



An invitation to the

 **6th Annual Mid-Winter  
Small Animal Show & 4-H  
Invitational** 

To be held on

**Saturday, February 27, 2010**

At the

**Cooperative Extension of Gloucester County  
Offices Government Services  
1200 N. Delsea Drive  
Clayton, NJ 08312-1095**

Sponsored by the

**Better Bunny & Small Animal 4-H Club  
American Chinchilla Fanciers  
And  
American Rodent Federation**



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Saturday, February 27, 2010  
9:30am  
Gloucester County Offices of Government Services  
Clayton, NJ

**Show Rules & Etiquette**

**I. Categories**

- A. Open 4-H
- B. Open Youth - 4-H youth will be allowed to enter both the 4-H Show and the Open Youth show, with the same animals in each show- if an animal is entered by a child in the 4-H show it may NOT also be entered by an adult in the Open Adult show.
- C. Open Adult

**II. General Rules, Health Concerns - These rules will be followed for biosecurity purposes.**

- A. **Health Check** - ALL animals (show & sale) will be health checked and approved by a show representative. This is for the health and safety of ALL the animals at the show. Cages that do not pass the health check will be put in a segregated area until the end of the show. Colored dots will be used denoting whether the cage passed or didn't pass.
- B. There will be NO refunds for disqualified animals.
- C. **PLEASE NOTE:** All animals, once they have cleared the health check, will be placed in their show boxes and brought to the Steward's Table for each breed section. The animal will remain on the Steward's table until the end of the Breed Section! This will insure that no animal misses a class and that each animal is shown in its correct class.
- D. Clear, plastic "critter containers" are the ONLY acceptable show box.
- E. NO Wire cages/containers! NO "Rubbermaid" type self made containers.
- F. Only ONE animal per show box. No exceptions. You **MUST** have a box for each animal you plan to show. All animals will be in their show boxes from start of show until end of show.
- G. Show boxes should be appropriate size for the animal within.
- H. Show boxes must be empty except for bedding, water bottles or other suitable source of moisture, and a small amount of food. (no houses, tunnels, nesting materials, etc.).
- I. CareFresh Ultra (aka "White CareFresh") will be the only acceptable bedding for show boxes. Please be sure to plan ahead to have enough.
- J. Judging will start promptly at 9:30am. The show will NOT be held for late arrivals. If late you may still show your animals - however, missed classes can not be made up.
- K. There will be no animals - other than show, sale and service animals present at this show.
- L. Use good biosecurity practices when handling other animals; i.e sanitize hands.
- M. Judges will only handle animals during the appropriate classes and will be required to sanitize between each animal.

III. Judging System – Please note: All animals will be judged against their species-specific written standard. If you are bringing any species of animal not listed, please bring a written standard from an appropriate recognized club. The judge is not responsible for having written standards for every possible species, color or variety.

A. Open 4-H Show - Will be judged as a standard 4-H show following 4-H guidelines.

B. Open Youth and Adult Shows -

1. *Rats & Mice* - Following the American Fancy Rat and Mouse Association standards. The AFRMA standards can be found on their website: [www.afrma.org](http://www.afrma.org). To obtain your own copy for a nominal fee, you may write AFRMA or request one.
2. *Syrian & Dwarf Hamsters* - Following the California Hamster Association standards and show guidelines. For more information, you can contact CHA via their website: [www.geocities.com/CalHamAssoc](http://www.geocities.com/CalHamAssoc). Entries will be judged by the most qualified available judge according to the written standards as described above.
3. *Gerbils* - Following the American Gerbil Society standards. To get more information regarding this club, or their standards, please visit their website: [www.agsgerbils.org](http://www.agsgerbils.org). Entries will be judged by the most qualified available judge according to the written standards as described above.
4. *Other* - Any other small animal species than those listed above (Chinchillas, Ferrets, Dormice, Degus, etc.). Please bring a written standard from an appropriate recognized club for the judges. These entries will be judged by the most qualified available judge according to the written standards provided.
5. *Cavy*- Following the American Cavy Breeders Association Standard of Perfection. To get more information regarding this club, or their standards, please visit their website: [www.acbaonline.com](http://www.acbaonline.com).

IV. Prizes

A. Ribbons and/or place certificates will be given for First through Sixth place

B. Trophies and/ or prizes will be given for BIS, BRIS, Grand & Reserve Champion as sponsorship allows.

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## ***Show Contact Persons***

### **Show /Sales Vendor**

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**Directions to the  
RCE of Gloucester County  
Gloucester County Offices of Government Services Building  
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**DIRECTIONS:**

*From the North* - Make your best way to 295 South, 42 East "Atlantic City", Rt. 55 South, Exit 50 "Rt. 322, Glassboro, Rowan College", \*\*straight past Rowan College to Rt. 47/Delsea Drive. Turn Right on Rt. 47/Delsea Drive. Continue South for several miles. The building will be on your right.

*From the South* - Cross the Delaware Memorial Bridge. Get on NJ Turnpike (cost will be less than \$1). Exit Rt. 322 - heading East. **Follow signs for Rt. 322 carefully.** Road will zig-zag in Mullica Hill. Cross over Rt. 55. Follow directions above from \*\*.

***Volunteers Needed!***

Volunteers are needed to help out with the show. Here is where help is needed:

**Before show:**

*Show Secretary Assistant* - help with entries & paperwork

*Ribbons* - some construction, organizing & delivering to the show

*Trophies* - research & delivering to the show

*Public Relations* - newspaper, radio, magazines & press releases

*Sponsors* - money for trophies, donation of prizes

**At Show:**

*Set Up Volunteers* - help ready show area early Saturday morning

*Stewards* - bring animals up to judge's table (min. 3).

*Clerks* - we need one per judge (min. 3)

*Announcer* - good strong voice!

*Ribbons & Trophies* - organization & distribution

*Photographer* - must have own camera - photograph winning animals & some candid. Digital preferred.

*ARF Benefit Table* - able to keep track of items & handle money

*Break Down Volunteers* - clean up show area Saturday after show.

Please Note: Anyone interested in learning to be a judge should volunteer as a clerk or steward; it is part of the criteria for becoming a judge with the American Rodent Federation and the American Chinchilla Fanciers as well as many other clubs!

**Judging Order and Class Lists will be available the day of the show.**