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Annual

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**Rabbit**

**School**

**MARCH 26, 2011  
GREENSBURG, PA**

**In conjunction with Penn State  
Cooperative 4-H Program**

## **Information**

The Westmoreland County Rabbit Club of  
Pennsylvania  
In conjunction with  
Penn State Cooperative 4-H Youth  
Program is proud to present our eighth annual Rabbit  
School.

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 26, 2011

**WHERE:** Greensburg Central Catholic High  
School (see directions)

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

**COST:** \$5 per person

Box lunches will be available from Subway for \$5 per lunch.  
A CD with all handouts from every class is available by pre-order for \$3.  
Choices can be found on the registration information page. A light break-  
fast will also be available.

There will be a rabbit knowledge contest for the kids to do between  
classes.

Schedule

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

11 a.m - 2 p.m. LUNCH

## **Directions**

**FROM ROUTE 30, Greensburg:** Take Route 119 south 1/4 mile to Huff  
Ave. Turn right on Huff Ave. Go 1/2 mile to Thomas School Rd. Turn  
right 500 feet to Armory Dr. Right on Armory: Greensburg Central Catho-  
lic is on the left.

**FROM PA TURNPIKE:** Exit Turnpike at Route 119, New Stanton Exit.  
Take Route 119 North 5 miles to Huff Ave. Turn left on Huff Ave. Go 1/2  
mile to Thomas School Rd. Turn right 500 feet to Armory Dr. Right on  
Armory: Greensburg Central Catholic is on the left.

GPS Coordinates: N 40° 17.228', W 079° 33.148'

**STREET ADDRESS** 911 Armory Dr, Greensburg, PA 15601

For help that day call WCRC President  
Michelle Forry at 814-521-9320

## Registration Information

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.

Lunch Choices - \$5 per lunch

CHOICE 1: turkey sandwich, chips, cookie and drink.

CHOICE 2: ham sandwich, chips, cookie and drink.

Make checks, including lunch costs, to WCRC. Registrations are not considered received until a check is sent.

Send registration form to:

Michelle Forry

601 Division Street

Berlin, Pa 15530

Registration deadline is March 1, 2011. **LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Parents of young children are asked to remain on campus.

If you have any questions, please contact

Michelle Forry, [president@westmorelandrabbits.org](mailto:president@westmorelandrabbits.org)

or 1-814-521-9320

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## Registration Form

Please fill one form for each Rabbit School attendee.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Order

Ham:\_\_\_\_ Diet Coke \_\_\_\_ Reg. Coke\_\_\_\_ H2O \_\_\_\_

Turkey:\_\_\_\_ Diet Coke \_\_\_\_ Reg. Coke \_\_\_\_ H2O \_\_\_\_

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

Illustrated Rabbit Bowl II \_\_\_\_\_  
Rabbit Diseases Illustrated \_\_\_\_\_  
Understanding Unrecognized Breeds \_\_\_\_\_  
So You Want to Pull a COD \_\_\_\_\_  
Take Me to The Show \_\_\_\_\_  
Quality Management \_\_\_\_\_  
Carrier Construction \_\_\_\_\_ keeping cage for \$20 \_\_\_\_\_  
Choosing A Champion Meat Pen \_\_\_\_\_  
Judging contests \_\_\_\_\_  
Introductory Necropsy \_\_\_\_\_  
Intermediate Necropsy \_\_\_\_\_  
Advanced Necropsy \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Introduction to cavies \_\_\_\_\_  
Competition 101 \_\_\_\_\_  
Photographing Cavies and Rabbits \_\_\_\_\_  
Reproduction and embryology \_\_\_\_\_  
Novice Showmanship \_\_\_\_\_  
Advanced Showmanship \_\_\_\_\_  
Wool Production \_\_\_\_\_  
Basic Handling \_\_\_\_\_

**A CD WITH ALL HANDOUTS FROM EVERY CLASS IS AVAILABLE BY PRE-ORDER FOR \$3. THERE MAY BE SOME AVAILABLE THAT DAY AT A HIGHER PRICE. \$3. \_\_\_\_\_**

# Class Descriptions

ILLUSTRATED RABBIT BOWL II  
ARBA JUDGE PAM NOCK

A fun rabbit knowledge game for all age and experience levels! Part II of the 2009 Illustrated Rabbit Bowl I program features questions on breeds, ailments, fur, terminology, management, and genetics.

RABBIT DISEASES ILLUSTRATED  
ARBA JUDGE PAM NOCK

This class features a Power Point presentation of rabbit ailments. Warning – some photos are graphic!

UNDERSTANDING UNRECOGNIZED BREEDS  
LIONHEAD BREEDER/REGISTAR MELISSA KELLY

Navigating the world of breeds under a Certificate of Development can be confusing. Melissa will explain exactly what a COD means, how to show an animal under a COD and roadblocks. She will also talk about what breeds/varieties are currently under a COD. This class is for people trying to understand the basics of CODs.

SO YOU WANT TO PULL A COD: A LIONHEAD BREEDER'S TALE  
LIONHEAD BREEDER/REGISTAR MELISSA KELLY

Melissa will explain the application process to receive a COD. This class will explore problems and conflicts, dealing with the standard committee and how to be prepared for situations that may arise.

TAKE ME TO THE SHOW  
SHOW SECRETARY/WCRC VICE PRESIDENT DEBBIE SMITH

This class will cover how to find shows and how to prepare for a show. Debbie will also share traveling tips and tricks, how to enter a show, "table manners" and a few updates on ARBA rules.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT  
4-H LEADER GLENN GANASSI

This class qualifies as the good management practices needed for Pennsylvania 4-H. All 4-H animal science youth are required to participate in the training annually. Afterward, youth are required to complete a survey.

CARRIER CONSTRUCTION  
CERTIFIED VET TECH JOE ROBISON

Joe is going to teach you how to make your own carriers at home. Students can keep a carrier they make in the class for an additional \$20 which must be paid with the registration. Robison has been a certified vet tech for 18 years and raising and showing rabbits for 28 years.

CHOOSING A CHAMPION MEAT PEN  
FRED McCONN

Ninny, meanie, mini, mo. Choosing a meat pen can be a very confusing decision. Let me help you take the guess work out of choosing the best meat pen for your 4-H project. Breeding, caring for, feeding & conditioning; are all very important and crucial to becoming a Meat Pen Champion.

JUDGING CONTESTS  
PASRBA ROYALTY

One of the contests offered in almost every state and at the ARBA national convention are judging contests. In this class you will learn how judging contests are set up and scored, how to judge and how fill out score cards. There will be hands on with rabbits and you will need to bring a standard of perfection.

INTRODUCTORY NECROPSY  
LIA SCHMITTEL

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.

INTERMEDIATE NECROPSY  
GERRY VAEREWYCK AND LIA SCHMITTEL

Hands on class. The class will be divided into groups of 4 with each getting their own animal on which to perform a necropsy. This class will focus on anatomy of rabbits and cavy with particular attention to nervous, skeletal, muscular and circulatory systems. We will also discuss how to

prepare as a skeleton for re-articulation. This class is most appropriate for teens. Previous experience in dissection/ necropsy or the introductory necropsy class is recommended. Persons allergic to latex or formaldehydes should not take this class. This class is limited to the first 12 people.

ADVANCED NECROPSY  
GERRY VAEREWYCK AND LIA SCHMITTEL

This class is 2 periods. This class is for 3 teams of 3 each working on their own animal. We will look at more advanced systems, taking tissue samples for analysis, mounting tissues and performing simple microscopic and laboratory tests. Previous necropsy experience or the intermediate class is recommended. This is a hands on class. Persons allergic to latex or formaldehydes should not take this class. This is limited to the first 9 people.

BREED ID

2010 PASRBA QUEEN SARAH GREGORY AND MATT BISHOP

This class will teach what is necessary for Breed ID contests for rabbits and cavies. It will discuss methods for identifying breeds, properly writing registration varieties and filling out breed ID contest sheets. We will include a discussion of requirements for registration of rabbits and cavies.

INTRODUCTION TO CAVIES

REHANNA STEP NOSKI, 2010 ACBA NATIONAL QUEEN

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.

COMPETITION 101  
PASRBA ROYALTY

Whether you're a seasoned competitor or just thinking about entering your first contest, this class is for you. We'll go over the competitions available to youth in PA and nationally, what each competition involves, how to enter and what to expect when you're there. Then we'll talk about how to write a good application for royalty and achievement contests, how to study for breed ID and tests and how to dress, interview and the little things that make the difference between just doing well and winning. We'll also discuss how to enter and get ready for ARBA Indianapolis.

PHOTOGRAPHING CAVIES AND RABBITS

JULI WHITEHAUS

Hands on- bring your camera and animals- Photography is an important element of raising rabbits and cavies and good technique makes the difference between a keepsake photo and wasted paper. We'll discuss lighting, posing, cameras and backgrounds. Each group will photograph their animals and we'll discuss the outcomes.

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.

NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP

SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE MARK KETTERING

This will teach youth the basics of showmanship, and how to prepare a presentation to compete. We will be working with the PaSRBA form.

ADVANCED SHOWMANSHIP

SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE MARK KETTERING

This class will go into how to win showmanship. It is for kids who know the basics but are looking to see what judges want in the older showmanship age groups. We will be working with the PaSRBA form.

WOOL PRODUCTION

SHARON ROWE

Sharon will do a demonstration on grooming Angora rabbits and how to spin the wool into yarn.

BASIC HANDLING

WCRC PRESIDENT MICHELLE (GANASSI) FORRY

This course is a very basic class for beginners that are developing the skills to properly handle, flip, carry, and care for their rabbits. You'll be learning housing, feeding, toe-nail clipping care. This a great learning source for youth of any age and adults that are starting a rabbitry. It will also cover basic first aid for rabbits. Please bring one rabbit.