

CATA Curricular Code Change Proposal

Submission Instructions, please read in full before submitting your proposal:

1. Fill in all the below information.
2. Download the current code from the CATA Website: [Curricular Activities Code](#)
 1. Do not delete anything from the code. Strikethrough parts to delete. Any new wording, type into the code and highlight in yellow.
 2. Upload "Proposed Code" below.
 3. Upload any additional documents if needed
 4. Scroll all the way to the bottom and sign the form.
3. **IMPORTANT - Answering "Yes" to any of the questions requires the Host Site's Contest Coordinator's signature.**
 1. After all information is filled out, codes are updated and you have signed the form, hit "Save" on the bottom right-hand corner. **DO NOT** hit "SUBMIT".
 2. Once you hit "Save" a box will appear with a link. This link is specific to your proposal. You can email the link to yourself and also copy from this box.
 3. Email this link to the Host Site coordinator to review your proposal. When emailing the Host Site, request that they review your proposal and sign in the "Host Site Coordinator's" Signature box. Request that they hit "Save" after signing the document and let you know that the signature is complete.
 4. Using the link, pull up your proposal and confirm that the signatures are complete and hit "Submit". Once you hit "Submit", you will no longer be able to make any changes to your submission.

Name of Contest:

Rabbit/Cavy Knowledge & Evaluation

Curricular Codes Open - List A

**Rabbit/Cavy Evaluation & Knowledge

Out of Rotation Curricular Codes

Revive a Contest: Please enter the name of the contest below and contact the CATA office for a copy of the Code.

Proposed by:

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Issue:

Proposed changes for trial contest.

This proposal will require a contest to open out of rotation: (Please note: It is highly recommended that you, or a representative, attend the pre-conference governing board meeting to answer any questions regarding proposed curricular code changes to contests that are requested to be opened out of rotation.)

No

The change will affect General Rules:

No

The change will affect the awards needed:

No

The proposed change will affect contest forms:

No

The proposed change will affect contest hosting site (e.g. additional facilities, new sections, additional scoring, etc.)

No

If you answered YES to any of the above questions, please explain:

Which JudgingCard scorecard will be used for tabulations?

Horticulture

Is this a New Contest Proposal?

No

If you answered YES to this being a New Contest Proposal, please indicate who will be sponsoring the contest. New Contest Proposals require a 3-year sponsor. Contact information for Sponsor:

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you need to include the following signature:

Host Site Contest Coordinator's Name:

Celia Casso

CDE Host Site Contest Coordinator's Signature (agreeing that changes are able to be accommodated by the host site.)

Not Signed

Upload code with tracked changes:
Edits of 2026 Official Rabbit_Cavy Evaluation &
Knowledge.docx

**Upload any additional information you would
like:**

Please sign below:

Katelyn Smith

RABBIT/CAVY EVALUATION & KNOWLEDGE

Revised 05/2026

Purpose and Standards

American Rabbit Breeders Association will provide a variety of enrichment activities that encourage youth participants to develop knowledge and skill regarding rabbit and cavy husbandry; recognizing youth who excel in their general knowledge of rabbits & cavies, their ability to identify breeds and varieties of rabbits and cavies, their herd management skills, and their personal growth, as well as responsibility, teamwork, and leadership. The student will not only demonstrate a working knowledge of the rabbit and cavy industry, but also demonstrate critical thinking skills, problem-solving, decision-making, and goal-setting. These skills enable youth members to thrive and succeed throughout their lives - within and outside of the hobby.

Objectives:

Participants in the Rabbit and Cavy Evaluation Career Development Event will be able to

- Make accurate observations of rabbits and cavies.
- Determine desirable traits in the market and breeding animals.
- Make logical decisions based on these observations.
- Discuss and defend their decisions for their placings.
- Understand desirable selection, production, management, and marketing techniques for rabbits and cavies.
- Proficiently communicate using the terminology of the industry.

Foundation Standards:

- AS.01.01 Performance Indicator: Evaluate the development and impacts of animal origin, domestication, and distribution on production practices and the environment. AS.01.02 Performance Indicator: Assess and select animal production methods for use in animal systems based upon their effectiveness and impacts.
- AS.04.01 Performance Indicator: Evaluate animals for breeding readiness and soundness.
- AS. 04.02 Performance Indicator: Apply scientific principles to select and care for breeding animals.
- AS.06.01 Performance Indicator: Classify animals according to taxonomic classification systems and use (e.g. agriculture, companion, etc).
- AS.06.02 Performance Indicator: Apply principles of comparative anatomy and physiology to uses within various animal systems.
- AS 06.03 Performance Indicator: Select animals for specific purposes and maximum performance based on anatomy and physiology.
- AS. 07.01 Performance Indicator: Design programs to prevent animal diseases, parasites, and other disorders and ensure animal welfare.
- CRP.02.01. Performance Indicator: Use strategic thinking to connect and apply academic learning, knowledge, and skills to solve problems in the workplace and community.
- CRP.04.01. Performance Indicator: Speak using strategies that ensure clarity, logic, purpose, and professionalism in formal and informal settings.

Classes

| Class | Individual Points | Team Points |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| Rabbit & Cavy Breed ID (25) | 100 | 400 |
| Judging Class 1 | 50 | 200 |
| Judging Class 2 | 50 | 200 |
| Judging Class 3 | 50 | 200 |
| Judging Class 4 | 50 | 200 |
| Oral Reasons (1) | 50 | 200 |
| ARBA Showmanship | 100 | 400 |
| Written Examination (50 Questions) 2 points each | 100/150 | 400/600 |
| Total Score | 550/600 | 2,200/2,250 |

Tie Breakers:

Team tiebreakers will be settled in the following order:

1. Combined Individual Written Exam total score.
2. Combined Individual Showmanship total score.
3. If there still is a tie, it will be broken with the highest oral reasons score.

Individual tiebreakers will be settled in the following order:

1. Written Exam Score
2. Combined Showmanship Score
3. If there still is a tie, it will be broken with the highest oral reasons score.

Sub Contest Awards:

Sub-contest awards will be given for high teams and individuals in the following areas: Written Examination, Rabbit & Cavy Breed ID, Judging, ARBA Showmanship, and Oral Reasons.

Rules:

1. Each team will be made up of four members, with all four members' scores counting towards the total team score.
2. Materials/Resources will be provided by the American Rabbit Breeders Association.
3. FFA Official Dress is required for this event.
4. Any participant in possession of an electronic device in the event area is subject to disqualification.
5. All contestants shall be allowed 7 minutes for placing each class. Two minutes will be allowed for each set of reasons.

6. Showmanship will be 7 minutes max per individual. It may be done in groups if the judge wants, but it must still be within a 7-minute time limit,
7. An additional 1 minute max per individual will be allowed for questions asked by judges.

Contests:

National Breed Identification Contest:

- Individuals will identify 25 photos/live animals or a mix, both rabbits and cavies, listing the complete breed name as printed in the ARBA Standard of Perfection, 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. A separate question or animal will act as a tiebreaker. In the event of a tie, the team's tie-breaker scores will be added to the total score.
- Attached is the selected Registration and Show Varieties allowed to be used in this contest.

Showmanship:

- Contestants will examine and evaluate a live/stuffed rabbit or cavy.
- The contest site will decide what they will be using based on what is available.
- All contestants must use the same type of animal (live or stuffed) for that contest.
- Speaking through what and why as they go along. Following the [Youth ARBA Showmanship Scorecard](#) (newest version) on the ARBA website.
- Contestants will have up to 7 minutes max to complete the routine and questions for the judge.
- An additional 1 minute max per individual will be allowed for questions asked by judges.

Judging Contest:

- Each team member will be required to place four classes of four animal pictures/videos/live animals per class. In the class, all animals must be of the same breed, sex, class, and variety. All four in the class must be either all live rabbits/cavies or all photos/videos but, you can have 1 class of live rabbits/cavies and 3 classes of photos/videos. This is a timed event of 7 minutes per class. The use of the ARBA Standard of Perfection at the judging table is encouraged. Judging classes may involve rabbits/cavies (including meat classes), cavies, fur, and wool.
- No extra information or notes may be written or printed in the contestants copy of the Standards of Perfection
- Classes need to be labeled as sound if DQs are in class that you want to be ignored in class placings.

Oral Reasons:

- The individual will be required to give oral reasons on one class of the judging animals, giving proper terminology. One set of reasons will be given in a judging class. Reasons will be scored 0-50 points. (See attached score sheet.)
- Contestants will only have 2 minutes to give reasons.

Written Examination:

- The 50 questions for this test will be taken from the ARBA Standard of Perfection, the ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide, and the ARBA Website.

Resources:

- [The Current ARBA Standard of Perfection](#)
- [The ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide](#)
- [The ARBA Website](#)

- ~~Materials will be provided to contest sites with the agreement not to share the materials or resources. They will sign a contract before materials are given out.~~

ORAL REASON'S SCORE SHEET

| | Score |
|---|--------------|
| What to do when a contestant.....does not show. Write DOES NOT SHOW on Card | 0 |
| Says "I don't have anything to say." | 0 |
| Reads notes with poor organization and terms | 5-9 |
| Reads notes, fairly complete set | 10-14 |
| Reads notes, excellent set | 15-20 |
| Glances at notes one or more times | 20-24 |
| No notes, poor terminology, and organization | 25-34 |
| No notes, proper terms, but brief or not accurate | 35-39 |
| No notes, good terms, fair organization, and accurate presentation | 40-44 |
| No notes, excellent terms, organized, accurate, and well presented | 45-50 |

Time Penalties: (Two minutes allowed)

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Penalty</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2:01-2:10 | - 1 |
| 2:11-2:20 | - 3 |
| 2:21-2:30 | - 6 |
| 2:30 or more | -10 |

| Showroom Varieties for Rabbits & Cavies | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Code | Rabbit Showroom Varieties | Code | Cavy Showroom Varieties |
| 001 | Agouti | 057 | Agouti |
| 002 | Amber | 058 | Any Other Marked |
| 003 | Any Other Variety | 059 | Any Other Self |
| 004 | Black | 060 | Any Other Solid |
| 005 | Blue | 061 | Any Other Variety |
| 006 | Blue Eyed White | 062 | Black |
| 007 | Broken | 063 | Brindle |
| 008 | Broken Group | 064 | Broken Color |
| 009 | Broken Pattern | 065 | Cal Pattern |
| 010 | Castor | 066 | Cream |
| 011 | Chestnut Agouti | 067 | Dalmation |
| 012 | Chinchilla | 068 | Dilute Agouti |
| 013 | Chocolate | 069 | Dilute Solid |
| 014 | Chocolate Agouti | 070 | Dutch |
| 015 | Colored | 071 | Golden Agouti |
| 016 | Copper | 072 | Golden Solid |
| 017 | Fawn | 073 | Himalayan |
| 018 | Gold | 074 | Intermixed Solids |
| 019 | Golden | 075 | Marked |
| 020 | Golden Yellow | 076 | Red |
| 021 | Gray | 077 | Roan |
| 022 | Himalayan | 078 | Self |
| 023 | Japanese | 079 | Silver Agouti |
| 024 | Light Gray | 080 | Silver Solid |
| 025 | Lilac | 081 | Tan Pattern |
| 026 | Lutino | 082 | Ticked Solids |
| 027 | Lynx | 083 | Tortoise Shell |
| 028 | Magpie | 084 | Tortoise Shell & White |
| 029 | Opal | 085 | White |
| 030 | Orange | | |
| 031 | Otter | | |
| 032 | Red | | |
| 033 | Ruby Eyed White | | |
| 034 | Rufus | | |
| 035 | Sable | | |
| 036 | Sable Marten | | |
| 037 | Sable Point | | |
| 038 | Sandy | | |
| 039 | Seal | | |
| 040 | Self | | |
| 041 | Shaded | | |
| 042 | Siamese | | |
| 043 | Siamese Sable | | |
| 044 | Silver Marten | | |
| 045 | Smoke Pearl | | |
| 046 | Smoke Pearl Marten | | |
| 047 | Solid Pattern | | |
| 048 | Squirrel | | |
| 049 | Standard | | |
| 050 | Steel | | |
| 051 | Steel Gray | | |
| 052 | Tan | | |
| 053 | Tan Pattern | | |
| 054 | Tortoise | | |
| 055 | Tortoise Shell | | |
| 056 | White | | |

| Rabbit Registration Varieties | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Code | Rabbit Registration Variety | Code | Broken Rabbit Registration Variety |
| 001 | Amber | 064 | Broken Amber |
| 002 | Black | 065 | Broken Black |
| 003 | Black Chestnut Agouti | 066 | Broken Black Chestnut Agouti |
| 004 | Black Chinchilla | 067 | Broken Black Chinchilla |
| 005 | Black Himalayan | 068 | Broken Black Otter |
| 006 | Black Japanese | 069 | Broken Black Sable Point |
| 007 | Black Magpie | 070 | Broken Black Silver Marten |
| 008 | Black Otter | 071 | Broken Black Tortoise |
| 009 | Black Pointed White | 072 | Broken Black Tortoise Shell |
| 010 | Black Sable Point | 073 | Broken Blue |
| 011 | Black Silver Marten | 074 | Broken Blue Otter |
| 012 | Black Siamese | 075 | Broken Blue Sable Point |
| 013 | Black Tan | 076 | Broken Blue Silver Marten |
| 014 | Black Tortoise | 077 | Broken Blue Tortoise Shell |
| 015 | Black/Orange Tri-color | 078 | Broken Castor |
| 016 | Blue | 079 | Broken Chestnut |
| 017 | Blue Eyed White | 080 | Broken Chestnut Agouti |
| 018 | Blue Himalayan | 081 | Broken Chinchilla |
| 019 | Blue Japanese | 082 | Broken Chocolate |
| 020 | Blue Magpie | 083 | Broken Chocolate Agouti |
| 021 | Blue Otter | 084 | Broken Chocolate Otter |
| 022 | Blue Silver Marten | 085 | Broken Chocolate Sable Point |
| 023 | Blue Tan | 086 | Broken Copper |
| 024 | Black Tortoise | 087 | Broken Lilac |
| 025 | Blue/Fawn Tri-color | 088 | Broken Lynx |
| 026 | Castor | 089 | Broken Opal |
| 027 | Chestnut | 090 | Broken Orange |
| 028 | Chestnut Agouti | 091 | Broken Red |
| 029 | Chinchilla | 092 | Broken Sable |
| 030 | Chocolate | 093 | Broken Sable Point |
| 031 | Chocolate Agouti | 094 | Broken Seal |
| 032 | Chocolate Himalayan | 095 | Broken Siamese Sable |
| 033 | Chocolate Otter | 096 | Broken Silver Tipped Black Steel |
| 034 | Chocolate Silver Marten | 097 | Broken Smoke Pearl |
| 035 | Chocolate Tan | 098 | Broken Squirrel |
| 036 | Chocolate Tortoise | 099 | Broken Steel |
| 037 | Cream | 100 | Broken Tortoise |
| 038 | Fawn | | |
| 039 | Frosty | | |
| 040 | Gold | | |
| 041 | Gold Tipped Black Steel | | |
| 042 | Gray | | |
| 043 | Lilac | | |
| 044 | Light Gray | | |
| 045 | Lynx | | |
| 046 | Opal | | |
| 047 | Orange | | |
| 048 | Red | | |
| 049 | Ruby Eyed White | | |
| 050 | Rufus | | |
| 051 | Sable | | |
| 052 | Sandy | | |
| 053 | Sable Point | | |
| 054 | Siamese Sable | | |
| 055 | Siamese Smoke Pearl | | |
| 056 | Silver Tipped Black Steel | | |
| 057 | Smoke Pearl | | |
| 058 | Squirrel | | |
| 059 | Standard | | |
| 060 | Steel | | |
| 061 | Steel Gray | | |
| 062 | Tortoise | | |
| 063 | White | | |

| Cavy Registration Varieties | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------|--|------|------------------------------------|
| Code | Cavy Registration Variety | Code | Broken Cavy Registration Variety | Code | Roan Cavy Registration Variety |
| 101 | Beige | 158 | Broken: Black | 185 | Roan: Black |
| 102 | Black | 159 | Broken: Cal: Black/Cream | 186 | Roan: Cal: Black/Cream |
| 103 | Blue | 160 | Broken: Cal: Black/Gold | 187 | Roan: Cal: Black/Gold |
| 104 | Brindle | 161 | Broken: Cal: Black/Red | 188 | Roan: Cal: Black/Red |
| 105 | Cal: Black/Cream | 162 | Broken: Cal: Black/White | 189 | Roan: Cal: Black/White |
| 106 | Cal: Black/Gold | 163 | Broken: Cal: Chocolate/Cream | 190 | Roan: Chocolate |
| 107 | Cal: Black/Red | 164 | Broken: Cal: Chocolate/Gold | 191 | Roan: Dilute Agouti: Chocolate/Red |
| 108 | Cal: Black/White | 165 | Broken: Cal: Chocolate/Red | 192 | Roan: Dilute Agouti: Lilac/Orange |
| 109 | Cal: Chocolate/Cream | 166 | Broken: Cal: Chocolate/White | 193 | Roan: Dilute Solid: Black/Cream |
| 110 | Cal: Chocolate/Gold | 167 | Broken: Cream | 194 | Roan: Dilute Solid: Black/Gold |
| 111 | Cal: Chocolate/Red | 168 | Broken: Dilute Agouti: Black/Cream | 195 | Roan: Dilute Solid: Blue/Cream |
| 112 | Cal: Chocolate/White | 169 | Broken: Dilute Agouti: Chocolate/Cream | 196 | Roan: Dilute Solid: Chocolate/Red |
| 113 | Cal: Lilac/Orange | 170 | Broken: Dilute Agouti: Chocolate/Red | 197 | Roan: Dilute Solid: Lilac/Orange |
| 114 | Cal: Lilac/White | 171 | Broken: Dilute Agouti: Lilac/Orange | 198 | Roan: Golden Agouti |
| 115 | Chocolate | 172 | Broken: Dilute Agouti: Lilac/White | 199 | Roan: Golden Solid |
| 116 | Cream | 173 | Broken: Dilute Solid: Black/Cream | 200 | Roan: Lilac |
| 117 | Dalmatian: Black | 174 | Broken: Dilute Solid: Black/Gold | 201 | Roan: Red |
| 118 | Dalmatian: Chocolate | 175 | Broken: Dilute Solid: Chocolate/Cream | 202 | Roan: Red Eyed Orange |
| 119 | Dalmatian: Cream | 176 | Broken: Dilute Solid: Lilac/Orange | 203 | Roan: Silver Agouti |
| 120 | Dalmatian: Lilac | 177 | Broken: Gold | 204 | Roan: Silver Solid |
| 121 | Dilute Agouti: Beige/Orange | 178 | Broken: Golden Agouti | 205 | Roan: Tan: Black |
| 122 | Dilute Agouti: Black/Cream | 179 | Broken: Golden Solid | 206 | Roan: Tan: Chocolate |
| 123 | Dilute Agouti: Black/Gold | 180 | Broken: Red | 207 | Roan: Tan: Lilac |
| 124 | Dilute Agouti: Chocolate/Cream | 181 | Broken: Red Eyed Orange | 208 | Roan: Tan: Slate |
| 125 | Dilute Agouti: Chocolate/Gold | 182 | Broken: Silver Agouti | | |
| 126 | Dilute Agouti: Chocolate/Red | 183 | Broken: Silver Solid | | |
| 127 | Dilute Agouti: Chocolate/White | 184 | Broken: Tan: Black | | |
| 128 | Dilute Agouti: Lilac/Orange | | | | |
| 129 | Dilute Agouti: Lilac/White | | | | |
| 130 | Dilute Solid: Black/Cream | | | | |
| 131 | Dilute Solid: Black/Gold | | | | |
| 132 | Dilute Solid: Chocolate/Cream | | | | |
| 133 | Dilute Solid: Chocolate/Gold | | | | |
| 134 | Dilute Solid: Chocolate/Red | | | | |
| 135 | Dilute Solid: Chocolate/White | | | | |
| 136 | Dutch: Black | | | | |
| 137 | Dutch: Golden Agouti | | | | |
| 138 | Dutch: Silver Agouti | | | | |
| 139 | Marten: Black | | | | |
| 140 | Marten: Chocolate | | | | |
| 141 | Marten: Lilac | | | | |
| 142 | Marten: Slate | | | | |
| 143 | Otter: Black | | | | |
| 144 | Otter: Chocolate | | | | |
| 145 | Otter: Lilac | | | | |
| 146 | Red | | | | |
| 147 | Orange | | | | |
| 148 | Silver Agouti | | | | |
| 149 | Silver Solid | | | | |
| 150 | Tan: Beige | | | | |
| 151 | Tan: Black | | | | |
| 152 | Tan: Chocolate | | | | |
| 153 | Tan: Lilac | | | | |
| 154 | Tan: Slate | | | | |
| 155 | Tortoise Shell | | | | |
| 156 | Tortoise Shell and White | | | | |
| 157 | White | | | | |