

What do I do if I want to Show my Pet?

Firstly contact Cavy West to find out the details of the next show.

Pets are shown in what we call the CONDITION class. Called this, as the Judge will be looking at the condition of its cleanliness, tameness and condition of the Cavy.

So you could say, it's condition, its temperament and whether it has been cared for and bathed ready for the show.

Below are the points that the Judge will be looking at, so you the exhibitor need to look at these things before bringing your Cavy to be shown;

- It should have good overall body condition being firm of flesh but not fat with a nice healthy looking coat.
- It should be bright and alert, not listless or obviously unwell.
- It should not be emaciated.
- Not pregnant or lactating.
- No babies at foot.
- Not be under 3 months of age.
- Be free from lice, mites, and other skin complaints.
- No bald patches, hair loss or broken skin.
- Have clear eyes, ears, nostrils and vent.
- Not have broken or rotting teeth, or overgrown teeth.
- Have clean ears, eyes, nostrils, feet, nails, vent and grease gland.
- Have a mouth clean and free from sores.
- Trimmed nails.
- Have loose hairs removed from all over.
- Be bathed and in general clean condition.
- Be well behaved, handled sufficiently to sit quiet and still on the show table and subject itself to handling by the Judge.

Now your Cavy is clean and ready for the Show and you have found out from the club where the Show is, put it in a clean box/show-cage and bring it to the venue.

At the hall the Show Secretary will take your entry fee and give you a sticker to put on the Cavy's left ear.

Now all there is to do is wait till your number is called.

GOOD LUCK!