

General

- All animals, whether being exhibited or not, should be in good health, excellent condition and free from parasites.
- Enclosures are to be clean with fresh bedding and adequate food and water provided. Heavily soiled, damaged, inappropriate or insecure enclosures are not permitted.
- All animals should be well-groomed, this includes being clean and having nails trimmed if necessary. Animals under 6 weeks of age are not permitted at a show.
- If your animal's variety is not listed in the standards in this document, it is not permitted to be entered in any of the standardised classes.

Class Entry Rules

Variety Classes

The variety classes, also known type classes, are open to all exhibitors. Variety classes are listed on the separate Standards documents. There is no entry limit per class for variety classes, but there is an overall limit that applies to all variety classes as a group, being 20 for single membership and 30 for family memberships

Special Classes

Introductory

The introductory class is for exhibitors new to the club who have not shown with the NFRS before. It is not a compulsory class for new exhibitors to the club but allows for new members to sit down with the judge while their animal is scored against the standards. The judge will discuss with the introductory exhibitor the different aspects of scoring the animal against the standards and answer any other judging or standards queries the introductory exhibitor may have. New exhibitors may enter 1 entry per show for 2 shows.

Kitten

Kitten class is reserved for rats aged 6-12 weeks, and mice aged 6-10 weeks. The class entry limit is 4 animals per membership.

Conformation

Conformation class is reserved for animals that are not adequately marked to be entered into their appropriate variety class. Animals entered into the conformation class are not scored for colour and marking, however are still scored on all other categories – including coat, conformation, condition and temperament. Mixed coated animals cannot be shown in any class. The class entry limit is 4 animals per membership.

Unstandardised

This class is for the introduction of new standards and the refinement of the standards to be used in future judging competitions. Entries in this class are not eligible for points.

Breeders Group

Breeders Group is a special class which adds together the scores of three nominated animals. The animals must be bred by the exhibitor and be directly related (eg. siblings, offspring, etc). This class showcases the quality and consistency of a breeder's line. The class entry limit is 1 entry, consisting of 3 animals, per membership.

Pet Classes

Young, Adult and Senior Pet

Pet classes are novelty classes that judge who has the friendliest animal on the day. The classes are split by the age of the animal. Young Pet Rat is 12 weeks to 9 months, Adult Pet Rat is 9 months to 18 months, Senior Pet Rat is older than 18 months. Young Pet Mouse is 10 weeks to 6 months, Adult Pet Mouse is 6 months to 18 months, Senior Pet Mouse is older than 18 months. There is currently no limit on entries, this can change with notice.

Junior Pet Exhibitor

In addition to the above, the junior pet exhibitor class is for exhibitors aged 15 years or younger. The class entry limit is 2 animals per membership.