

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 MANAGEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence of management style by ACBA 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 cavies.

RULES

1. Any ACBA Youth Member is eligible to compete. Membership must be valid by March 1st, 2023, Attendance at the ACBA Specialty Show is **NOT** necessary.
2. Application must be made from the form provided by the ACBA Youth Committee. These forms are available from the ACBA website, ACBA Youth Chair, and the ACBA District Director.
3. Applications are to be completed by the contestant and in their own words. Youth under the age of nine may choose to have some help in filling out the application.
4. **Maximum of seven (7) pages, printed on one side only**, of information may be submitted by the applicant. These should include information needed to complete the answers. **Visual aids or adding an example of your records will not count towards the maximum number of pages.**
5. Applications will be judged by district, and age within district; up to 9 yrs., 9-11 yrs., 12-14 yrs. and 15-18 yrs. Age is determined by age on the last day of 2022 ACBA Specialty (April 30th, 2023)
6. Winners will be announced at the ACBA Banquet at the ACBA Specialty Show. Contestants need not be present to win.
7. Applications may either be submitted **by email or mailing in your contest questions as well as the ACBA 2022 Specialty Entry Form, in a Word document and one copy of your answers.** A current photograph of yourself is optional. 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.
8. Do not place your name on ANY of the pages other than the page with the questions! Placing your name on any of the Contest Answer pages will result in a 10-point deduction per infraction. Mailed applications must be postmarked by March 1st, 2023, emailed applications must be received by midnight (MST) March, 1st, 2023.

Scoring Rubric:

Cages, Housing & Equipment	60 points
Breeding & Production	40 points
Care, Health & Herd Management	50 points
Record Keeping	25 points
Membership & Breeds of Cavies	15 points
Neatness & Appearance of Application	10 points
Total possible score	200 points

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

Susan Jones
4748 E Bermuda St
Tucson, AZ 85712

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

youthroyalty@acbaonline.com

ACBA 2023 Management Contest 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. Name the breed(s) you raise, 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.
3. Clearly describe where your animals are located: barn, outbuilding, yard, garage, basement, house, etc.
4. How do you protect your animals from heat, cold or drafts?
5. Describe your cages/coops, list the number, size, materials they are made of, and how they are constructed. (i.e., 18 x 24 inch cages made of 12 gauge wire)
6. Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals.
7. Describe any other equipment used for the care/grooming of the cavies in your project.
8. 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 pups and sows.
9. Describe everything you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning. At what age do you wean your pups and why.
10. How many litters and how many total animals within each litter, listing the total number of animals did you have born between June 1st, 2022, and February 28th, 2023? How many pups did you wean? How many litters did you lose? Do you know the reason why you lost them?
11. What type(s) of feed(s) do you give your animals? Do you give your animals feed supplements? If so, what type and why?
12. How do you dispose of the manure and waste your cavies generate?
13. Describe your culling procedure in detail. What do you do with your surplus animals?
14. How many replacement animals have you added between June 1st, 2022, and February 28th, 2023? Why did you decide to add these replacement animals? What qualities do you look for in selecting replacements? If you did not add any replacement animals, explain why you did not? If you did add a replacement animal, then what qualities did you look for in selecting a replacement animal?
15. Describe any diseases that have affected your herd and explain in detail what you did to control that disease(s). If you have not experienced any diseases affecting your herd, then list one disease/illness and explain what you would do to get it under control.
16. Explain in detail your system for keeping records and what information you keep on each animal. Please enclose an example/copy of your records.
17. Do you track the quality of your offspring to the breeding animals? Explain in detail.
18. Did your ACBA animal project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.