



## WHAT IS A COOP CARD or COOP TAG? “The Basics”

HOW IMPORTANT ARE THEY?  
WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BE SURE YOURS ARE CORRECT?  
WHAT DO THE JUDGES REMARKS MEAN?

**The COOP CARD or COOP TAG is the card you will find on the cage when you are ready to enter the showroom. This coop card is made from your entry form.**

1. The information on the Coop Card is important to judge as well as important to you. Information you will find on the Coop Tag:
  - The Breed and Variety of the bird you entered.
  - The age/sex of your bird. (Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet)  
(make sure your breed, variety and sex matches the coop card exactly before you place the bird in the cage).
  - The size of birds (LF) – large fowl, (B) – bantam, (WF) – duck, goose,
  - (T) Turkey or (G) Guinea
  - The number you were assigned as the exhibitor. (make sure it matches the exhibitor list you were given before you put your bird in the cage).

### **JUDGES REMARKS on your Coop Card:**

Sometimes the judges use their own little scribbles when they are looking over the birds for placement in the breed group and the class. These little scribbles are not important to us overall.

The most important marking on the Coop Cards will be:

BV – Best Variety                      RV – Reserve Variety  
BB – Best of Breed                    RB – Reserve of Breed

*Class Champion* – Written with the initials of the class being judged –  
example: AOSB, AOCCL, FL, ASIATIC and so forth.

*Reserve Class Champion* – Written as example: Res. AOSB, Res. AOCCL, Res. FL,  
Res. ASIATIC and so forth.

Once the class is judged, the Class Champion and Reserve Class Champions are moved to the front of the showroom on champion row.

Once ALL classes have been judged and the birds have been moved to champion row, the judges will gather together for a meeting to once again go over the birds and they will select the best specimen that meets the “Standard of Perfection” on that given day and at that show.