

# FINDING RABBIT SHOWS

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The American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) website is currently the only place where you can find a comprehensive list of all ARBA sanctioned rabbit shows in the country (and abroad). If a show is listed here, you will know that the show is sanctioned with the ARBA with no exceptions.

## Visit the ARBA website

The ARBA website can be found at: <http://www.arba.net>. Once on the website select “shows” from the navigation bar. Once on that page you will find a listing of all shows by state.

## Select Your State(s)

The easiest thing to do is to begin by selecting your state. However, please consider being open to shows in other states as well. Depending upon your location within your own state, there may be closer shows in neighboring states. Once select your state, a list of shows organized by state will follow.

5/21/2011	WABASH COUNTY 4H RABBIT CLUB (OPEN) (Satin & Mini Satin only) (WABASH)	BILL HUNTER, 154 WALNUT ST, WABASH, IN 469921845	HRCSTREASURER@YAHOO.COM	
5/21/2011	WABASH COUNTY 4H RABBIT CLUB (OPEN) (WABASH)	BILL HUNTER, 154 WALNUT ST, WABASH, IN 469921845	260-563-7306 BHUNTER@BMMCPAS.COM	more info
5/21/2011	WABASH COUNTY 4H RABBIT CLUB (YOUTH) (WABASH)	BILL HUNTER, 154 WALNUT ST, WABASH, IN 469921845	260-563-7306 BHUNTER@BMMCPAS.COM	more info
5/28/2011	DELAWARE COUNTY RBA (YOUTH) (MUNCIE)	LYNN A LITTLER, 8191 E COUNTY ROAD 900 N, ALBANY, IN 473209014	765-396-9453 CHARLIELYNN1953@AOL.COM	more info
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## **What am I looking at?**

Using the above screen shot as our first example, you will see five columns that give the following information:

1. Date of the Show
2. Name of the sponsoring club, whether the show is open or youth, a designation if it is a breed specialty show and the city of the show.
3. Show secretary address
4. Show secretary phone and/or e-mail address
5. Show flyer, if available (link will say “more info”)

## **Specialty Show or All Breed Show**

My first suggestion is to determine whether the show is an all breed or a breed specialty show. As the name implies, at an all breed show, all breeds compete. The majority of the shows listed will be all breed shows. By contrast, breed specialty shows are a show for a specific breed(s) only. Most specialty shows are held in conjunction with an all breed show that will have its own listing.

If the entry does not list a specific breed, the show is an all breed show. If it lists a specific breed(s), then it is a breed specialty show. Using the screenshot on the previous page as an example, the first listing is for a Mini Satin and Satin specialty show. The next two listings are for the all breed show (open and youth).

## **Open or Youth**

According to ARBA show rules, “Youth exhibitors may enter sanctioned youth shows from the age of five (on their fifth birthday) through the age of 18 (until their nineteenth birthday).” Essentially, if you are between the age of 5 and 19, you have the choice of entering in youth or open. If you are over 19 (or under 5) you must enter rabbits in open class.

Most shows will be both open and youth sanctioned. Again, looking at the screen shot on the first page, you can see that the Wabash all breed show is sanctioned for both youth and open. Some shows will be youth only or open only, so be sure to check the listing to be sure.

## **Double Shows (and beyond)**

Traditionally, most shows were single shows. However, today double, triple and even quadruple shows are becoming very popular. This means that more than one show will be

held at the same location, at the same time, on the same day. Typically, these shows hire additional judges so that the show does not last much longer than a single show.

Again, looking at the screen show on the first page, you will see that there are four listings for the Muncie, Indiana show. There are two youth listings and two open listings. This indicates this is a double youth and open all breed show.

### **Show Flyer**

Once you have found a show that you are interested in, click on the show flyer if it is provided. If not, you will want to contact the show secretary for a copy of the show flyer. The show flyer will contain additional information.

In particular, you will want to note:

- Is the show pre-entry only or can you enter the day of the show?
- When, where and what time the show will take place?
- Is the show a single show or will there be more than one opportunity to show with the same day?
- Will there be specialty shows for any of the breeds I raise?