

Douglas County Fair Rabbit Ownership Form

In order to provide for the health and safety of all rabbits exhibited at the Douglas County, Kansas, 4-H/FFA & Free Fair, all exhibitors are required to complete this form and turn it into the fair rabbit clerk/superintendent when they check their exhibits in at the rabbit barn.

Viral Hemorrhagic Disease (VHD, also known as Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease, RHD), has been diagnosed four times in the USA. Because it is a highly infectious viral disease, and has a 50 to 100 percent death rate, the Douglas County Fair Board is installing the following requirements of all rabbits exhibited at the fair.

All rabbits must be owned by the exhibitor by May 1 in the year they are exhibited at the fair. The only exception may be rabbits born after May 1 to a doe you own by May 1. These may be shown in the junior age classes.

I certify that I owned my rabbits by May 1, 2021, and that I have not brought any new rabbits on my premises after May 1, 2021.

AND/OR

The junior age rabbits I am exhibiting were born to does that I owned by May 1.

The fair rabbit rules call for following the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) breed guidelines. There are no classes for mixed breed rabbits. Rabbits purchased in pet stores do not have pedigree papers, so there is no way of knowing whether they are purebred. Pet store rabbits also carry the risk of being imported from another country and possibly carrying VHD. Rabbits purchased at pet stores should be shown in the pet division of the county fair, not the rabbit division.