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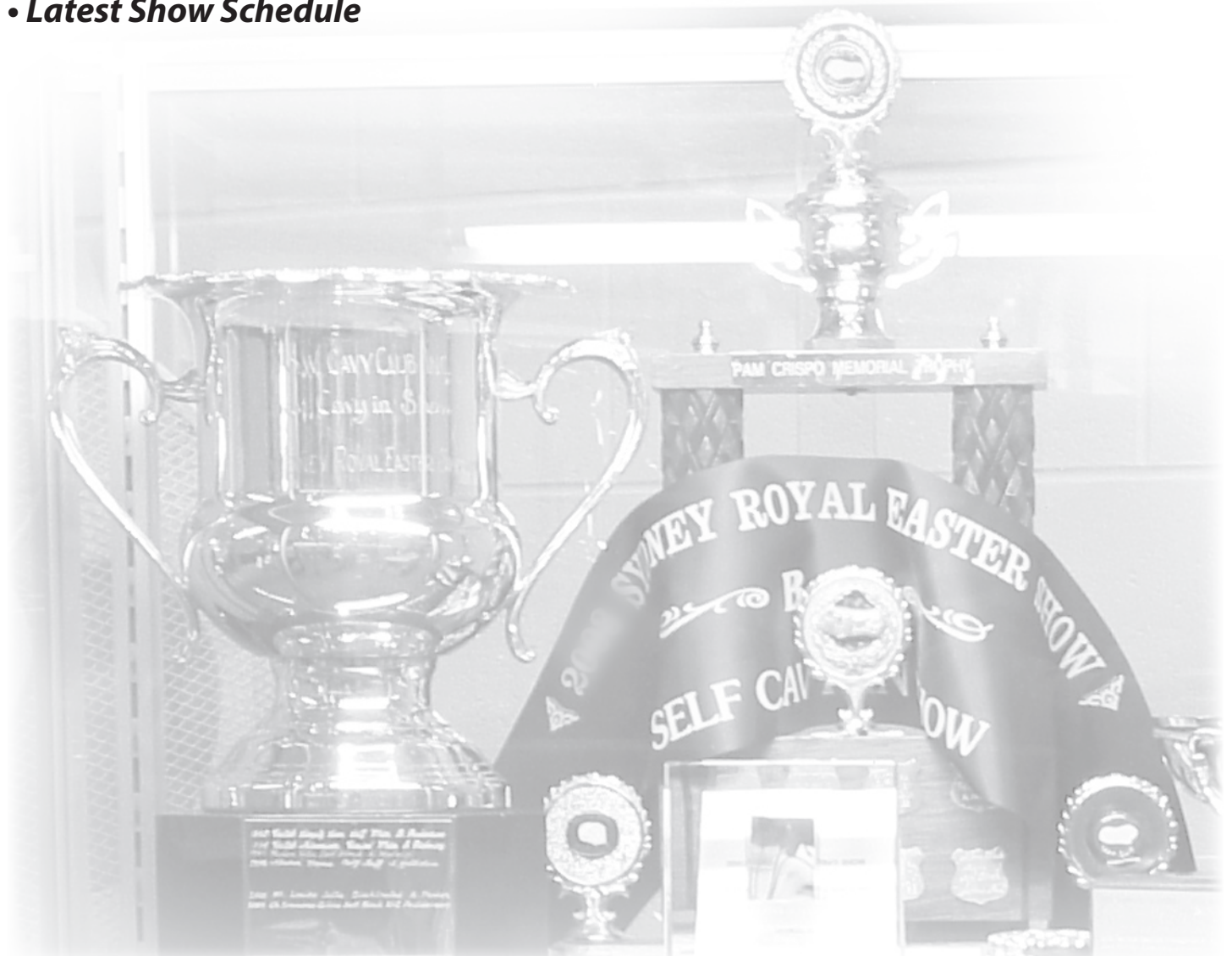
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NSW POINT SCORE

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MALIBU STUD

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HOW ARE THE POINTS EARNED?

No points are awarded for 1st / 2nd / 3rd etc. places

Best of Breed (BOB) = 2 points

Best in Group (BIG, eg. Best Self Cavy) = 2 points

Best Adult / Junior / Baby in Show = 1 point each

Reserve In Show (RIS) = 1 point

Best In Show (BIS) = 2 points.

For example, the cavy that wins Best In Show (lets say it is an adult), will earn 7 points for that day – 2 BOB, 2 BIG, 1 for Best Adult and 2 for BIS.

Major shows (Sydney Royal Easter Show / Christmas Show / National Show) count as double points towards the championship).

Championship = 20 points, Double Championship = 40 points, Grand Championship = 60

WHEN YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH POINTS

When your cavy has earned 20 points send the details to me (in writing, either mail or email) with the following details:

- Cavy name and breed
- Your name
- A list of all the shows (venue, date & judge)
- Award gained (i.e. BOB = 2; total = 2)

Once you've gained your championship, it will be published in the official newsletter of the Club, the *Cavy Capers* (see illustration). Each new champion will be presented with a Club certificate. If you wish to receive a rosette at a cost of \$8, please contact me. Points from major interstate shows may count towards NSW championships. Contact the Point Scorer for details. ☺

NEW CHAMPIONS

January/February 2010

Champion		
CH Malibu Princess Mhaddi	Cr Blk	M Parker
CH Leander Lucas	Cinn Dutch	K Nichols
CH Bumbora Clementine	Rex	M Barnes
CH Canberry Hitome	Cr DEW	J Livingston
CH Sobriquet Gideon	Beige	P Lerway
CH Tarrawonga Cream Cake	DEC	H & M Sunderland
CH G Star Cotten Bell	Cr PEW	L & J Trevena
CH -Zed on Fire	Aby	J Fluerty
Grand Champion		
Gr CH Bumbora Hamilton	Rex	M Barnes
Congratulations to all!		

Each new champion will be presented with a Club certificate. If you wish to receive a rosette at a cost of \$8 for your new champion, please contact the Point Scorer, Michelle Parker. ☺

Since being Point Scorer I have had many members – mainly new ones, emailing me asking about the current point system used: 'do I get points for winning this?' 'how many points is that?', etc.

WHEN DO I NEED TO GO BACK FOR MORE JUDGING?

MELANIE BARNES

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This question is easily answered. If you win a 1st place you will be going back for further judging. Each time you go back and win 1st, you will need to go back again.

BEST OF BREED (2 points)

When you enter a Breed Class, there are four sections from which you can enter:

- » **A** – Adult Boar
- » **B** – Adult Sow
- » **C** – Junior
- » **D** – Baby

The four 1st place winners, from each Section (A, B, C & D), will go back to the judge for Best of Breed (BOB).

BEST IN GROUP (2 points)

If you win a Best of Breed you will be going back for the judging of Best in Group (BIG).

The Breed Classes are broken into 7 Groups, for Best of Group.

- » **Marked**
- » **Satin**
- » **Self**
- » **Crested**
- » **Ticked**
- » **Coarse Coat**
- » **Longhair**

BEST IN SHOW (2 points)

The seven Best of Group winners will go back for the judging of Best in Show (BIS) and Reserve in Show (RIS).

BEST ADULT IN SHOW (1 point)

The 1st place winners of Section A & B in each Breed Class go back for Best Adult (in that class), unless the BOB already went to an Adult, which makes it Best Adult.

The winners of Best Adult in each Breed Class will go back for Best Adult in that Group.

The winner in each Adult in Group will go back for Best Adult in Show.

BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW (1 point)

The 1st place winner of Section C in each Breed Class goes back for Best Junior in Group.

The winner of each Junior in Group will go back for Best Junior in Show.

BEST BABY IN SHOW (1 point)

The 1st place winner of Section D in each Breed Class goes back for Best Baby in Group.

The winner of each Baby in Group will go back for Best Baby in Show. ☺

WINNING BEST IN SHOW – IN DETAIL

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The organisation of a show can seem very confusing and fast paced to the novice and many newcomers have the same questions about the process. There is a proven method in place which allows for the most efficient running of a show.

All cavies must be entered into the correct **Section** (age/sex) in their **Breed Class**. There are the Boars – adult males over 9 months, Sows – adult females over 9 months, Juniors – male/female between 6 – 9 months, and the Babies – male/female between 3 – 6 months. If the date of birth (DOB) isn't provided on the entry form, they will be placed in the Adult Section.

There are seven **Groups**, into which all breeds fit. They are Marked, Coarse Coat, Satin, Self, Crested, Ticked and Longhair. For more information on Breed Classes and Sections and Groups, see the official NSW Cavy Club, Inc. Show Schedule.

When entering a cavy, you must state it's name as it appears on its pedigree, DOB, Breed and colour and, in the case of adults, it's sex.

You must be a member of an ANCC affiliated club (like NSWCC Inc. or CCCC Inc.) to show a cavy at a Club show.

STEP BY STEP

STEP ONE – BREED LEVEL

How to win Best of Breed (BOB), Best Adult of Breed (BAOB), Best Junior and Best Baby of Breed (BJOB and BBOB)

The cavies are judged by Section. Boars first; followed by Sows; then Juniors; and finally Babies. All are ranked 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. for each Section. (A judge may not award a first place, if they feel the animal is not up to standard.) Up to 3 places are awarded.

Then the first place winners of each Section are judged against each other for BOB. The judge may not choose to award a BOB, if he/she feels none of the animals is close enough to the Breed Standard (the ANCC Book of Standards for the Exhibition Cavy is available online from the ANCC website: <http://ancc.asn.au>). **Even if only one animal of a breed is entered, the awarding of a BOB is not guaranteed.**

The BOB winner is automatically the best in its age group. So only the remaining 2 age groups are judged.

Reserve of Breed (ROB) is awarded at the judge's discretion.

STEP TWO – GROUP LEVEL

How to win Best In Group (BIG) Best Adult In Group (BAIG), Best Junior and Best Baby in Group (BJIG and BBIG)

All BOB winners compete for the Best in their respective Groups (e.g., BOB Self Cream competes for Best Self award). Once the Best in Group is chosen, the judge may call up the ROB of that breed. It will then compete with the remaining BOBs in the Group for Reserve in Group. The winner of the BIG is automatically the Best of that age group. So the following 2 age groups need to be judged.

To be eligible to be Best Adult, Junior or Baby In Group no BOB is necessary, but the cavy must have won a 1st place – (with the exception of the adults, where a best adult from the 1st place boar and sow is chosen).

STEP 3 – IN SHOW LEVEL

How to win Best In Show (BIS), Reserve In Show (RIS), Best Adult In Show (BAIS) and Best Junior and Best Baby In Show (BJIS and BBIS)

Once each Group is judged, it is time for the BIS line-up.

BIS and RIS

The Show Manager will call up the BIG winners from the 7 Groups. BIS is chosen from those 7 cavies.

Once the Best in Show is chosen, the judge may call up the Reserve in Group of that Group to compete with the remaining RIGs in the lineup for Reserve in Show.

Best Adult, Best Junior and Best Baby In Show

Once the BIS and RIS are chosen, the Best Baby, Best Junior and Best Adult need to be chosen. If the BIS or RIS are Adults, they are automatically Best Adult In Show. If they are either Juniors or Babies, they are automatically Best Junior or Best Baby In Show.

If BIS is an Adult, then the Best Junior and Best Baby need to be chosen.

All BJIG are called up to compete. BJIS is chosen from among them.

All BBIG are called up to compete. BBIS is chosen from among them.

This all sounds pretty complicated. Let's discuss some scenarios which might make the process a bit less complicated.

MOCK SHOWS

At the Show, entries are to be paid, and ear tags are to be collected by 9:30, so judging can begin at 10 am. The cavies stay in their carry cages and when called to the table (by their ear tag no.), the owner/exhibitor brings them to the judging table.

The exhibitor has the opportunity to touch up any last minute grooming, before being called to the table. Make sure you listen for your cavy's number. It is called out up to 3 times, and if not presented on the table, the cavy is disqualified. (Hint: judging generally follows the Class Schedule, so keep an ear out for breeds that appear before your cavy's breed in the Schedule).

The Royal Easter Show is a Bench Show. Exhibitors must put their cavies in display cages before 9 am and they remain on display all day. All animals are carried back and forth to the judging table. The owner/exhibitor cannot do any last minute grooming, because the animals are on display. All grooming must be finished before cavies go into display cages. (The exception to this rule is the longhair varieties, which are groomed just before judging and are stewarded by the owner/exhibitor.)

All BOB, BIG and higher cards are given to the exhibitor, with the cavy's ear tag number written on it when it is awarded. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place ribbons are on the judging table and the exhibitor may take these when appropriate. Note that award cards for BA, J, B In Group are not awarded at all shows.

Sample Show Scenarios

SPOT

Dorothy owns Dally-Ho Spot, a 4 month old Black Dalmation boar entered in **Class:** 5a (Dalmation, Self), **Section:** Baby. He is in the Marked Group. On her entry form she gives his full pedigree name (even though at home she calls him 'Bubby'). She puts his DOB, the correct Class (5a) **and** she states that he is a Black Dalmation. Otherwise the Entries Secretary won't know which colour Self Dalmation he is! (If she had forgotten to put his DOB, he would have been entered as an adult, and although very nicely marked, he might miss out on winning because he has to compete against the often better sized and conditioned adult.)

So, back to the judging of the Dalmation, Self Class:

After the Boars and Sows and Juniors are judged, it is Spot's turn. There are 2 other Babies. He gets a first place and then when

the first place Boar, Sow and Junior are brought back, the sow wins BOB. But, since Spot got a first place in the Baby Class, he is also automatically Best Baby of Breed.

Now Dorothy has to wait until the other Marked Breeds have been judged and it is time for the Best Baby In Group to be judged.

Time for the Group Awards

BIG Marked is called to be judged. The Dalmation sow is called up along with the other Marked BOBs. The judge examines each carefully and finally decides that the Black Himalayan, which happens to be a Junior, is the Best In Group on the day (making it Best Junior In Group). After the Best Adult Marked is judged, it is time for Spot to be brought up for the judging of Best Baby in Group. Spot wins BBIG. Now he is eligible for Best Baby In Show. He and Dorothy have to wait until all of the Groups are judged and then it will be time for Best Baby In Show to be judged from all the other BBIGs.

DOVE

Mark owns Springtime Dove, an 8 month old Crested Lilac sow entered in **Class:** 32 (Crested Self, AOC (Any Other Colour), **Section:** Junior. She is in the Crested Group. He has given all the necessary information, remembering to state that Dove is a Lilac. Otherwise the Entries Secretary won't know which colour Crested Self she is!

After the 1 Boar and 2 Sows are judged, the Juniors are called up. Dove gets a first place out of the 2 Juniors. Then the Babies are judged. The first place Baby stays on the table and the first place Sow is called up, as well as Dove. The Boar was awarded a 2nd place because he was in poor condition, and therefore isn't called up again.

Dove gets BOB and automatically Best Junior In Breed.

After the rest of the Breeds in the Crested Group are judged it is time for the Group Awards.

Dove is called up along with the BOB Crested Marked, the BOB American Crested and the BOB Crested Black. There were no other Crested breeds there on the day. Dove is awarded BIG. She is automatically BJIG. Now Mark has to wait for the In Show judging. Dove has won 4 points at today's show so far: BOB (2) and BIG (2).

CHARLIE BOY

Jill owns Gateway Charlie Boy, a 14 month old Golden Agouti boar entered in **Class:** 36 (Golden Agouti), **Section:** Boar. He is in the Ticked Group.

Charlie is called up first, with another Boar. He wins a first place. The 2 Sows and a Junior and 2 Babies are placed. Then Charlie is called back to be judged against the first place Sow, Junior and Baby. Charlie is awarded BOB. He is automatically Best Adult Golden Agouti.

After all of the Ticked Breeds are judged, all the BOB Ticked are called back up to the judging table for the Group judging. Charlie wins BIG and is automatically the BAIG.

SNOWFLAKE

Howard owns Smoothie Snowflake, a 12 month old Pink Eye White sow entered in **Class:** 17 (Self, White, PE), **Section:** Sow. She is in the Self Group.

There are no Boars and 2 other sows, 1 Junior and 2 Babies in the PEW breed Class. Snowflake is awarded first place and is automatically Best Adult In Breed. The Junior is unplaced because it is poorly groomed and is stained on the underside. It's toenails are caked with dirt. The Babies are placed 1st and 2nd. Snowflake wins BOB against the first placed Baby. There is no Junior In Breed and the first placed Baby is Baby In Breed.

After all of the Self Breeds are judged, all the BOB Selves are called back up to the judging table for the Group judging.

Snowflake wins BIG and BAIG.

In Show line-up

After all the BOBs and BIGs have been judged and awarded the Best of each of the 7 Groups are called back to the table to compete for the Best Cavy (and Reserve) In Show.

Today, these are the Marked (Black Himalayan Junior); Coarse Coat (Abyssinian Sow); Satin (Satin Silver Agouti Boar); Self (Snowflake, Self PE White Sow); Crested (Dove, Crested Lilac Junior); Ticked (Charlie Boy, Golden Agouti Boar) and the Longhair (Sheltie Junior).

The judge looks at all the cavies in the line-up and awards the Best In Show to the Ticked, with Reserve going to the Longhair. Charlie Boy wins BIS!!

Since the BIS went to an Adult, it is automatically the Best Adult In Show. Charlie goes home with a blue ribbon for 1st place, a card and ribbon for BOB (2 points); a certificate for BIG (2 points); a lovely trophy for BIS (2 points) and another trophy for BAIS (1 point) with a total of 7 points towards his championship!

Now for BJIS

As a Junior cavy, the Longhair, won RIS, it has only been beaten by the cavy in the Ticked Group (Ticked winning BIS). BJIS goes to the Longhair, who has won 6 points today: BOB (2), BIG (2), RIS (1) and BJIS (1).

Time for Best Baby

All the 7 Best Babies In Group are called back – including Spot, the Black Dalmation. The judge looks at each of the 7 and awards the BBIS to the Marked cavy – Spot! This gives Spot 1 point for today for BBIS.

Howard is over the moon because before today's show, Snowflake had accumulated 16 points towards her NSW Championship, and even though she didn't win BIS today, the 4 points she won: BOB (2); BIG (2) completed her 20 points. Now he can apply to the Club Point Scorer for her Championship. She will be his first!

The judging at the show is over, everyone packs up their gear and helps in packing away the tables and chairs and sweeping the floor. After this the awards are handed out.

STEPPED LEARNING CURVE

For the novice exhibitor, learning the exhibition process for cavies can be very daunting.

You're not alone if you have similar questions:

"My cavy got the BOB . . . does he need to be judged again?"

"Do they need to be brought back for more judging?"

"Is my cavy finished for the day?"

It all takes time to learn, and the more shows you attend the clearer it becomes. I hope that the above article, with the mock scenarios have helped somewhat. If you have any queries at all, don't hesitate to ask me, or any members of the Club. ☺

OFFICIAL SHOW SCHEDULE

GENERAL CLASSES

MARKED GROUP

- 1 Chocolate Himalayan
- 2 Black Himalayan
- 3 Roan (Self)*
- 4 Roan (Ticked)*
- 5 Dalmation (Self)*
- 6 Dalmation (Ticked)*
- 7 Dutch (Self)*
- 8 Dutch (Ticked)*
- 9 Tortoise & White
- 10 Marked, Any Other Variety (AOV)*

SATIN GROUP

- 11 Satin Marked*
- 12 Satin Self*
- 13 Satin Crested*
- 14 Satin Ticked*
- 15 Satin Coarse Coat*
- 16 Satin Longhair*

SELF GROUP

- 17 Self White, Pink Eye (PE)
- 18 Self White, Dark Eye (DE)
- 19 Self Cream, Pink Eye (PE)
- 20 Self Cream, Dark Eye (DE)
- 21 Self Saffron
- 22 Self Buff
- 23 Self Golden, Pink Eye (PE)
- 24 Self Golden, Dark Eye (DE)
- 25 Self Lilac
- 26 Self Beige
- 27 Self Red
- 28 Self Chocolate
- 29 Self Black

CRESTED GROUP

- 30 Crested Self White, Pink Eye (PE)
- 31 Crested Self Black
- 32 Crested Self, Any Other Colour (AOC)*
- 33 American Crested*
- 34 Crested Marked*
- 35 Crested Ticked*
- 36 Crested, Any Other Variety (AOV)*

TICKED GROUP

- 37 Golden Agouti
- 38 Silver Agouti
- 39 Cinnamon Agouti
- 40 Chocolate Agouti
- 41 Argente*
- 42 Ticked, Any Other Colour (AOC)*

COARSE COAT GROUP

- 43 Abyssinian†
- 44 Rex†

LONGHAIR GROUP

- 45 Peruvian†
- 46 Sheltie†
- 47 Coronet†
- 48 Alpaca†
- 49 Texel†
- 50 Longhair, Any Other Variety (AOV)†

Other Classes

NOVICE EXHIBITOR

- 51 Novice

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR

- 52 Marked
- 53 Satin
- 54 Self
- 55 Crested
- 56 Ticked
- 57 Coarse Coat
- 58 Longhair
- 59 UNSTANDARDISED* (no charge)

Sections (All Classes 1– 59) Apply to the age of the cavy ON THE DAY OF SHOW.

- **A** (Boar 9 months and over)
- **B** (Sow 9 months and over)
- **C** (Junior (6 months to under 9 months))
- **D** (Baby 3 months to under 6 months)

Date of Birth must be stated for every animal.

Any animal without DOB will be placed in the Adult Section.

*EVERY BREED GOES INTO ITS OWN CLASS.

Please give **full details of breed and/or colour** on your entry form. This is necessary for the Show Manager to ensure the judging paperwork is accurate; and for the smooth running of the show.

†Colour should not be stated for COARSE COAT and LONGHAIR breeds.

JUNIOR EXHIBITORS (Classes 52–58)

Cavies must be exhibited and prepared by an under 18 member of an ANCC sanctioned club. THE CAVY MUST ALSO BE ENTERED IN THE CORRESPONDING GENERAL CLASS.

NOVICE EXHIBITORS (Class 51)

The Novice Class is for members of an ANCC sanctioned club in their first year. Cavies entered must be exhibited, owned and prepared by the Novice member.

UNSTANDARDISED (Class 59)

This class is for new breeds that have been granted a 'Working Title' by the ANCC Standards Review Panel, but do not have a recognised standard. They are presented to the judges for discussion and are not judged. No awards are given. There is no entry fee for these breeds.

ENTRIES

May be **emailed, faxed or posted**. No phone entries can be accepted. Use the entry form in this document (or you may use a facsimile for email).

Entries to (email): jo@canberrycavies.com; (fax): (02) 6299 8934; or (post): **Jo Livingston, 3 Laurel Place, Jerrabomberra NSW 2619.**

PAYMENT

On the day at the show. Get your ear tags when you pay. Cost is \$5 for the first animal/Class; and \$1.50 per animal/Class for the remainder.

LATE ENTRIES

Taken on the day at double the rate; after the first \$5.00.

HALL OPENS

9 am; Entries/scratchings must be confirmed/collected by 9.30 am; Judging at 10 am. Pets judged at the lunch break; to be registered before 11.30.

EXHIBITION

Exhibitors must be financial members of an ANCC affiliated cavy club.

Carpet squares approximately 30cm X 30cm are required for each cavy; or **show boards**, to be no higher than 5cm.

JUDGING

The judge's decision is FINAL and no correspondence will be entered into.

No judge or the immediate family of a judge may exhibit at a show at which they are judging General Classes. A cavy purchased from a judge may not be exhibited under that judge until a period of 3 months has elapsed. No talking is permitted at the judging table. Any communications must be left until after the judging of that class has concluded. Any exhibitor making comments about other animals may risk their animal being disqualified.

CARRY CAGE BEDDING

Exhibitors are asked to try to minimise mess and protect the carpet by using RECYCLED NEWSPAPER-TYPE BEDDING IN CARRY CAGES; and NOT shavings or rice hulls.

TRESTLE TABLES

There are a limited number of tables and chairs at the hall. If you have your own you may want to bring them.

THE PET SHOW

Members are invited to also enter their cavies in the Pet Classes. Enter and pay for all Pet Classes on the day.

RAFFLE

As the raffle is a major fund raiser for the Club, exhibitors who contribute items for the raffle will receive 1-2 free tickets as a thank you. 😊

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Show:

Date:

	Ear Tag	Class No.	Section	Breed & Colour	Cavy Name	Date of Birth
1						
2						
3						
4						
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\$5 for first entry = \$5.00 + _____ additional entries @ \$1.50 each = \$ _____

Total Entry fee = \$ _____

Name:

Stud:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

_____ for lunch please (if available).

I am a member of the ANCC affiliated club: _____

I agree to abide by the rules set down by the NSWCC Inc. / CCCC Inc. _____