

Holland Lop Rabbit Specialty Club

Youth Contest Guidelines

The royalty committee would like to encourage all youth members to participate in the Holland Lop Specialty Club youth contests. These contests will be held each year at the spring national show. Some of the contests will allow those not in attendance to compete, but others will require attendance at the national show.

The age groups for these youth contests are to be determined by your age on the last day of spring nationals. The categories are listed below. Guidelines for each of these contests are also listed below.

Lord and Lady- under 9 years of age

Prince and Princess- Ages 9 to 11

Duke and Duchess- Ages 12 to 14

King and Queen- Ages 15 to 18

Those competing must submit a written application. You must participate in a written knowledge test, Holland Lop Color ID, and Judging. The total points of these contests will determine the winner. Applications must be emailed to creeksiderabbitsmi@gmail.com no later than Monday, March 25, 2024.

The application is available on the HLRSC website @ HLRSC.org

Written Knowledge test:

- This test will consist of questions that pertain to general rabbit knowledge along with knowledge specific questions to Holland Lops and the history of the breed and national club.
- This info can be taken from the Holland Lop Guidebook, the Holland Lop Standard of Perfection.
- Any contestant who might need help reading or writing may be assigned an adult volunteer who is not related.

Color ID:

- This contest consists of animals of recognized colors within the Holland standard that the contestant must identify.
- Contestants will enter the contest area with a clipboard and pencil only- No Phones, study guides, or educational materials allowed.
- Any contestant who might need help reading or writing may be assigned an adult volunteer who is not related.

Judging (for Prince and Princess and older):

- Participants will sort a group of older juniors/younger seniors based on the Standard of Perfection
- Participants are allowed markers to help sort and the use of the Standard of Perfection

AGE DIVISIONS

Junior: 5-11 years old
Intermediate: 12-14 years old
Senior: 15-18 years old

Each entry must be the work of the contestant and must have been completed in the 12 months before the Spring National. Whenever possible, label exhibits on the back or bottom with the exhibitor's name, state, and district. Tags will also be available upon check-in.

Craft Contest

Ceramics, pottery, jewelry, clothing, drawing, painting, sculpture or carving, woodworking, metal projects

1. The topic of your item must be specifically related to an aspect of raising/showing Holland Lops.
2. Any display should be informative as well as creative. Display boxes are allowed, but glass is discouraged. Plexiglass is recommended.
3. Contestants may use pictures, wording, or other appropriate items to support the subject
4. Entries shall not duplicate a previous year's entry
5. Name, date created, state, and age must be on the back, or with an accompanying card attached by tape or a string. Cards will be provided upon check-in.
6. All entries must be checked in by 9am on Saturday, April 20th.

Educational Display/Poster

1. The topic of your item must be specifically related to an aspect of raising/showing Holland Lops
2. Any display should be informative as well as creative.
 - a. Displays must be mounted on a tri-fold board or a self-supporting display board with items arranged for viewing in front. The display board should provide information regarding the item(s) on display. (ie: medicine kit on display with information on board)
 - b. Games must include play instructions
 - c. Posters shall be a single sheet poster board or foam board, overall size should be 22x28". Any other size will receive a point penalty
3. Contestants may use pictures, wording, or other appropriate items to support the subject.
4. Entries shall not duplicate a previous year's entry.
5. Name, date created, state, and age must be on the back, or with an accompanying card attached by tape or a string. Cards will be provided upon check-in.
6. Contestants not attending the show may still enter by sending with a friend or relative.
7. Scoring will be based on the following:
 - a. Organization of Materials (20 points)
 - b. Neatness and Originality (20 points)
 - c. Knowledge and Educational Value (40 points)
 - d. Use of Space (20 Points)
8. All entries must be checked in by 9am on Saturday, April 20th.

Photo Contest

1. The photo must be the work of the contestant and be Holland Lop or rabbitry-related.
2. Photographs no smaller than 4" x 6" or larger than 11" x 14", printed vertically or horizontally, mounted for display. Framing, with plastic or plexiglass, and/or an easel to display is optional. The photo series will consist of 3 to 6 photos mounted together to tell a story or convey an idea. Pictures should be no older than one year.
3. The points are based on the following:
 - a. 50% Creativity
 - b. 50% Color, sharpness, exposure, cropping
4. Contestants not attending the show may still enter by sending with a friend or relative. Mailed items will not be accepted.
5. Name, date created, state, and age must be on the back, or with an accompanying card attached by tape or a string. Cards will be provided upon check-in.
6. All entries must be checked in by 9am Saturday, April 20th