

Department 18I

Cavies

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1. **All cavies must be tagged prior to cavy check-in.** Tagging will be held the first Monday in June from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Ionia Fairgrounds.
2. Rabbits and Cavies will arrive on the first Saturday of the fair between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The show will be held on Saturday, starting at 3:00 pm. If an exhibitor has a problem bringing their animals at this time, please contact the superintendent in writing **before** the start of the Fair.
3. No diseased animals will be accepted for exhibit. If a disagreement arises over the health of an animal, a veterinarian, at the owner's expense, will examine the animal.
4. Cavies will be housed on the fairgrounds, with only the cavies that are entered and shown in YOUTH allowed in the barn. Unless arrangements have been made with superintendents
5. **Exhibitors must feed and water their own animals.**
6. **Exhibitors must clean their cages daily.**
7. Cavies must be in the exhibitor's possession by May 1 of the current year.
8. **All exhibitors must show a cavy in showmanship. All exhibitors must show in at least two different cavy events, with the exception of the costume class.**
9. Exhibitors participating in the Ionia County 4-H Cavy Program may not show cavies through 4-H in any other County Fair during the current year. Violators may not participate the following year in the Ionia Free Fair.

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Cavy Showmanship

All showmen must be registered in youth and have attended their Youth club meetings. First year showmen may also show in their age division class (8-19 only)

5104 Barn Buddy Showmanship (ages 5-7)

Prize: Participation Ribbon

5105 Junior Showmanship, ages 8-11

5106 Intermediate Showmanship, ages 12-14

5107 Senior Showmanship, ages 15-19

Prizes: 1-6 Place Rosettes

Plaques for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Winners

Breed Classes

Placing ribbons, three (3) per class

5109 Junior Boar
5110 Intermediate Boar
5111 Senior Boar
5112 Junior Sow
5113 Intermediate Sow
5114 Senior Sow

5119 Best In Show

Prize: Special Award

5120 Reserve Best In Show

Prize: Rosette

Costume Class

Prizes: 1-6 Place Ribbons

Entries will be judged on originality, theme, and creativity

5115 Costume, all ages

5116 Costume, Barn Buddies
Participation Ribbon Only

Exhibitors are required to purchase a one-day parking pass at the reduced rate of only \$5.00 at the time of entering their exhibit or project. This pass will be good for one day of the Fair scheduled for July 16-24. Or, Exhibitors can purchase an exhibitor season parking pass for only \$18.00 good for all 9 days. Parking fee proceeds are directed to facility maintenance and enhancements.

Ionia Free Fair is not responsible for articles lost, stolen or damaged prior to, during or after