

West Coast Classic

2010 Youth Royalty Contest

Purpose

To acknowledge excellence among western state ARBA youth members, 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 a current member of the A.R.B.A. and reside in the western states. The age requirements and divisions are as follows: *(age is the youth's age day of competition)*

<i>Years of age:</i>	15-18	12-14	9-11	Under 9
<i>Boys:</i>	King	Duke	Prince	Lord
<i>Girls:</i>	Queen	Duchess	Princess	Lady

Applicants **must** be in attendance at the West Coast Classic youth competitions.

Rules

1. Applicants agree to be available and complete all events scheduled. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
2. Application must be made using the form provided by the West Coast Classic Youth Committee. These forms are available from the West Coast Classic Youth Committee members and the West Coast Classic website.
3. While at the West Coast Classic, contestants are the responsibility of their parents or chaperon. The chaperon must be of legal age.
4. Up to five (5) pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. Each question must be copied before your answer. Include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation. There will be 10 points deducted for not following this rule or for submitting a form that is not filled out correctly or that is incomplete.
5. Include your name and page number at the top of each page of information submitted. There will be 10 points deducted for not following this rule.
6. Applications are to be completed by the contestant and in their own words, and MUST be the work of the youth entering the contest.
7. The sum of the scores from the application, written test, interview, identification, and judging contests will determine the winners. (Lord and Lady exclude judging.) All five areas will have equal weight for scoring point totals.
8. Winners will be announced at the Awards Presentation following the shows and competitions on Saturday.
9. 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 through #14! There will be 20 points deducted for not following this rule.
10. Enclose a portrait photo of yourself with this application! On the back of the photo write your Royalty age group, name, city, and state. Send photos sized no larger than 3 x 5 inches. This photo is part of your application and will be used on the West Coast Classic website if you are a Royalty winner. Failure to include a proper photo with label will result in a 10 point deduction. Application and photo become the property of the WCC Youth Committee and may not be returned.

11. Applications must be received by March 31, 2010. Applications received after the deadline will receive a 10 point deduction. Applications received after April 7, 2010 will be returned.

Mail applications to: Kassi Sieber ~ 9684 Warnerville Rd. ~ Oakdale, CA 95361

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	<u>20 points</u>
	Total possible score	200 points

PROCEDURES

- Each contestant in the King, Queen, Duke, Duchess, Prince, and Princess division will judge four classes of four animals per class. This is a timed event of seven minutes per class. Placements will be made on special forms provided. The use of the *ARBA STANDARD OF PERFECTION* at the judging table is encouraged. The use of judging aids or placing markers should be of very minimal size.
- Each Royalty contestant will compete in a breed identification contest. Contestant will be required to identify 25 animals, both rabbits and cavy, listing the complete breed name as printed in the *ARBA STANDARD OF PERFECTION*. They will also identify the showroom variety, whether a 4 class or 6 class breed, and the registration variety of each of the 25 animals. No abbreviations are accepted.
- All contestants will take a written test. The questions for this test will be taken from the *ARBA Official Guidebook*, the *ARBA Yearbook*, the *ARBA Standard of Perfection*, the *ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide*, issues of *Domestic Rabbits* from Jan/Feb, 2006 to present, and the ARBA Web Site. Lord and Lady contestants will be provided help in reading their test.
- All contestants will also participate in an interview. Contestants in the Lord and Lady contest will need a rabbit or cavy during their interview, an animal handling/judging score (not showmanship) will be made at this time. Contestants for interviews should be in proper showroom attire with a show coat or, at minimum, a long sleeve white shirt.

A complete application will include:

1. A completed **Royalty Written Application Direction Form**, including your signature.
2. Three (3) copies of your answers to the form's questions #0 through #14.
3. One copy of your answer to question #15. This will be posted on the West Coast Classic website if you are a winner.
4. One photograph of yourself with your Royalty age division, name, residence city and state printed on the back. The photograph will be posted on the West Coast Classic website if you are a winner.

WCC considers the entrants and participants in this Royalty Contest to be our "Best & Brightest" for the continued strength and growth of our organization.

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Royalty Application and Direction Form

ARBA No. _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____ (On the day of competition.)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

I HAVE READ THE ACCOMPANYING RULES FOR THIS CONTEST AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

Applicant's Signature _____

Check One:

_____ King _____ Queen _____ Duke _____ Duchess

_____ Prince _____ Princess _____ Lord _____ Lady

Directions

The following information must be typed, printed own written on your OWN paper (8.5 in x 11 in). Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. Questions should be answered in age appropriate narratives, and MUST be the work of the youth entering the contest. No more that five (5) pages, excluding question #15 and this page, are allowed. Use 10-12 point reader friendly fonts with minimum margins of ½ inch. **Please have your name and the page number on the top of each page.** Application must be received by March 31, 2010 and sent to Kassi Sieber ~ 9684 Warnerville Rd. ~ Oakdale, CA 95361.

#0- When did you join the ARBA 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- 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.

#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- What have you done to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?

#6- How have you been a leader in your project?

#7- Describe the housing & equipment for your animals, be very specific.

#8- What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project?

#9- Describe the records you keep and how you keep them.

#10- List outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned.

#11- List outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in this project.

#12- What are your goals for this 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 posted on the WCC website. Write what you would like to be printed in 300 to 600 words.****