

### **What does "pedigreed" and "registered" mean, and what's a "leg"?**

A pedigree is a record showing the ancestors of a rabbit for at least 3 generations. It should include the name, variety (color), ear number, registration number and grand champion number (if applicable) and weight on a rabbit, its parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. This is the proof that the rabbit is purebred, and it can also be very helpful in determining what color and size its offspring are likely to be. Most pedigrees will also include information about a rabbit's winnings, such as how many legs it has.

The ARBA only added the requirement relatively recently that pedigrees must include weights on all rabbits in order for a rabbit to be registered, so many older pedigrees do not include weights on all the ancestors.

In order to be registered, a rabbit must have a complete pedigree showing that it is purebred for at least 3 generations. It must be inspected by a registrar and shown to fit the breed standard in every respect, with no disqualifications. Then the registrar sends this information to the ARBA, where it is kept on file.

At any ARBA-sanctioned show, a rabbit winning in a class of 5 or more rabbits shown by 3 or more different breeders will earn a grand champion leg. A rabbit who has 3 legs, at least one earned after the rabbit is a senior, can be registered as a grand champion and then has the right to have the prefix "Grand Champion" or GC in front of its name.

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