

General

All animals brought to the Show, whether being entered or not should be of good health and condition. There should be no signs of illness or parasite infestation. Animals should be at least 5 weeks old.

Class Entry Rules

Introductory

This Class is limited to new exhibitors not having shown with AusRFSNSW inc before. It is a place to learn about showing and how to show (including what not to show). New exhibitors may enter 2 entries per Show for 3 Shows only.

Junior Pet Class

The Junior Pet Class is reserved for exhibitors aged 15 years and younger, with a limit of 2 entries per exhibitor. An animal exhibited in this class may also be eligible for it Standards based Class.

Pet Class

The Pet Class is open to all exhibitors. There is a limit of 2 entries per exhibitor. An animal exhibited in this class may also be eligible for it Standards based Class.

Conformation Class

The Conformation Class is open to all exhibitors and is for animals which are deemed to have outstanding conformation but are excluded from the normal Standards based Classes because of a disqualifying colour fault. There is a limit of 2 entries per exhibitor.

Standards Based Classes

The Standards based Classes are open to all exhibitors. There is no limit on the number of entries an exhibitor may enter in each Class.

Use of Breeder Prefix

Breeder prefixes are only to be attached to entries which are a result of a mating between your doe and a buck (either your own buck or someone else's). Class results may be used to calculate yearly "Best" awards and incorrectly attaching a Breeders prefix will skew the results. Entries with Breeders prefixes may need to be backed up with pedigrees and should be made available to an official on request.

Appeals and Clarification of Decisions

Appeals and clarification requests are to be lodged with either the Show Secretary or a Steward within a timely fashion. Exhibitors are not to approach the Judges whilst they are in the process of judging.

Animal Entry Guidelines

Show Condition

All animals brought to the Show, whether being entered or not, should appear happy, healthy and in good condition. There should be no sign of illness, injury or parasites. Their breathing and movement should be normal showing no signs of distress.

They should be clean and neat with no missing body parts. Their nails should be clean and not be of excessive length. All animals presented should be tractable and easy to handle.

Faults

The following generic conditions will incur a loss of points at judging time. These are in addition to the standard specific faults for the class that the entry is being judged under.

- Stained or dirty coat
- Too fat or too thin
- Nicked ear, scaly skin, kinked or short tail, or lack of whiskers

Disqualifications

The following conditions are considered suitable grounds for disqualification from judging and are in addition to the standard specific disqualification criteria. Disqualification is at the discretion of the Judges, Stewards and Show Secretary, and may not necessarily be for a reason listed below.

- Pregnant or nursing females
- Respiratory problems, excessive scabs, mites or lice, abscesses, wounds or eye infections
- Obvious ill health and tumours
- Biting or intractability
- Animals under 6 weeks of age
- Missing body parts
- Surgical alteration
- Any dyeing, plucking or trimming intended to alter natural condition
- Any obvious physical abnormality

Judging

Classes

Animals will be judged according to the Class Standards in which they are entered as laid down by the AusRFSNSW inc. These Standards include conformation, coat variety and colour.

Scratchings & Late Entries

Scratchings and late entries are to be tabled before the Show starts. No late entries will be accepted after judging begins.

Show Tanks

Animals are to be contained in a suitable acrylic show tank commonly known as “kitter keepers” or fish aquariums. These show tanks may be hired at the Show, or exhibitors may use their own if they are a comparable brand and do not differ in style or size to the Club show tanks. Mice are to be contained in the “mini” size and rats in the “medium” size.

Show tanks may not be personalised in any way.

A suitable litter such as Breeders Choice shall be used in the base of the tank.

Scoring System

Judging will be conducted for all Standards based Classes using the AusRFSNSW inc scoring system shown below. Pet Classes and Conformation Class will use the same scoring system concentrating on the conditions that pertain to that particular Class.

Eyes	5
Ears	5
Head	5
Tail	5
Coat Type	10
Colour/Marking	20
Conformation	20
Condition	10
Temperament	20