

WESTMORELAND COUNTY RABBIT CLUB 13TH ANNUAL RABBIT SCHOOL

ST. VINCENT COLLEGE SIS AND HERMAN DUPRE SCIENCE PAVILION

MARCH 10, 2018 - LATROBE PA

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COST: \$5 per person

Registration deadline is Feb. 4 unless classes are filled before that date.

NEW FOR 2018: ONLY MAIL OR WEBFORM REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. DO NOT EMAIL YOUR REGISTRATION.

LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please note that every participant will have an hour break along with a lunch break during the day.

The Online Form can be found at <http://bit.ly/2018WCRCSchool>

There may be opportunities to add a class during those breaks that day.

A buffet style lunch will be available for purchase March 10. Please do not send money for lunches.

There will also be an auction, kids craft and skillathon for all age groups (including over the hill)

The only rabbits allowed are those needed for the hopping class. No hay or straw bedding is permitted. Sale rabbits are not permitted.

Schedule

9 a.m.- 4 p.m. CLASS

11 a.m - 2 p.m. LUNCH PERIODS

This school will be limited to **180 participants.**

WCRC School Co-Chairs
Michelle Forry 814-521-9320, mlganassi@yahoo.com
Mikayla Musgrove

HOW TO GET THERE

St. Vincent College 300 Fraser Purchase Road (Just off Rt. 30 at Saint Vincent Drive) Latrobe, PA 15650-2690

From Pittsburgh, Ohio and points west: Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike, I-76 east, to exit 67 (old exit 7) Irwin/North Huntingdon, bear right at the exit ramp and take U.S. Route 30 East 15 miles. At the stop light at Saint Vincent Drive, turn left onto Fraser Purchase Road (unmarked) and go 1/2 mile to campus entrance sign, turn left onto campus. Stop at the Entrance Booth for parking information and further direction.

From Erie, Buffalo and points north: Take Interstate 79 south to its junction with I-76, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, at gate 28 (old gate 3) Cranberry/Perry Highway. Take I-76 east to exit 67 (old exit 7) Irwin/North Huntingdon, bear right at the exit ramp and take U.S. Route 30 East 15 miles. At the stop light at Saint Vincent Drive, turn left onto Fraser Purchase Road (unmarked) and go 1/2 mile to campus entrance sign, turn left onto campus. Stop at the entrance Booth for parking information and further direction.

From Harrisburg, Philadelphia, New Jersey and points east: Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike, I-76 West, to exit 91 (old exit 9) Donegal, take Pennsylvania Route 711 North to junction with U.S. Route 30 in Ligonier, take Route 30 West eight miles to the stop light at Saint Vincent Drive, turn right onto Fraser Purchase Road (unmarked) and go 1/2 mile to campus entrance sign, turn left onto campus. Stop at the Entrance Booth for parking information and further direction.

From Baltimore, Washington and points south: Take Interstate 70 west to its junction with I-76, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, at gate 161 (old gate 12) Breezewood, proceed on I-76 west to exit 91 (old exit 9) Donegal, take Pennsylvania Route 711 North to its junction with U.S. Route 30 in Ligonier, take Route 30 West eight miles to the stop light at Saint Vincent Drive, turn right onto Fraser Purchase Road (unmarked) and go 1/2 mile to campus entrance sign, turn left onto campus. Stop at the Entrance Booth for parking information and further direction.

BREED ID CONTESTS

CALEB AND ISAAC BELL

This class will discuss tips for learning how to identify breeds, varieties and showroom classifications. It will also pointers and tips for studying and competing in breed ID competitions.

GENETICS

LORI JO WHITEHAUS

Learn how the buck and doe contribute to the characteristics of the kits, why strange characteristics sometimes show up from nowhere, and how to predict what the offspring will look like.

JUDGING CONTESTS

JACOB BELL

Judging contests can be intimidating. Jacob will talk about how to prepare and compete in these competitions.

LINE, IN, OUT, CROSS BREEDING

ARBA JUDGE AND DISTRICT 9 DIRECTOR

RUTH-ANN BELL

Ruth-Ann will talk to participants about the different methods of breeding and will compare line versus in breeding.

RABBIT FIRST AID & EMERGENCY CARE FIRST RESPONDERS TO THE RESCUE!

ANDREW MILES

When rabbits need help, we are the first ones on the scene, but the question is often "What do we do???" In the class we will learn about a variety of common ailments with rabbits and cavy and the practical solutions to solving the medical problems. Do not let medical mysteries go undiagnosed or improperly treated. Hopefully by the end of this class, you will be able to spot, diagnose, and treat your cavy and rabbit friends. Both external and internal anatomy, pathology, medication, nutrition, and some lifesaving tips and tricks will be taught and showcased, so you can be the first responder your animal's needs! Rabbit Nutrition You are what you eat! This is so true for rabbits and cavy and this class will focus on the digestive system of

rabbits, focusing on the management area of...nutrition! We will look at the physiology and anatomy of the animals that have a cecum, and what scientists that research rabbit and cavy nutrition have to say, and much more. This is a **MUST BE TAKEN CLASS** for people in all areas of the hobby, from meat, wool, pets, and to showing. Great ready to learn, because we will cover it all!

RABBIT HOUSING 101

BRYAN AND SARAH RAGER, CREEKSIDE CAGES

How do you know what type of housing you need? Bryan and Sarah will lead a discussion on how to decide on the proper housing from heard bucks to does with litters.

RABBIT SHOWS 101

PASRBA CONVENTION CHAIR BRIAN BELL

There are common questions that come up at every show. Brian will discuss with participants how to find information about shows, the difference between day of show and pre-entry, terminology and duties of show officials.

RABBIT VOCABULARY 101

LORI JO WHITEHAUS

You're ready to show your rabbits but the terminology is overwhelming. Let's learn some key phrases in Show Talk so you can communicate with the writers, judges, breeders and other exhibitors. All rabbits are not named BOB and you can still show your rabbit is the breed is not sanctioned. Learn more about Show Talk with Lori Jo Whitehaus, 4-H leader and Show Secretary.

RECORD KEEPING

MICHELLE CRISE AND PAULA KELLY
Record keeping. There are many ways to keep records, paper or electronic. As well as many many things to track. Information on each of your rabbits or breeds can be very helpful in different ways to breeders or pet own-

ers. Hopefully in this class we can address different things to keep track of, in an efficient way for storage and use. We will talk about different programs for computers, files you can make yourself, paper copies, and filing techniques. Last but not least, we will also talk about data stored on the rabbit itself - tattoos.

RUNNING BREEDS

ANDREW MILES

Here and there and now everywhere! Running breeds seem to be "running across the state" into the rabbitry of many, but with all of them around, it is important to know quality and proper evaluation. In this class we will examine through real life examples what to look for in Checkered Giants, English Spots, and Tans. We will focus on the point distribution with the color, structure, and confirmation. In addition, the class will look at tips and tricks for breeding and care, as well as what to look for when culling animals.

By the end of this course, students should feel knowledgeable if asked to judge the breeds. The goal of this class is to make one more aware of running breeds, as their presence increases on the show tables.

RABBIT HOPPING 101

THR RABBIT HOPPING

An introductory course for the novice, beginner, or anyone interested in learning about hopping. Topics covered include a history of hopping, what equipment you need, and how to select a hopper. Bring your own rabbit to practice what you learned on a straight-line course, with some hands-on instruction provided.

RABBIT HOPPING 201

THR RABBIT HOPPING

Take yourself and your rabbit to the next level in this class. Topics covered include exercising and conditioning your rabbit. Learn what it takes to move on to the Intermediate or Advanced Level. High Jump, Long Jump, and Crooked Courses will be the focus.

ASSES

Bring your own rabbit to practice what you learned with some helpful training techniques.

AN INTRODUCTION TO RABBIT AGILITY

THR RABBIT HOPPING

This class is open to anyone interested in learning the basics of Rabbit Agility. Topics covered include the differences between hopping and agility, what equipment is needed, the types of obstacles that make up an agility course, as well as training tips on how to navigate the obstacles. Bring your rabbit to practice what you learned, with some hands-on instruction provided.

SHOWMANSHIP

ISAAC AND CALEB BELL AND PASRBA YOUTH

This class will go over the ARBA Showmanship score sheet and offer tips for competition.

REPRODUCTION AND EMBRYOLOGY

GERRY VAEREWYCK

Understanding reproductive cycles, timing and fetus development is important for any breeder. We will discuss the reproductive anatomy of rabbits and guinea pigs and will study preserved rabbit, cavy and chicken embryos at different stages to understand the development.

INTRODUCTION TO CAVIES

ZACH FARLOW

Need to learn about cavies? Running for royalty? Getting a pet? Or just interested? This beginner's course is intended to give a general overview of cavies as pets, show animals and buddies including care, handling, grooming and breed show standards.

BODY TYPES

ADAM SCHULLER

Adam Schuller is an undergraduate student at the University of Akron in Ohio studying biology and chemistry. In addition, he has been raising rabbits for 10 years ranging in breeds from

English Angora to Satin to Himalayan to Belgian Hare. This has allowed him the experience to gain insight into breeding perspectives in attempts to better all 5 rabbit body types. Adam also has had the privilege of traveling to many different barns of nationally competitive breeders all over the country granting him the opportunity to gain perspective on quality specimens in all breeds. If you are interested to learn more about rabbit body type or discuss the ever-disputed topic of ideal topline.

HOW TO COOK A RABBIT

CHEF TOM NASH

Chef Tom is going to demonstrate a gourmet rabbit recipe, how to break down a rabbit and other cooking tips.

INTRODUCTORY NECROPSY

GERRY VAEREWYCK

This Class Requires Students To Cut Open A Rabbit To Perform A Necropsy.

Control of disease is of crucial importance in any rabbitry or caviary. Examination and dissection of a deceased animal can determine the cause of death in many cases. Learn why necropsies are important, how to do one safely, learn about major structures and what to look for, then we will dissect a rabbit and a cavy, identify major organs and systems and discuss common diseases and their post mortem presentation. Persons allergic to latex or formaldehydes should not take this class. This class is limited to 20 people.

INTRO TO RABBITS

JACOB BELL

This class will help participants with the basics of rabbits. Participants will learn about proper care, housing and breeding.

CB&L MANAGEMENT

CLASS DEVELOPED BY ARBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ERIC STEWART, PRESENTED BY MARCS PRESIDENT BRIAN BELL
Some clubs struggle with developing

their Constitution and Bylaws. This class will be a discussion on CBL development and club meeting management. This class is ideal for club leaders and those interested in taking on a leadership role.

NUTRITION

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COMMERCIAL USES FOR ANGORA

MADI SHAW

In this class Madi will talk about commercial uses for angora wool.

HOW TO STUDY FOR THE ARBA REGISTRAR'S TEST

ARBA Registrar Madi Shaw

So you want to become a registrar? Madi shaw will talk about how she prepared for the test..

CAVY JUDGING

GERRY VAEREWYCK, PASRBA YOUTH
This class will discuss basic cavy judging. Great for those who raise cavies and those who compete in royalty contests.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please number the classes you would like to take, with 1 being your first choice. Forms will be entered as they are received. We will attempt to get you as many classes as we can fit in your schedule, but please keep in mind that you will have some down time between classes. The cost is \$5 for the entire day. **Please do not send money for lunch.**

Send registration form to:

Michelle Forry
601 Division Street
Berlin, Pa 15530

To register online visit

<http://bit.ly/2018WCRCSchool>

Your registration will be considered received once payment is received. Payment instructions are on the link. EMAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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Parents of young children are asked to remain on campus.

Please fill one form for each Rabbit School attendee. Anyone who will be sitting in a class needs to fill out a form.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Age _____ Name of emergency contact remaining on campus _____

I am considering purchasing a lunch at the school ___ Yes ___ No

Class Choices — please number starting with 1. While you should be able to take 5 classes please number more than that.

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Would you like to purchase a 2018 Rabbit School t-Shirt to benefit the Westmoreland County Rabbit Club for \$12. Add \$2 for XXL sizes orders must be pre-paid. Please indicate size. Youth sizes available.

Certificate of completion - This year we are not making certificates for all attendees. If you would like a certificate please indicate below.

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