



## RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF OF TASMANIA INC.

### Stewarding Guidelines

- ALL ANIMALS ARE TO BE HANDLED WITH DUE CARE AND RESPECT.
- All stewards must wear white coats or aprons.
- Please ensure that your hands are clean and dry before stewarding any exhibits, especially white rabbits or long haired rabbits.
- All stewards must wait to be allocated a pen number.
- If you are allocated a pen number and feel that you cannot steward the rabbit for any reason please advise the book steward and another steward will be allocated.
- When allocated a pen number by the book steward please collect that exhibit only, do not swap numbers with someone else. As mentioned above if you cannot confidently steward the rabbit advise the book steward and you will be given an alternate number.
- All rabbits are to be stewarded equally, do not push your rabbit in front of the judge or make comments relating to the quality of the exhibit.
- You may steward your own rabbit if given the opportunity however you are not to draw attention to the fact that you own the rabbit, if you are seen to draw attention to your rabbit you will be asked to leave the table and the rabbit will be given to someone else to steward. This behavior may also lead to the judge disqualifying your exhibit.
- Be aware of the particular pose of your allocated breed.
- Long coated rabbits are to be handled minimally and their coats are not to be crushed or scrunched, when you place any long-haired rabbit on the table pose the rabbit and then leave it, do not play with the rabbits coat or over handle it.
- Short haired rabbits are not to be patted or rubbed while on the table, this is especially important if it is a Fur or Rex Breed as excessive handling will spoil their coats.

- Rabbits are not to be pinned to the table or forcibly held to the table, rabbits are to be set in their correct pose and left, if the rabbit moves re-pose and leave.
- If you have a troublesome rabbit that backs of the table turn the rabbit around to face you and when the judge is nearing your rabbit turn it around and re-pose the rabbit.
- If you have a rabbit that is excessively troublesome cradle the rabbit in your arms taking care not to damage the coat and when the judge is nearing your rabbit re-pose and wait for judging to finish.
- You should refrain from talking about the exhibits at the judges table, there are to be no remarks about the condition or overall appearance of rabbits at the judging table.
- Questions may be asked to the judge at an appropriate time, for example after a class or section has been judged but you must not draw attention to what you do or do not own.
- Mobile phone use whilst stewarding not permitted, please no texting, making or receiving phone calls or leaning over exhibits to take photos. Whilst we encourage photos to be taken at our events and love them shared on our social media pages there is an appropriate way to obtain them.
- If you are watching the judging from the sidelines and your rabbit is on the table being judged do not draw attention to the fact that it is your rabbit being judged, this can result in your exhibit being disqualified.
- If your rabbit is faulted or disqualified for any reason do not make a scene or verbalise your disagreement at the judging table/area. If you have any complaints or questions see the Show Manager.
- Most of all listen!!! There is so much valuable information to be gained stewarding! Soak it all in!