

Rabbits, Even A Hedgehog, Are Part Of Lebanon Fair



Josh Seaman, 9, left, watches as white mice crawl up his arm. Colton Reitz, 9, shows off some Dalmatian mice at the Lebanon Fair.

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — Josh Seaman, 9, carefully held up the hedgehog.

"You gotta be careful how you pet it," said Josh, smoothing out its light brown and white, porcupinelike coat.

Josh said that if you pet it the wrong way, "the coat can hurt a little." Like pine needles, the hedgehog's protective coat keeps predators out of the way.

Alex Seaman, Josh's cousin, said the hedgehog won't attack you. "But it could bite you if you throw it around," he said.

The Seamans were busy checking out the different petting zoo displays, in addition to a huge corn tepee, Monday morning at the Lebanon Area Fair.

Alex, 10, a Lebanon County 4-H livestock club member, showed about 18 rabbits in the fair contest. Alex said he brought a lot of different breeds to the fair, including Flemish Giants, Red Rex, White New Zealands, and Red New Zealands.

Alex held up a yearling Red Rex doe, which won best variety and first place.

At the busy petting zoo, on display was a huge rabbit that looked like a big Chinchilla, said Alex, along with a Vietnamese potbellied pig. Josh and Alex also showed off Dalmatuan and white mice, hermit crabs, a guinea pig, and other animals.

The petting zoo featured a

young donkey, pygmy goats, lambs, and other animals.

Also, Olivia Richards, 7, daughter of Linda and Jim Richards, Annville, showed off "Herman," a Russia rabbit. Along with her was Julie Funck, 6, daughter of Cliff and Lori Funck, Annville.

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North Mountain 4-H members take Tuffy, a four-month old donkey, and a pygmy goat for a walk at the fair.



Olivia Richards, 7, left, shows off "Herman," a Russia rabbit, at the Lebanon Fair. With Olivia is Julie Funck, 6.







Alex Seaman holds up a Red Rex doe, about a year old, which won best variety and first place at the Lebanon Fair.

Alex Seaman holds up a hedgehog at the fair. Behind him is cousin Josh.

From left, Colton Reitz, Josh Seaman, and Alex Seaman enjoy the huge corn "tepee" at the Lebanon Fair.



A Vietnamese pot-beliled pig shares pen space with a huge rabbit, according to Alex Seaman, a 4-H member.