

# 2019 *BBX* Royal Hobart Show

23rd – 26th October



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## 2019 Royal Hobart Show Ferret Competition - Rules & Regulations

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After two very successful years of mounting a ferret display at the Royal Hobart Show the organisers have responded to the popularity of the exhibit to stage a formal competition for ferrets as part of the 2018 Show.

Competitions are an integral part of agricultural shows and allow exhibitors to benchmark their stock against fellow breeders and, in the process, advance the quality of the breed in the pursuit of excellence.

**Ferrets have had a role in agriculture in Tasmania since the establishment of the early colony and it is appropriate that they are included in the State's premier agricultural show.**

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## **Rules**

### **Exhibits**

- Ferrets must receive a health check prior to judging which will be performed by the RAST vet or RAST approved personnel.
- Sick or flea infected ferrets must be removed immediately from venue.
- All ferrets to be caged and presentable by 8.30am every morning.
- Animals are not permitted to leave until after 4pm on judging day.
- Please use straw, bedding hay or shredded paper inside cages.
- All ferrets must have water available in their cage.
- We try to promote a balanced raw diet, however we understand the use of quality kibble has its place. However wet canned cat food is neither supported nor allowed.
- Keep cages as clean as possible at all times, disposal poop bags will be provided.
- Always pass your ferret onto other persons with the head facing you.
- Separate entry form and entry fee must be completed by each exhibitor.
- All exhibits are entered at the owner's risk.
- Exhibits are not to be removed from cages during judging other than by an authorised Steward or authorised Deputy.

### **Judging**

- On judging day, those entering a judging class must be benched by 7:30am.
- Judges are not permitted to enter ferrets into judging competition.
- Ferrets being judged should be housed in suitable carry cage/pet transporter. At a minimum the cage should be at least L48.5 x W33 x H33cms.
- Each cage is to be numbered.
- No substitute animals will be permitted.

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- Maximum 4 ferrets per handler.
- Ferrets can only be entered into one class.
- Best of each class will be awarded by judges.
- Best of show and Reserve Best will be awarded at the Judge's discretion.
- Judges decision is final.
- No kits are permitted to be entered into judging. To avoid confusion all ferrets entering for judging must be fully weaned and over 12 weeks of age.

- Juniors are defined as 8 – 18 yo. Younger entrants can be permitted at the discretion of stewards provided that the stewards are comfortable that the handler is deemed to be competent.
- Champion and Reserve Champion winners will be required to attend the official presentation on Friday afternoon.

## **General**

- Be 110 per cent sure before passing your ferret over to a non-ferret person.
- Never pass any other ferret than your own to anyone.
- If needing a break, you must tell the chief steward (Emily) or the Deputy Chief Steward (Laura) before leaving.
- Selling of ferrets at the show is not permitted.
- If not 100 per cent sure on an answer a patron asks, ask someone to answer that knows.
- Please be mindful of each person's right to handle their ferrets in a way that they know their ferrets can handle. (Respect the fact we know our own ferrets personally).
- Make sure patrons wash their hands before and after handling any ferret.
- If anyone has the flu they will not be allowed to enter exhibit area.
- Entry form including all required information and waiver form must be completed and returned with entry. Entry fees must be paid for a valid entry to be accepted.
- All Royal Hobart Show rules and regulations, conditions of entry, policies and code of conduct also apply and are available on our website at :-[www.hobartshowground.com.au](http://www.hobartshowground.com.au)

NB: Male **ferrets** are **called** hobs; female **ferrets** are jills. A spayed female is a sprite, a neutered male is a gib, and a vasectomised male is **known as** a hoblet. **Ferrets** under one year old are **known as** kits.

## **FERRET CLASSES**

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### **SABLE FERRET CLASS**

**Class 1 Sable Adult - Male**

**Class 2 Sable Adult - Female**

**Class 3 Sable Pairs – Male & Female**

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## **WHITE – (BLACK EYED) FERRET CLASS**

Class 4 Black Eyed White Adult - Male

Class 5 Black Eyed White Adult - Female

Class 6 Black Eyed White Pairs – Male & Female

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## **ALBINO FERRET CLASS**

Class 7 Albino Adult - Male

Class 8 Albino Adult - Female

Class 9 Albino Pairs – Male & Female

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## **COLOURED FERRET CLASS**

Class 10 Coloured Adult - Male

Class 11 Coloured Adult - Female

Class 12 Coloured Pairs – Male & Female

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## **WORKING FERRET CLASS**

Class 13 Working Adult - Male

Class 14 Working Adult - Female

Class 15 Working Pairs – Male & Female

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## **JUNIOR HANDLING FERRET CLASS**

Class 16 Adult Ferret - Male

Class 17 Adult Ferret - Female

Class 457 Adult Pairs – Male & Female

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## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

Class 19 Grand Champion of Show

Class 20 Reserve Champion of Show

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Commendations may be presented in the junior handler class




**TOTAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES**

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**TOTAL PAYABLE @ \$5.00 PER ENTRY**

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# 2019 Ferret Exhibitor Payment Form

ENTER ONLINE NOW <http://entries.hobartshowground.com.au>

For help entering online please phone 03 6272 6812, we will talk you through the procedure over the phone.

## 2019 BBX ROYAL HOBART SHOW – FERRET PAYMENT ADVICE

ABN 56 009 475 898

Payment by Cheque  Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by Credit Card: Visa  Mastercard

Credit Card No

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date  CVC: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please debit my credit card with the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### THIS SECTION BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED

No entries _____ @ \$5.00 per entry (up to 4 entries)	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>MEMBERSHIP FULL (\$95.00)</b>	
Extra Childs Ticket \$10.00	
<b>TOTAL PAID</b>	<b>\$</b>

Entry fees must accompany entry form, forward to:  
The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania  
PO Box 94,  
Glenorchy, TAS 7010

### CONTACT DETAILS THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Entries Close: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

RAST MEMBERSHIP NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: [admin@hobartshowground.com.au](mailto:admin@hobartshowground.com.au)

Web: [www.hobartshowground.com.au](http://www.hobartshowground.com.au)



**ANIMAL HANDLING (Individual) PARTICIPANT RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & WAIVER**

Name of Participant: .....

Participant Address: .....

Contact Number of Participant: .....

Email .....

The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania advise that participation (including passive participation) in animal handling at an agricultural show contains elements of risk, both obvious and inherent. The handling of animals is a dangerous recreational activity as animals can act in a sudden and unpredictable way, especially when frightened or hurt.

1. By signing this waiver I acknowledge that:
  - 1.1 participation in animal handling is a recreational service for the purposes of section 139A of the **Australian Competition and Consumer Act (Cth) 2010**, and also a recreational activity for the purposes of Section 19 of the **Civil Liability Act (2002) TAS**;
  - 1.2 participation in animal handling is a hazardous activity and may result in injury, loss, damage or death to me;
  - 1.3 participation in animal handling requires certain skills and experience. I declare that I have sufficient skills and experience to be able to safely and properly participate in the events;
  - 1.4 animals can act in a sudden and unpredictable ways, especially if frightened or hurt, or if exposed to loud or unfamiliar noises;
  - 1.5 animal showing events will be held in close proximity to rides and large groups of people, and that there may be loud and unfamiliar noises which can frighten animals;
  - 1.6 if the event is held outdoors, there are risks to me as a result of the weather conditions, including either extreme hot or cold weather, rain or wind;
  - 1.7 insects or other animals may cause animals to become frightened and act in an unpredictable way;
  - 1.8 there is inherent in events involving the handling of animals the risk of suffering injury including injuries caused by animals; and
  - 1.9 I use the facilities supplied for the event entirely at my own risk, as I find them and with the prior acceptance of the risk of possible danger to me.
- 2 If I suffer injury, loss or damage (**Loss**) while participating in an animal handling event, I will not hold the Suppliers, their employees or agents legally responsible for any Loss I suffer. I will not sue the Suppliers, their employees or agents for any claims, costs, damages or liability. I agree to release the Suppliers and their employees from legal responsibility for the services I have been provided and/or activity I have participated in.
- 3 I acknowledge and agree that my participation in the event and associated activities is dangerous and may have inherent risks as a result of which personal injury (and sometimes death) may occur. I acknowledge that the event and associated activities carry with them a significant risk of physical harm. I accept and assume all such risks of personal injury or death in anyway whatsoever arising from these activities and hereby waive my individual right to sue the Suppliers for all claims I or my representatives may have for such personal injury or death against the Suppliers in regard to their negligence, breach of statutory duty or statutory guarantees arising from or in connection with these activities to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 4 At the time of participating in the event, I have not been to any degree under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs.

- 5 I will not consume any alcohol or illicit drugs while participating in the Event and agree that such use may result in my being excluded from the Event or other events with no entitlement to any refund of money paid for entry to the Suppliers.
- 6 I agree to be bound by the rules and guidelines of the Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania as varied from time to time.

**Where the participant is over 18 years of age:**

I agree that I have read and understood this waiver prior to signing it and agree that this waiver will be binding on my heirs, next of kin, executors and administrators.

I acknowledge that the Suppliers have permitted me to participate in the activity the subject of this document in reliance upon the matters acknowledged by me and the representations I have made herein.

I agree that this waiver shall be governed in all respects by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Tasmania.

Signature: ..... Dated: ...../...../.....

**Where the participant is under 18 years of age (to be completed by a parent or guardian):**

Participant's Date of Birth.....

I ....., being a parent or legal guardian of the above named participant hereby consent to my child participating in this event.

I confirm that I have read and understood and explained to the participant, this waiver prior to signing it and agree that this agreement will be binding on my (and his/her) heirs, next of kin, executors and administrators.

I acknowledge that the Suppliers have permitted the participant to participate in the activity the subject of this document in reliance upon the matters acknowledged by me and the representations I have made herein.

I agree that this waiver shall be governed in all respects by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Tasmania.

Signature: ..... Dated: ...../...../.....

<u>Name &amp; Breed of Animal</u>	<u>Owner of Animal</u>	<u>Microchip No. or Reg. No. or Description (sex, colour, brand).</u>	<u>Pic. No.</u>	<u>Last Event &amp; Date</u>

**I, the owner/exhibitor of the above animal/s, declare that, to the best of my knowledge, it is/they are fit and healthy and I agree that if found to be otherwise it/they will not be allowed to compete at this event.**

Signature ..... Date .....

## Sponsors

The RAST depends on the generosity of sponsors to be able to offer the prizes that we do. We are extremely grateful to the following sponsors for supporting our inaugural ferret competition.

### SPONSORS STILL TO BE CONFIRMED

#### Grand Champion

#### Reserve Champion

Barbara  
& Peter  
Moate