

Educational Research and Development Foundation of
Empress Chinchilla Breeders Cooperative, Inc.

Application for Membership

Name: _____

Phone _____

Address: _____

E-Mail _____

STEP 1

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (please check one)

RENEW \$75 Commercial/Professional Membership

Must be a progressive member for 2 years. Must be sponsored by a branch and approved by the National Board. Full voting privileges. Ability to hold branch and national offices. Receives monthly magazine. Ability to show at all shows. Receives membership discounts on supplies. Has access to all educational material from ECBC web site.

\$25.00 4-H Membership

Must be a 4-H or FFA member and sponsored by a branch. Has ability to show in all shows. Receives monthly magazine. Can attend all educational seminars and meetings. Cannot hold office at branch or national level. Has no voting privileges. Receives membership discount on supplies from national office. Has access to all educational material from ECBC

\$45 Progressive Membership

Ability to show at all shows. Receives monthly magazine. Can attend all educational seminars and meetings. Cannot hold an office at branch or national level. Has no voting privileges. Must be a progressive member for two years (depending on the record of the rancher, ie; the number of animals they ranch, support ECBC every way and actively support pelting) and then be sponsored by a branch to move up to Commercial/Professional – with approval of the National Board. (If not accepted on first application, you may reapply in 2 years.) Receives membership discount on supplies from the national office. Has access to all educational material from ECBC website fee based.

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\$15.00 Associate Membership

Must be a spouse or partner of commercial/Professional member in good standing. has voting privilege. May hold office at branch level. Receives no magazine. Receives membership discount on supplies from the National in Office. Has access to all educational materials from the ECBC website fee based.

STEP 2

BRAND REGISTRATION – if you intend to show animals you MUST register a brand

\$5 Brand Identification Registration. Members who want to show their animals must register a brand. Please indicate your brand preference using a combination of three or four capital letters or numbers (the number 1 and the letters I, O and Q are excluded). You may use a “_” or “/” in place of a number or letter. A brand is required to enter a show.

BRAND 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____ 3rd choice _____

STEP 3 Please read

ECBC Code of Ethics

The Code of Ethics, formulated by the National Board of Directors and adopted by the membership, constitutes the guidelines of conduct for all members of the Cooperative. In applying for membership and with my signature here-under attached as provided, I subscribe to the full compliance of this code.

- Do not orally or in writing do anything to bring Empress Chinchilla or the fur industry into disrepute
- Do not misrepresent or exaggerate the quality or other characteristics of an animal or its offspring, or any product
- Do not represent that any animal is free from ailments, conditions, or habits from which freedom cannot be definitely assured, and made the basis for a written representation
- Do not offer a buy-back incentive as a sales inducement
- Do not support a system, program, or policy in conflict with Empress
- Do accept the rights of others to ranch chinchilla for fur production. Humane methods must be used in all aspects of ranching
- Any user of the internet or other media must refrain from slanderous remarks toward any breeder

STEP 4 Please read and sign

Affidavit

I hereby represent that I am a producer of chinchilla, or the products thereof, and as such hereby apply for membership in the Educational, Research, and Development Foundation of Empress Chinchilla Breeders Cooperative, INC., and agree to the following conditions;

- ❖ To abide by the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Cooperation
- ❖ To abide by the Code of Ethics of the Cooperative
- ❖ To pay the annual fee, according to the membership classification provided and set by the National Board of Directors, herewith enclosed
- ❖ Membership will be represented by only one person
- ❖ I certify that I am not a member of, investigator for, or paid by any animal rights organization
- ❖ I accept the rights of any member to ranch chinchilla for fur production
- ❖ I understand Empress is organized and shall be operated on a cooperative basis to educate ranchers, and to promote, encourage, foster, and facilitate the economical, efficient, and orderly raising and breeding of chinchilla for the purpose of production and processing of chinchilla fur
- ❖ If I can no longer support the goals and purposes of this organization, I will voluntarily withdraw my membership. If my membership in Empress is terminated by the Board of Directors, I will not challenge the termination.

To be completed by Applicant, Under penalty of perjury, I hereby agree to abide by all the conditions, the Code of Ethics, and Affidavit requirements to become a member of Empress Chinchilla Breeders Cooperative, Inc

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete, sign, enclose a check for the designated amount and send to ECBC 5525 Heidi St., La Mesa, CA 91942