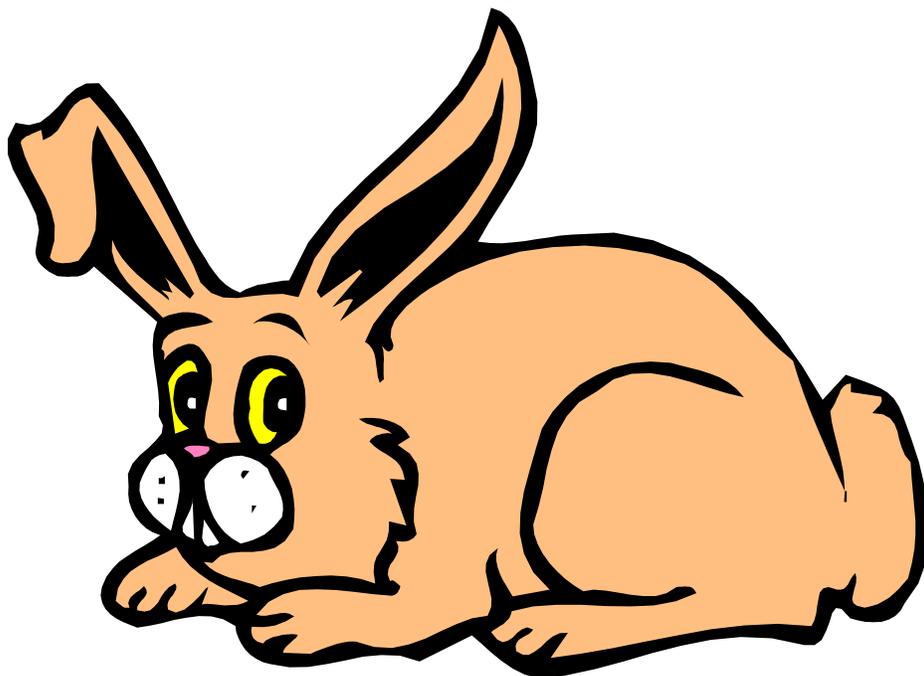


RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP PROJECT BOOK

9-19 year olds



NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP _____
CURRENT AGE _____ BIRTHDATE _____
Age is of Jan. 1 of current year
NUMBER OF YEARS IN 4-H _____
YEARS IN RABBIT PROJECT _____
4-H CLUB _____
LEADER _____

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NEWAYGO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR

To the Exhibitor

This project book is to help you learn about rabbit showmanship through proper handling, fitting, showing, and examining techniques, as well as, how to show your rabbit, answer questions and the standard by which you and your rabbit are being judged.

This will help you feel more confident when it comes time to go before the rabbit judge. To learn all you can about your rabbit, you should attend as many rabbit club meetings and events as possible.

If you do not understand something, ask your 4-H leader, teen leader, or call the Rabbit Superintendent at 231-519-7380 or the number given in the current Newaygo County Fair Book. If you have a 4-H leader they will explain the regulations of the rabbit project area and fair week. If you do not have a 4-H leader, or are in a club not knowledgeable about rabbits please call the Rabbit Superintendent for answers. Be sure you know what is expected of you so you will have a more enjoyable time during the Newaygo County Agricultural Fair. The Rabbit Showmanship Project Book must be neat and as complete as you can get it. This book is due by check in day of Fair week, and given to the Rabbit Superintendent before your rabbit project is deemed complete. You can add pictures to this and put this as well as any other information you gather into a note book or three ring binders. If you don't get every answer this year, you will probably learn more by next year. Each year the same book must be filled out and each year you will learn more. We look forward to seeing you and your rabbit at Fair this year.

Below list any other rabbit related activities you have participated in.
Examples would be State 4-H show, other 4-H shows, workshops
demonstrations, rabbit expo, and County wide workshops.

| Date | Location | Type of Event | How did you participate? |
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SHOWMANSHIP RECORD BOOK QUESTIONS 9-19 year olds

1. My rabbit project goals for this year were:
2. What did you learn new this year?
3. What other projects did you participate in?
4. What did you enjoy the most about this year?
5. What did you enjoy the least?
6. What are 3 goals you would like to accomplish next year?

7. What have you done to help others at your club meetings, shows or workshops?
8. What have you done to promote the rabbit project?
9. What breed is your rabbit?
10. Why did you select your rabbit for showmanship?
11. How old is your showmanship rabbit? Why did you choose a rabbit this age?
12. A rabbits "condition" is a sign of what three things?
13. Explain how you remove loose fur from your rabbit's coat?
14. What problems occur if you fail to keep your rabbits toenails trimmed?
15. To prepare for a rabbit show, what do you need to do to get your rabbit ready?
16. What do you do to get yourself ready?
17. How often did work with your rabbit?

18. Do showmanship rabbits need a tattoo?

19. Do showmanship rabbits need to be pedigreed?

20. How do you clean scent glands? Where are they located?

RABBIT FITTING

Fitting and showing rabbits gives exhibitors the chance to compete with other youth through out the county and state. In fitting and showing contests, the judge evaluates the exhibitor on the skills they demonstrate and their general knowledge of rabbits. The judge also considers each participant's preparation, attitude, and behavior.

1. What is "fitting"?
2. What is showmanship?
3. Describe how you should dress for a fitting and showing contest.
4. Name 5 common mistakes a showman could make.

5. Explain what the judge is looking for in your attitude and behavior.
6. How many times a week should you practice showmanship before a competition?
7. Does practice only help the exhibitor, or does it help the rabbit learn too?

Handling

1. Why is handling important?
2. What are the handling steps in order?
3. Which hand do you use to lift your rabbits front quarters off the table?
(This will depend on if you are right or left handed.)
4. Explain how lop breeds are shown differently than breeds with erect ears.
5. Different handling methods can be used for different breeds depending on their size, fur, and color pattern, Describe another method used for handling another breed besides your rabbit breed.

POSING

1. What is the recommended way to pose your breed of rabbit and why?
2. How far from the other rabbits should you pose your rabbit?
3. When posing your rabbit on a hard surface, what equipment will you need?
4. Name the posing steps in order.
5. How much time will the judge allow for you to pose your rabbit?
6. What “cue” do you give the judge to indicate that you have finished posing?
7. What is the purpose of posing your rabbit?
8. If you spend time practicing posing with your showmanship rabbit, it will help your rabbit to learn this and be comfortable with it.

True

False

What does elimination mean?

What does disqualification mean?

THE SUMMARY

_____ Exhibitors name

Has accurately completes their Showmanship Project Record Book to the best of their ability and knowledge. The exhibitor may have blank spaces if they honestly do not know the answer. It is best if they do research and try to find the answer. Questions are from the 4-H Rabbit Fitting & Showmanship Member's Guide, as well as questions from the Rabbit Superintendent.

Rabbit Leaders Comments

Date _____ Signature _____
(Rabbit leader or parent)

I have reviewed this Showmanship Project Book and therefore, deem this rabbit project complete for the year of _____.

Date _____ Signature _____
Rabbit Superintendent