SMALL ANIMAL LIVESTOCK

All entries are Due Online by August 1, 2026

GENERAL RULES

1. All Silver State Youth Livestock Show & Expo General Rules, Livestock Rules, Auction Rules, and General Information applies to the Small Animal Department. Please read carefully.
2. Each exhibitor (or their representative) will be responsible for feeding and watering their animals. Waterfowl exhibitors must provide stable waterers and feeders for their birds. No persons other than officers of the show and judges shall be allowed to handle exhibits without the permission of the owner.
3. The show management must always have access to animals. NO LOCKS ON CAGES ALLOWED. NO GLASS CONTAINERS. Removable electrical ties allowed on cages for nighttime security.
4. NO ANIMALS FOR SALE: Under no circumstances will the sale of animals or their advertisement for sale be allowed.
5. Failure to comply with any rules outlined in this Competition Guide will result in forfeiture of cash awards.
6. Animals must be checked in at times listed for their show.
7. NO SMALL ANIMALS will be released from the fairgrounds prior to the designated checkout time, nor will they be released without a release from the Livestock Superintendent. Violations of this rule will result in forfeiture of cash awards, comment cards and ribbons.
8. All animals MUST be owned by the youth exhibiting that animal.
9. Peewee (ages 5 – 8) may exhibit in any and all classes except the market show and auction.
10. Showmanship entries must be entered online. No late showmanship entries will be accepted. See showmanship section for information.
11. SSYLS will not be responsible for loss or accidents to exhibits.

SMALL ANIMAL JUDGING

1. All animals will receive a health inspection at check-in. The show committee reserves the right to reject all entries subject to the inspection results. Any rejected entries will be asked to remove them from the fairgrounds.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for getting their rabbits and cavies to and from the judging table. Exhibitors are required to be present. Purebreds will be judged according to ARBA Standard of Perfection. A judging order will be posted in the show area the morning of the show. Classes will not be re-judged if exhibitors do not bring their rabbits/cavies to the table when called (Maximum of 3 calls). PLEASE ADVISE THE SHOW RAMROD IF YOU WILL NEED EXTRA TIME TO GET YOUR RABBITS/CAVIES TO THE SHOW TABLE.
3. Protests must be filed in writing to the Show Management within 26 hours of the completion of the class (see General Rules).
4. Peewees (ages 5 as of first day of show to 8 as of January 1, 2026). MUST be pre-entered to show. Must show in regular breeding classes to do showmanship. Must show in the regular breeding classes; all ownership requirements must be filled out. Peewees are NOT eligible to show in Market Classes or participate in the auction.
5. Rabbit & Cavy showmanship will follow the official ARBA showmanship rules. The SSYLS Rabbit & Cavy Show will be governed by the latest SSYLS Show Rules and Standard of Perfection of the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA), and American Cavy Breeders Association (ACBA). Poultry will be governed by the latest APA Standard of Perfection and the ABA Bantam Standard.
6. Your entry indicates the acceptance of these rules and any other rules set by the SSYLS Management Group.