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RABBITS WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

rabbitcon VIII Annual Conference

San Diego, CA • October 7 -8, 2016

At the 93rd Amercian Rabbit Breeders Assn. Show

RabbitCon VIII 2016

Come and discover how the industry's premiere educational symposium can help you run your rabbitry without boundaries.

Choose from a wide variety of sessions on health, nutrition, event planning, culling, airline travel, and show software. You'll learn how to break the boundaries to raising and showing the rabbits you've always wanted.

Join hundreds of other rabbit enthusiasts, both beginners and seasoned veterans in Portland, Oregon and achieve your rabbit education goals.

RabbitCon Conference Sessions

Rabbit Nutrition Expert Series

Feeding Your Rabbits for Breeding: Conception, Litters, and Herd Bucks

Designing the Ultimate Club Newsletter, Publication, or Online Hub

25-Holes: Doing More With Less

Getting On Track with the Rabbit Reproductive Tract

Pick Me! 10 Ways to Score Big on Your Royalty Interview

Rabbit Feeds and Feeding Primer

Rabbit Anatomy, Mapping the Inside

Pose Your Rabbit Like a Judge

Crossbreeding: Is It Time to Let the Rabbit Out of the Hat?

How to Succeed in Breeding Rare Breeds and Varieties

Raw Plant Diet: Alternatives to Pellet Feeds

And Much More!

RabbitCon VIII Faculty

Come learn from the industry's top experts in their specialties. Many of our presenters are perennial favorites.

Dr. Myriam Pasternak, CA	Cole Rupprecht, MN	Don Sheets, VA
Dr. Scott A. Williamson, CA	Cody Darst, CA	Bryan Miller, OH
Chris Zemny, CA	Robert Laughlin, CA	Melissa Magee, CA
Josh Humphries, TN	Adam Schuller, OH	Jared Smith, TX
Leslie & Courtney Bond, MI	David Moll, OH	Don Havliceck, MI
Jason & Heather Coin, CO	Bryan Shirk, MI	Alan Finch-Mortenson, OR

What Others are Saying

"I learned more in Dr. Williamson's 2 hour conference than I have learned in 11 years of raising rabbits."

—G.M. Spring, TX

The Rabbitcon Conference was an inspirational, educational and motivating event that I received valuable expert advice and ideas on making my show stock better, and I enjoy the professional and welcoming environment. I am looking forward to next years event already!

—L.N.

"Everything was great! This was without a doubt the best class I have ever taken... I can't wait to go back and try Sandra's tips to make my rabbitry website look more professional"

—T.J. Lakeside, CA

"Dr. Hreiz took a complex subject and patiently unraveled it before my eyes. His session alone was worth the price of admission"

—B.L. Port Charlotte, FL

"Dr. Cheeke's workshop not only met, but exceeded all of my expectations. The amount and quality of information that I gained will irrefutably make us better rabbit raisers. Dr Cheeke obviously has devoted his life to rabbit nutrition. His gentle style really made a difference in my ability to comprehend the material. He was always open to questions and he kept us all on task to gain the most from the workshop as possible.

—H.R. Olathe, KS

What a great event, to be with so many industry leaders and experts who are so generous with their time, talents, and expertise - and who are just plain good teachers! I believe I can now prevent or treat most illness in my rabbitry with confidence.

—D.L. Jacumba, CA

RabbitCon Schedule

All Rabbitcon Sessions are held at the 93rd ARBA Convention and Show in San Diego, CA.

Friday Sessions

October 7, 2016

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday Sessions

October 8, 2016

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

A full conference schedule is available online at fibbercupinvitational.com

RabbitCon Registration

Registration Package		What's Included	Early Bird Rate* Expires 9/6/16	Advance Rate Expires 10/15/16
Non Member	Deluxe Pass	Full access to all conference sessions, refreshments, tote bag, plus thumb drive with conference proceedings	\$119	\$139
	Standard Pass	Full access to all conference sessions, refreshments, tote bag.	\$109	\$119
ARBA Member	Deluxe Pass	Full access to all conference sessions, refreshments, tote bag, plus thumb drive with conference proceedings	\$99	\$119
	Standard Pass	Full access to all conference sessions, refreshments, tote bag.	\$79	\$99
ARBA Youth	Deluxe Pass	Full access to all conference sessions, refreshments, tote bag, plus thumb drive with conference proceedings	\$55	\$65
	Standard Pass	Full access to all conference sessions, refreshments, tote bag.	\$45	\$55
Groups	Prepay pay for 4 conference registrations and get the 5th registration of equal or lesser value for free. Contact helpdesk@showprogram.com for more information.			

* Early Bird Rate:

To receive Rabbitcon Early Bird rates, registrations must be prepaid and mailed, payable to:

"California Rabbit and Cavy Shows, Inc"
 ShowPro Entry Department
 20708 McHenry
 Escalon, CA 95320
 Use U.S. Postal Service only

Note: Rabbitcon passes are for entrance to educational conferences and are not required to view rabbits exhibits at the ARBA Convention. Online entries are subject to a \$10 ARBA Registration Fee.

Register online at fibbercupinvitational.com (after 9/5/2016)

RabbitCon Schedule

Friday Evening Session | October 7, 2016

Presenter	Course Description	Room	Time
Don Havlicek MI	<p>An Introduction to Czech Frosties Their massive heads, thick and furry ears, and one-of-a-kind color make them irresistible – no wonder the Czech Frosty has ARBA by storm! Hear about their history, current path to ARBA recognition, temperament, breeding, and just how you too could raise this trendy rabbit with judge and COD holder, Don Havlicek.</p>	1	5:00 PM
Adam Schuller OH	<p>Youth Tract: Pick Me! Pick Me! 10 Ways to Score Big on Your Royalty Contest Interview The early “buzz” at every ARBA royalty competition centers around just one make question, “Did you get called back for an interview?!” Former ARBA King, Adam Schuller, shares his tips on showing yourself off with professionalism, positivity, a goal-seeking attitude, and of course, modesty. This course is not to miss for 2016 ARBA royalty contestants!</p>	2	5:00 PM
Cole Rupercht ND	<p>Demystifying Rabbit Reproductive Biology The reproductive system in rabbits is quite unique and unlike other livestock species. Learn the core basics of rabbit reproduction to increase efficiency in your barn by graduate student and rabbit breeder, Cole Rupperecht.</p>	1	6:00 PM
Alan Finch-Mortenson OR	<p>Designing the Ultimate Club Newsletter, Publication, or Online Hub Secretary work for a show has never been easier with the breakthrough release of ShowPro III. Automated email confirmations, exhibitor reports and club reports. You will see how to master this extremely user-friendly software as we build a sample show from start to finish.</p>	2	6:00 PM
David Moll OH	<p>Youth Tract: Youth Clubs, 4-H, FFA: How to do it all and still have time to breathe. There are so many options for youth to be involved in rabbits or cavies. Unfortunately, the major organizations sometime seem overwhelming in their demands. Learn how kids, parents, and leaders can maximize their time and make them all work together!</p>	2	7:30 PM
Bryant Miller OH	<p>Crossbreeding: Are you a daring enough to venture into the taboo? We’ve heard the rumors, but can a rabbit or cavy with more than one breed on its pedigree actually show, or even... win Best of Breed at a Convention? Some call it taboo while others call it ingenious. It’s time to hear just how an ARBA judge and breeder has practiced this method in his own barn.</p>	1	7:30 PM

RabbitCon Schedule

Saturday Morning Session | October 8, 2016

Presenter	Course Description	Room	Time
Chris Zemny CA	Disease Prevention and Treatment Secrets from a Breeder's Experience Going to the feed store to buy medicine just for rabbits is an impossible task. After thirty years as a rabbit breeder and a professional in pharmaceuticals, Chris Zemny has amassed information on how to read labels, calculate dosages, and treat a wide range of problems such as digestive, respiratory, reproductive, and parasitic with drugs meant for other species, including humans. A must-see course for any rabbit breeder!	1	9:00 AM
Bryan Shirk MI	Tiny Rabbitries: Doing More With Less Who has room for 200 rabbits or cavies? As more and more breeders raise rabbits and cavies in their garage or backyard shed, the task to be successful seems impossible compared to breeders with unlimited space. Top breeder and judge Bryan Shirk says, "It can be done!" Learn how to remain focused yet prolific and successful with just 25 holes or less.	2	9:00 AM
Dr. Scott Williamson CA	Why Do We Do Stay In This Hobby? Drama, gossip, and now Facebook: who hasn't had those days when you ask yourself, "Why the heck am I still doing this?" Lifetime ARBA judge and professor of Animal Sciences shares his family and professional story and brings a philosophical and inspiring lecture to help reenergize you from the core. There's no better way to start your convention!	2	10:00 AM
Jared Smith TX	Shh! Rabbits Are Trying To Multiply! Rabbit Productivity in Relation to Environmental Factors. This course is based on his cutting edge study conducted at the rabbit research lab at Texas A&M University. Feed, climate, ventilation, stress and even noise can greatly affect a rabbit's productivity. Listen to graduate student Jared's lecture and identify what you can change in your barn to increase output.	1	11:15 AM
Josh Humphries TN Don Sheets VA	"I've Always Thought of Raising..." Picking Your Second Breed You know you're a rabbit or cavy breeder when you find yourself doodling exaggerated toplines and perfectly crowned heads of "one-day breeds" on the backs of napkins while you wait for an appointment or daydream through algebra class. Face it, we've all thought about or even tried a second or third breed. Listen to what our ARBA President and top judges have to say about picking and successfully taking on another breed.	2	11:00 AM
Dr. Myriam Pasternak CA	Ending Enteritis Before it Ends Your Herd Jelly poop, potty bellies, lethargy, and death: if you're a rabbit breeder, you know the signs in young rabbits. Worse, you fear the typical fatal outcome for the sick young rabbit. Commercial rabbitry manager and veterinarian Dr. Pasternak shares how she has ended enteritis in her barn and ultimately increased productivity.	1	12:45 PM

RabbitCon Schedule

Saturday Afternoon Session | October 8, 2016

Presenter	Course Description	Room	Time
Robert Laughlin CA	Bon Appetite! Cooking Homegrown Rabbit Like A Chef. Rabbitcon Chef, Robert, will demonstrate healthy basics in cooking rabbit meat with plenty of hands-on learning. He will share some favorite recipes and make you a diehard connoisseur of rabbit meat. Bring your appetite because fresh samples will be served. His demonstration will change your way of cooking!	2	12:00 PM
Leslie & Courtney Bond MI	Feeding Your Rabbits for Breeding: Conception, Litters, and Herd Bucks Breeding feed formulas, show feed formulas, water additives, apple cider vinegar, and magic potions... what does it really take to feed your rabbits for optimum production? Find out from the feeding and breeding masters how to properly feed your does, litters, and even your fossilized, rather lazy but very valuable herd bucks!	1	1:45 PM
Jason & Heather Coin CO	I Want to Win Best In Show: How to Plan Your Winning Strategy Rome wasn't built in a day and certainly not without a blueprint. Top breeders Jason and Heather Coin agree that planning is the crucial step in making your mark on the show table. Learn how to set goals, measure your strengths and weaknesses, and finally propel yourself to the Best In Show league!	2	1:15 PM
Melissa Magee CA	How to Judge Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship There has long been courses on how to judge showmanship. Whether you are an ARBA judge, 4-H leader, FFA teacher, parent, or former participant yourself, you've probably been asked to judge showmanship at a fair or show. You know it's not an easy task! Melissa takes the edge off and shares her tips for consistently and accurately judging these tough and brilliant kids!	2	2:15 PM
Leslie & Courtney Bond MI	Feeding Your Way to the Top: Show Rabbit Nutrition You've invested in the best breeding stock, have a good eye for quality, and are pretty good at keeping the nestboxes full. The next step is nutrition and understanding the essential components to feeding a show rabbit. The Bonds, the highly respected and successful show family, share their secrets.	1	3:15PM
Dr. Myriam Pasternak CA	Rabbits in Haiti are Changing Lives (Even Yours!) Rabbits are often underestimated in their potential impact on some of the biggest crises in the world, such as hunger. As one of the most prolific food animal species, rabbits have been farmed throughout the developing world. Dr. Myriam Pasternak serves as a pioneer in Haiti, teaching through the USAID funded Farmer-to-Farmer program. Learn how you too can become involved in changing lives through our amazing specie.	2	3:15 PM