

Contests were organized to acknowledge EXCELLENCE among APRC Youth members in attendance at the annual **APRC National Polish Show**; to allow these members to demonstrate a working knowledge of general rabbit knowledge and the Polish rabbit breed; to explore critical thinking skills, demonstrate personal initiative and provide problem-solving, decision-making and goal-setting activities for all participating youth members.

## Youth Royalty Contests

### ELIBIBILITY

Applicants must be a current member of the APRC at the time of entry and participation. The age requirements and divisions are as follows: (Competitive divisions are based on the youth's age as of the closing day of the **APRC National Polish Show**. May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

- King and Queen - APRC Youth members age 15-18 years, (not yet turned 19)
- Duke and Duchess - APRC youth members age 12-14 years
- Prince and Princess - APRC youth members age 9-11
- Lord and Lady - APRC youth members under 9 years

Contestants will participate in the Showmanship, Written Test, Written Application, Oral Interview and one other APRC contest. The total points of these 5 contests will determine the winner.

Complete descriptions of all of the APRC Youth Contests on the following pages.

### APRC YOUTH CONTEST GUIDELINES

APRC Board of Directors and Youth Committee would like to encourage all youth members to become involved in the American Polish Rabbit Club youth contests. These contests will be held at the 2024 annual APRC National show.

Please pay close attention to all rules noted below. Youth Contest Entry form will be published on the website and in the little aristocrat prior to the national show each year.

The hope is to expand in future years as participation increases.

### ROYALTY CONTEST

Contestants will participate in the Showmanship, Written Test, Oral Interview, Written Application and one other contest. The total points of these 5 contests will determine the winner. Royalty contestants are divided into age groups, age determined by the last day of the APRC National Show:

- Lord and Lady: Under 9 years of age.
- Prince and Princess: Age 9-11
- Duke and Duchess: Age 12-14
- King and Queen: Age 15-18 (not yet turned 19)

\*The Winners of each age group will be asked to provide a short description of your achievements (in first-person narrative) that will be printed in the Little Aristocrat. \*

## **RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST \***

1. The Contest will be judged using the ARBA Showmanship Scorecard.
2. Contestants in the royalty contest must participate in this contest, using a Polish.
3. Contestants are encouraged to wear a Show Coat or an Apron and Long Sleeves.

## **WRITTEN TEST \***

1. Contestants in the royalty contest must take part in the written test.
2. The test will include questions on general rabbit knowledge along with knowledge specific to the Polish rabbit breed.
3. Readers will be available to anyone who needs help.
4. The test will be multiple choice, True/False, or matching questions.

## **WRITTEN APPLICATION\***

1. This serves as entry to the Royalty contest and will include a maximum of 6 pages of answers.
2. The Questions to answer will be published in the Spring Little Aristocrat and on the American Polish Rabbit Club website.
3. The written application will be due emailed to the email published with the questions by **April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**, at 8pm Eastern Time. Please include the name and age of the contestant in the body of the email.
4. Please type the question and then the answers to the question in a document (word, google docs or PDF will be accepted)
5. Please include in either the header or footer the position running for.
6. Applications will be judged on the following criteria: Size and Scope of Project (15 points); Purpose, Goals & Plans for the Future (15 points); Management (15 points); Achievement (20 points); Leadership (20 points); Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers & Neatness of Application (15 points).

## **ORAL INTERVIEW\***

1. Contestants for interviews should be in proper showroom attire with a show coat, apron with long sleeved shirt or, at minimum, a long sleeve white shirt.
2. The questions asked in the interview will be related to the contestant's project and/or the Polish breed.
3. This will be a short conversational interview.
4. Interviews will be judged on the following Criteria: Size and Scope of Project (15 points); Purpose, Goals & Plans for the Future (20 points); Management (15 points); Achievement (15 points); Leadership (20 points); Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers & Neatness of Exhibitor (15 points).

## **CREATIVE ARTS CONTEST**

1. The topic must be about some aspect of POLISH rabbits.
2. Exhibit maybe any type craft.

3. Name, date, state, age, and title of craft must be present on back of craft
4. Duplication from previous year's entry may not be entered.
5. Scoring will be based on the following:
  - a. Neatness (45 pts.)
  - b. Creativity (45 pts.)
  - c. Age appropriate (10 pts.)

### **EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY**

1. The topic must be about some aspect of POLISH rabbits.
2. Display should be informative as well as creative.
3. They may feature pictures, wording, or other appropriate items to support the subject of the display.
4. Duplication from previous year's entry may not be entered.
5. Name, date, state, age, and title of display must be present on back of display.
6. Scoring will be based on the following:
  - a. Organization of Materials (20pts)
  - b. Presentation and Neatness (20pts)
  - c. Effectiveness (educates, keeps readers attention and entertains) (40pts)
  - d. Use of Space (20pts)

### **PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

1. Photo must include a rabbit as part of the main subject.
2. Photos may be framed or matted
3. Digital entries on photo quality paper.
4. Pictures should have been taken in the past calendar year.
5. Duplication from previous year's entry may not be entered.
6. Judged on the following criteria:
  - a. 45% composition, creative look, uniqueness, and communicative power.
  - b. 45% Color, sharpness, exposure, cropping and technical quality.
  - c. 10% Age Appropriate.
7. Name, date, state, age, and title of photograph(s), and date taken must be present on the back of the exhibit.

These contests are designed to encourage the participation of Polish youth members in the American Rabbit Breeders Association Youth Contests.

**Questions Contact Katherine Wist [racingrabbits@hotmail.com](mailto:racingrabbits@hotmail.com)**

**Written Application Questions:**

1. Explain how and why you got started in your project. Include the year, breed(s), and who helped you get started.
2. Why did you choose to raise Polish? Tell us how many you currently have and how long you have been raising Polish.
3. Tell us what other breed(s) (Including Cavy's) you have raised in the past or currently and for how long you raised them.
4. List your current memberships in rabbit &/or cavy related organizations. Include the name of each club (no abbreviations) the number of years you have been a member, and any offices or committees that you hold within those organizations.
5. How have you been a leader in your project?
6. What have you done to promote the Polish breed and make others aware of your project?
7. Give an example where you've personally helped another exhibitor at a show or rabbit/cavy event. Describe the circumstance and what you learned in the process.
8. What are your goals for your project and what are your personal goals?
9. Describe the housing & equipment for your animals. Be very specific.
10. What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project? Daily, Weekly, Monthly?
11. What types of records do you keep for your breeding program? Why are these records important for the success of your breeding program and achieving the goals that you have set?
12. Make a table or a list of outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned since January 1, 2023. Pick one from your list and explain why it is important to you.
13. Make a table or a list of outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in this project since January 1, 2023. Pick one from your list and explain why it is important to you.