

## What do I need to do with my prize cards?

Before you leave the show, make sure each card has the correct information on it. The breed class and the age of the cavy will be on the front of the card. If the breed isn't clearly stated, for example a combined class such as Fox/Tan/Otter, and your cavy is a Fox, you must write this on the back, together with a colour if appropriate, such as 'Black Fox'. Another example is if the class says Himalayan AC (Any Colour) you will need to write the colour on the back e.g. 'Chocolate Himalayan'. You must also put the sex of the cavy on the back, and can add its name if it has one!

The back of the card must be signed or initialled by the Club Secretary, and once you have checked that all the above information is correct, ask the judge to sign the card, which they will do after checking that the breed, colour, age and sex of the cavy appear somewhere on the card and that there are no alterations on the card. If any of this information is missing, it makes it very difficult for the Star Scheme Coordinator to check and approve applications for awards and may result in delays in approving claims, or even in having them rejected. (If a first place card is incorrect, Secretaries are requested to re issue the card.)

## How do I claim my Star Award?

**Method 1)** at the end of the year, if you have sufficient cards to claim a Star Award, you need to send or give all the relevant cards to the Star Scheme Coordinator whose details can be found at the bottom of this card. If posting your cards, include a large stamped self addressed envelope (please ensure you pay the correct postage) for the safe return of your award and cards, or arrange to collect these at a show. Claims must be made by the 31st December to be valid.

**Method 2)** you can use a Star Record Card to record the wins of your cavies. You can record the wins of up to five cavies on each card. Cards can be obtained from the SCC or downloaded from the SCC website. You will need to ask a Star Scheme Official to stamp your card with the stars for each cavy. You should present the cards for checking at a show, after which your card will be marked with the number of stars won and validated with the official star stamp. After the last show you attend in the year, if you have gained enough stars to win an award, send this card to the Star Scheme Coordinator, making sure that you have filled in all the details – your name and stud name if you use one, the name, breed, colour and sex of each cavy you are claiming for. Using this method you don't need to send in the prize cards.

## Collecting cards can lead to winning the following awards:

### Open Show and Adult Owned Pet Awards:

45 Star Trophy

30 Star Trophy

15 Star Rosette or Personalised Certificate (state which you would prefer when making your claim)

### Junior Purebred & Junior Owned Pet Awards:

30 Star Trophy

15 Star Rosette or Personalised Certificate (state which you would prefer when making your claim)

10 Star Rosette or Personalised Certificate (state which you would prefer when making your claim)

Completed claims go to Margaret Hooper, 15 Westminster Road, Toothill, Swindon SN5 8JF
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# SOUTHERN CAVY CLUB

## STAR SCHEME

The Southern Cavy Club Star Scheme is a way of celebrating the wins of your best cavies. Collecting stars can lead to winning trophies, rosettes or certificates.

## How do I win stars?

You can win stars when one of your cavies wins first place in a breed class at a show offering Southern Cavy Club (SCC) stars. These shows are either SCC Stock Shows, or shows held by local clubs which are affiliated to the SCC. Each show is awarded a star rating from 1 up to 5 stars, depending on the size and importance of the show and the number of judges.

You can find out what star rating a show has by looking on the show's paperwork, usually at the top of the front page. It will also be written on the prize cards. The star rating of each show is the number of stars you can claim for wins at that show. You can collect stars for pets as well as for purebred cavies.

You need to be a SCC member to collect SCC stars. Stars are collected on an annual basis from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December, and are collected for each individual cavy, rather than for the exhibitor. Stars cannot be exchanged between cavies.

Only first place cards in breed classes count towards a claim, regardless of the number of entries in the class. Wins in challenge classes do not count towards collecting stars. Only SCC stars count, and stars can only be used once. Adult Star Awards are for 15, 30 or 45 stars. Junior Star Awards are for 10, 15 or 30 stars.