and attached to the email). Incomplete applications or failure to follow these instructions will incur a 10-point deduction per infraction.

Application Scoring Rubric:

Size and Scope of Project	40 points
Purpose, Goals and Plans for Future	50 points
Management contest total score	200 points
Achievement contest total score	200 points
Leadership	50 points
Memberships	10 points
Total Possible Score	550 points

APPLICATION

- Send only the original Word document of the Royalty application and a single copy of your answer for Question #16. *Failure in any portion of this direction will result in a 10-point deduction per infraction!*
- If you are submitting a photo it will be posted in the JACBA along with the answers from Question #16, if you are a Royalty Winner, email your photo. This photo is part of your application.
- **Make sure that both the applicant and their parent/guardian sign the ACBA 2023 Specialty Entry Form.** *Failure to have both the applicant's signature and that of their parent/guardian will result in a disqualification of the applicant.*
- Make sure you include completed Youth Achievement, Management, and Royalty application ; ONE copy of your answer to Question # 16, ONE photo of yourself with your name, age division, district, city & state printed on the back if you are submitting a photograph by mail as well as the completed ACBA 2023 Specialty Contest Entry Form. Do not put your name anywhere on your application other than on your Questions page! *Placing your name on any of your answer pages will result in a 10-point deduction per infraction!!*

Mailed applications must be postmarked on or by March 1st, 2023 and addressed to:

Susan Jones
4748 E Bermuda St
Tucson, AZ 85712

Emailed applications must be received by Midnight (MST) on March 1st, 2023, and sent to:

youthroyalty@acbaonline.com

PROCEDURES

- 1) All contestants must check in to receive their packets and name tags. All contestants will be expected to stay at the check in location to receive specific instructions for Friday and Saturday's events. Contest is tentatively to begin at 3:00 pm on Friday, April 28th, 2023. An email will be sent about a month prior to the ACBA specialty with information regarding the Youth Royalty contests.
- 2) All contestants will take a written test on Saturday, April 29th, 2023 @8:30am. The questions for this test will be taken from the ARBA Standard of Perfection, Raising Better Rabbits and Cavies and the ARBA Registrars Study Guide. Any other study materials will be listed in on the ACBA website. Additionally, there will be a study guide posted on the ACBA website by April 1st, 2023.
- 3) Count and Countess Contestants will be provided help in reading their test. Reading help will be available for all other youth upon request. At no time, may a contestant be helped by their own parent/guardian/sibling. All answers must be clearly marked for accurate scoring. In the event of a tie, spelling will count towards the contestant's score. *If any youth ACBA member that needs special accommodations in order to take the written test, assistance with the judging/showmanship or the breed ID contests, the child's parent or guardian must send a written notification of the type of special accommodation the child will need in order to compete in the Royalty contests no later than April 23rd, 2023.*
- 4) Each youth contestant in the King/Queen and Prince/Princess divisions will judge four (4) classes of four (4) animals per class. This is a timed event of seven (7) minutes per class. Placements will be made on special forms provided. Instruction on how to fill out the forms will be made directly following sign in. All forms must be filled out correctly! The use of the ARBA Standard of Perfection at the judging table will be provided by the Youth Royalty Chairperson. The use of placement markers is allowed, but they must be of minimal size. At no time, may a contestant be helped by their own parent/guardian/sibling.
- 5) Contestants in the Duke/Duchess and Count/Countess divisions will compete in an individual showmanship contest. Contestants will examine and evaluate their animal explaining what and why as they go along. **The contestant will use their own animal for this contest.** To help the contestant be familiar with this contest please see Cavy Showmanship Score Sheet. This is available from ACBA Youth Royalty Chair Or at: https://acbaonline.com/pdf/showmanship_arba_cavy2018.pdf
- 6) Each youth contestant will compete in a breed identification contest. Contestants will be required to identify up to 20 animals, listing the complete breed names as printed in the ARBA Standard of Perfection. They will also identify the showroom variety, and the registration variety of each of the animals, according to which age group the contestants are competing in. Abbreviations are not accepted. At no time, may a contestant be helped by their own parent/guardian/sibling. In the event of a tie, spelling will count towards the contestant's score.
- 7) All contestants will be interviewed at the ACBA Specialty show. Contestants for interviews should be in proper showing attire with a clean show coat or at minimum, a long sleeve, collared, shirt. (The National contests require a white shirt to be worn if the contestant does not wear a show coat.) The sum of the scores from all 3 applications, written test, interview, breed identification, and judging contest/showmanship will determine the winners. The combined total number points from of all areas is 1450.

ACBA 2023 Royalty Written Questions

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age on April 30th, 2023: _____
District: _____

1. When did you join the ACBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
2. List your memberships in cavy &/or rabbit related organizations. Include the name of each club (no abbreviations) and the number of years you have been a member.
3. What offices or committees have you served on in local, state, or national cavy or rabbit clubs?
4. How have you been a leader in your project?
5. What have you done to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?
6. How and when did you get started in your project? Who helped you the most? Which individual was your mentor?
7. What goals have you set for yourself in 2022? If you are using the same goals as last year, please explain why.
8. How do you feel your project will help you in your future endeavors?
9. What would you like us to know that has not been asked?
10. Name the breed(s) you currently raise and how many animals you have in each breed. Why did you choose to raise this/these breeds(s)?
11. Describe the records you keep and how you keep them. Please enclose an example/copy of your records.
12. List outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned within the last 3 years. Pick the two most important to you from your list and describe the circumstance and why it is important to you.
13. List outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in this project within the last 3 years. Pick the two most important to you from your list and describe the circumstance and why it is important to you.
14. Describe the housing & equipment for your animals, be very specific.
15. What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project?
16. If you win this award, a short description of your achievements will be posted to the ACBA Website. Write what you would like to be posted in **300-600 words**. Please note: *Print #16 on separate paper, it does not count towards your 5-page maximum. Include your name at the top of this page. This will be printed in the JACBA.*

If this is your last year in 4-H/Graduating Senior, please enclose your senior picture for the JACBA as well as what you would like to be posted in the JACBA. We would like to honor all Graduating Seniors!