

2026 IRBA MARCH SHOWS

Two All Breed Shows on Saturday, March 28th

One All Breed Show on Sunday March 29th

National English Spot Show on Saturday

Breed Specialty Shows on Sunday

Interstate Center - 2301 W Market St., Bloomington, IL 61704

*Judges: Saturday and Sunday: Drew Bliss, Brad Boyce, Joel Marshall, Todd Nara-
gon, Willis Plank, Ron Riddle, Zach Sauer, Don Sheets, Bryan Shirk, Kelli Slack,*

Ellis Wojcik

Sunday only: Dale Mize

**SHOW ROOM OPENS TO ACCEPT RABBITS AND CAVIES FRIDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND
CLOSES FRIDAY NIGHT AT 9:00 P.M.**

SHOW ROOM OPENS AT 6:30 A.M. ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Judging will begin on both days at 9:00 a.m. or as close as possible to that time..

All specialty shows to be held on Sunday.

*******THIS IS A PRE-ENTRY SHOW*******

THERE WILL BE NO DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES!

Entry Fee: \$4.00 per entry, per show. Fur Class: \$2.00 per entry, per show

Coop rental fee (if desired): \$1.50 per coop (see information about coops below)

USPS Mailed pre-entries need to be postmarked by Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Pre-entries need to be emailed by 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2026 to:

Jane Meyer, 1795 N 1800 East Rd; Thawville, IL 60968 or email at floridawhitesec@gmail.com

ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF SENT BY TEXT MESSAGE!!!

Please do not send a photo of your entry, type it into your email. Be sure to include the following: Exhibitor Name, Complete mailing address including Zip Code, if the entry is to be entered in Open or Youth, how many shows you are entering, and the following information for each Rabbit/Cavy

Ear #/Tag; Breed, Variety, Class (senior, intermediate, junior), Sex (Buck/Boar, Doe/Sow)

Payment of fees will be accepted at the show room when you check in. If entering by email, please bring a copy of your entry check-in sheet that will be emailed to you before Friday.

No remark cards needed.

ALL COOP RENTAL RESERVATIONS

FOR THE IRBA SHOWS MUST BE MADE BY Friday MARCH 20TH AND SENT TO:

Jane Meyer, 1795 N 1800 East Rd; Thawville, IL 60968 or email to floridawhitesec@gmail.com

THE IRBA WILL BE SANCTIONING CAVY SHOWS FOR BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

BREEDS SANCTIONED

Am. Fuzzy Lop O; American Sable O; Argente Brun O; Blue Holicer O; Californian O&Y&IL; Champagne O&Y; Checkered Giant O; Dutch O&Y&IL; Dwarf Papillon O; English Spot O&y; Flemish Giant O; Florida White O&Y&IL; Harlequin O&Y; Havana O&Y; Himalayan O; Holland Lop O&Y; Jersey Wooly O; Mini Lop O&Y&IL; Mini Rex O&Y&IL; Mini Satin/Satin O&Y; Netherland Dwarf O; New Zealand O&Y&IL; Polish O&Y; Rex O; Silver O; Silver Fox O; Silver Marten O; Cavies

If you wish to sanction a breed that is not listed above, please contact Jane Meyer at
floridawhitesec@gmail.com

All SANCTIONED breeds will receive an award for BOB & BOS provided 10 or more are shown.

Official American Rabbit Breeders Association Sanctioned Show

Eric Stewart, Executive Director, PO Box 400, Knox, PA 16232

www.arba.net

Membership Dues: Individual \$20.00 per year, \$50.00 for 3 years; Youth \$12.00 per year, \$30.00 for 3 years

2026 ARBA Convention: Reno, NV October 24-28, 2026

Official Illinois Rabbit Breeders Sanctioned Show

Charles Wiltgen 620 East Mann St Gilman, IL 60938 815-200-0156

ILRBAsec@gmail.com

Dues Paid Thru an IRBA Affiliated LOCAL Club: Adult \$7.00 - Youth \$5.00 Dues Paid Individual: Adult \$8.00 - Youth \$8.00 Dues Paid after July 1st are 'Half Price'

HOST HOTEL and BANQUET: Holiday Inn Bloomington/Normal. The Hotel comes complete with a banquet facility, restaurant, bar, heated swimming pool and a work out area. Block group rate is \$135/night and includes a buffet breakfast both Saturday and Sunday in the restaurant area of the hotel for those booked through the room block. Breakfast vouchers will be provided at check in. *Reserve by 2/25/26 to take advantage of block room rate.

Hotel group block link: <https://tinyurl.com/3yhvwu33>

Holiday Inn Bloomington-Normal

8 traders Circle

Normal, Illinois 61761

Phone-309-862-0101

***Reference the Illinois rabbit breeders association blocked room rate if calling for reservations.**

The Banquet will be in the Hickory room at the host hotel from 6:30 PM- 10:00 PM. Door open at 6:00 PM. Cash bar in the lobby. Dinner includes a full taco Bar at \$30/person with Ice tea, lemonade, water and coffee beverages. There will also be a children's meal available for \$12/person which includes chicken tenders, fries and a fruit cup. **Banquet tickets need to be purchased in advance- payment for Banquet tickets can be sent via PayPal or Venmo to Mary Henry by 3/14/26. Please specify how many adults and/or children tickets to be reserved. PayPal- MARYHENRYRN@YAHOO.COM or VENMO- @maryhenryrn. Contact Mary Henry with any questions for other payment options. EMAIL- MARYHENRYRN@YAHOO.COM. CELL- 8115-954-2113.

Fun and games at the Banquet will include a live mystery box raffle to help offset banquet facility costs along with a 50/50 raffle, Bunny Poop Bingo and door prizes. Anybody wishing to donate a mystery box will be greatly appreciated. Mystery Box Rules- bring a wrapped box with minimal value of \$25 and include a clue attached to the box as to its contents.

Other Motels/Hotels approximately 1-2 miles from show room: Ramada Inn, Hampton Inn, Fairfield Inn, Quality Inn & Suites, Hawthorne suites and Country Inn & Suites, Days Inn.

Airport: Central Illinois Regional Airport. 7.7 miles from showroom and 5.6 miles from the host hotel.

Airline carriers: Allegiant, American, Delta and Frontier.

**Other airports: O'Hare Chicago (ORD)- 134.9 miles

St. Louis-(STL)- 162.3 miles

Indianapolis (IND)- 173 miles

**Indicates airports serviced by Alaska Airlines.

Area Attractions: Miller Park Zoo, Prairie Aviation Museum, Children's Discovery Museum, McLean County Museum of History, Bloomington Ice Arena, Outlet shopping and Antique stores.

Area Restaurants: Many Fast Food and Local Specialty restaurants available.



The IRBA will have their annual raffle with the drawing sometime Saturday afternoon. All non-alcohol (see rule 18) donations are welcome. There may be some breed club raffles on Saturday.

SUNDAY SPECIALTY SHOWS

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Illinois New Zealand RB Spec Club: Martha Hills, marthahills62180@gmail.com

Land of Lincoln Satin RBA: Mandy Johnson, minichocs78@gmail.com

Illinois Mini Rex Rabbit Club: Kenny Kuehn, kuehn.familylivestock@gmail.com

Illinois-Indiana Checkered Giant Rabbit Club: Jean Thomas

Midwest Champagne D'Argent: Greg Wauthier, gwauthier89@yahoo.com

English Spot: Jane Meyer, floridawhitesec@gmail.com

Check the ARBA website for info uploaded by the individual specialty clubs for the specialty shows listed.

IRBA COOP RENTAL RESERVATION

Coop rental available for **entered animals only**. Detach and send to: Jane Meyer, 1795 N 1800 East Rd, Thawville, IL 60968 prior to March 20, 2026.

Number of Coops requested: _____ @ \$1.50 per coop = \$ _____ Coop rental is for the entire weekend. You pay only one fee PER ANIMAL for the weekend. Shavings will be provided for cooped animals.

Exhibitor Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

SHOW RULES

1. This show will be governed by the latest revised rules of the ARBA. Filing of entry indicates your acceptance of these show rules and those listed below.
2. The Illinois Rabbit Breeders Association will not be responsible for accidents; this includes but is not limited to loss in case of fire, theft or providential destruction. However, every precaution will be taken to prevent same.
3. Cash, a good check or a money order are acceptable methods of payment for your entry. (There will be a \$25.00 service fee charge on all returned checks). Make all checks payable to the Illinois Rabbit Breeders Association (IRBA). The IRBA reserves the right to reject ANY entry for due cause.
4. All entered animals must be permanently and legibly earmarked.
5. Please check and double check your entry form. An animal at the table that does not appear on your entry form will be scratched.
6. Fur class entries are to be noted on your entry when sent to the show secretary.
7. Fur classes will be provided for: Breed Fur/Normal White Fur & Wool/Normal Colored Fur & Wool. Unless otherwise noted on the entry form, all fur class animals will be entered in Breed Fur.
8. Open & Youth Judging will begin as close to 9:00 a.m. as possible on Saturday and Sunday. The IRBA reserves the right to substitute, add or remove judges as deemed necessary.
9. Other than official show personnel, Youth MUST carry youth entered animals.
10. There will be no placement ribbons given.
11. All sweepstakes will be governed by the latest rules. (IRBA show exhibitors who are current members of the IRBA will receive credit for double sweepstakes points earned, only towards the IRBA Sweepstakes).
12. Any/All animals exhibiting signs of sickness will be removed from the showroom, or otherwise isolated at the show official's discretion.
13. There must be ten (10) or more animals shown in the breed sweepstakes in order to warrant required specials by specialty clubs. The IRBA is not responsible for any donated awards.
14. Specialty Club shows will be held as prearranged between the specialty show host and the IRBA Show Superintendent. Contact the specialty show secretary for information regarding that breed specialty show.
15. If deemed necessary, the sponsoring club reserves the right to ask for proof of ownership for animals entered.
16. Unless otherwise specified within the catalog, any breeds NOT SANCTIONED will receive awards for BOB and BOS provided ten (10) or more animals are shown in the breed
17. Parents and/or guardians will be held responsible for their own actions as well as those of their own children and/or those children that accompanied them.
18. There will be no smoking inside the show building, and no alcoholic beverages are allowed anywhere on the Interstate property, this includes in the raffle.
19. ALL CARRIERS MUST HAVE SOLID BOTTOMS.



EQUIPMENT DEALER

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gizzy07061@yahoo.com

YOUTH

Illinois Youth Guidelines

All youth contests will be held at the Spring Illinois State Show. All efforts will be made to have royalty, showmanship, judging and breed ID contests.

To participate in these contests, a youth must be a member of the IRBA, reside in the state of Illinois and must participate in the proper age category the day of the contest.

Contest age breakdowns will be as follows: King and Queen-15-18. Duke and Duchess-12-14. Prince and Princess-9-11. Lord and Lady-5-8. Judging-Junior 12-14, Senior 15-18. Breed ID-Junior 5-11, Intermediate-12-14, Senior 15-18. Showmanship-9-11.

Contest rules- No entry fee. Pre-entry desired but day of contest entry is allowed. Royalty will involve a written test. Tests can be read to any youth that needs assistance. The youth committee will provide writers for entrants that need help with writing their answers for breed ID. AR-BA youth standards and scoring will be used for all contests.

All attempts will be made to form teams for the ARBA National Convention. If there is a larger number of participants than there are spots on the team, scores from the contests will be used to determine who will be on Team Illinois. Any other participants can possibly still compete as members of a District 5 team if the district forms a team.

No parents will be allowed in the area of the royalty test or the breed id while their child is participating. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Illinois Youth Convention Funds

Funds will be provided to all team members attending the convention as long as funds are available. Funds will be allocated as no more than \$250.00 per participant.

To receive funds, participant or parent must do the following: assist with fundraising by either baking items for baked goods sale or working at the table during the raffle. Failure to help with any fundraising will forfeit the stipend even if the person is on the team. Participants and/or parents must also assist in some way with any benefit shows that are held for the youth fund. Some of the ways to help will be assisting with running the show, raffle, writing for judges, helping check in, helping set up or tear down.

Funds will be provided to the participant after the contests have concluded at the convention.

We will not have a raffle at the state convention this year, but we ask that you bring items for the regular raffle and assist with that or selling 50/50 tickets to be eligible to receive the funds for convention.

Entry form for youth contests

Participant Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____

ARBA Number _____

Please check what you will be participating in

Royalty

15-18

King _____ Queen _____

12-14

Duke _____ Duchess _____

9-11

Prince _____ Princess _____

5-8

Lord _____ Lady _____

Breed ID

Senior 15-18 _____ Intermediate 12-14 _____ Junior 5-11 _____

Showmanship

9-11 _____

Judging

Senior 15-18 _____

Junior 12-14 _____

Please email information to Wendy Wauthier at bolensbunnies@yahoo.com by March 15th so we can plan accordingly.