Ionia County

Rabbit Project
Record Book

Ages 15 to 19 Years

Check one or more Project areas

_____ Pet
_____ Breeding
_____ Market

Name:______________________________________________________________

4-H Club:__________________________________________________________

4-H Leader:________________________________________________________

Age (as of 1/1):_____________ Years in Rabbit Project:_____________

Record Started:_____________ Record Closed:_____________

Month/Day/Year Month/Day/Year

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Why Keep Records?

- Members learn more about their project animals - costs, feed, health and management skills.
- Document activities and progress in the project.
- Improve management and production practices.
- Helps plan future projects.

Keep this record as part of your Personal 4-H Records. This information is helpful in applying for 4-H awards and scholarships. Remember - records are no better than what YOU put into them!

Leader’s Comments*:

___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________
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Rabbit Leader’s Signature: __________________________

* Book is incomplete without comments and signature from your leader*
Objectives of the 4-H Rabbit Project

1. To gain knowledge and skills in managing and caring for rabbits.
2. To learn to select quality rabbits and how to feed them balanced rations.
3. To maintain management records to base decisions on regarding feed, production and breeding of rabbits.
4. To participate in group activities within the club and to assume responsibility in the 4-H Club rabbit program.
5. To gain satisfaction from completing a project to the best of your ability.
6. To let members experience and cope with the values and attitudes of responsibility, in a relatively unsupervised environment. The supervision will be on a periodic basis.
7. To let the member contribute to the family table with rabbit meat, or to experience the marketing process and system in disposal of the product.
8. To let the member experience competing through showing rabbits at local, area and state 4-H rabbit shows.

4-H Rabbit Project Guidelines

1. Members should enroll in the fall, even though they may not yet have animals. This will enable members to be well prepared to receive their animals.
2. Project records must be started and kept until the end of the project year. The latest date for starting records and for ownership of project animals is May 1 of the current 4-H year, with the exception of market pen does, these need to be owned and started on April 1st.
3. Members are encouraged to exhibit their animals at least once during the project year, such as the county fair, area rabbit shows and the state 4-H rabbit show.

4-H Rabbit Project Showmanship

1. All members are strongly encouraged to participate in the showmanship division of the 4-H Rabbit Project.
2. Exhibitors are to be appropriately and neatly groomed/dressed in a long sleeved white shirt or lab coat, dark and clean pants, and closed toed shoes.
Rabbit Project Summary

This page is completed using ALL your current 4-H project animals.

1. In my 4-H project I started with: During the current year I added:
   _____ doe(s)            _____ doe(s)
   _____ buck(s)           _____ buck(s)
   _____ kindled litters

2. Number of meetings held:___________________.
   Number I attended:________________________.

3. I gave __________ project talks or demonstrations. Topics were:
   _______________________________________
   _______________________________________
   _______________________________________
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4. Number of fairs, shows or rabbit related activities I attended:__________.
   List topics:_____________________________________________________
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**Complete Show Record**
For the last year, including last year’s fair.

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1. What are some characteristics of the proper environment for housing rabbits?

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2. How do you properly manage manure accumulation under a hutch?

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3. Describe a method of removing fur and waste clinging to the bottom of the hutch?

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4. What is a sign of poor ventilation in a rabbitry?

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Rabbit Safe Handling and Caging

1. What clothing is appropriate to wear when handling rabbits? 

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2. Describe the proper method for picking up a rabbit. 

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3. What is the purpose of the nesting box? 

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A.) What is the proper size for your rabbit? 

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B.) What materials should you place in the nesting box? 

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C.) Where should you place the nesting box in the hutch? 

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4. What is the recommended air exchange per hour for good ventilation in a rabbitry?

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Feeding

1. What brand of food do you use?

List all of the nutrients and one of the nutrients purpose:

2. Describe your feeding routine:
Feeding  
(continued)

3. How do you store your feed? Why? ____________________________________________

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4. Attach your feed slip here.
Rabbit Health

When answering these, BE SPECIFIC. You may attach an extra page if needed.

1. Describe three diseases and how to treat them. List your resources.

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2. Describe any health problems in your rabbitry and what you do to solve this problem. List any resources you used.

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Standard of Perfection*

Complete the entire Standard of Perfection section using a breed that you have never shown.

The breed of rabbit I chose is:_______________________________________

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*Use the current Standard of Perfection. If you need to borrow one, ask your leader or the superintendent.
2. Where are most of the points concentrated in your breed of rabbit?

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Why?_____________________________________________________________________

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3. What is the minimum weight to show your breed of rabbit?

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4. Does your breed of rabbit have any markings? If so, what are they?

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5. List some disqualifications or faults associated with your breed of rabbit:

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6. How many varieties are there of your breed of rabbit?____________________

List them:________________________________________________________________

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Complete this Pedigree using any ONE of your current project animal(s). Pedigree should be of your rabbit. **DO NOT attach the original pedigree.** The fairboard and/or rabbit superintendent CANNOT be responsible for the Rabbit Record Books while on display (and possible subsequent loss of your pedigree record.) Please fill in as much as possible.

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**A.R.B.A. Rabbit Pedigree**

I hereby certify that this pedigree is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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1. How many years have you been involved in this project and if you have been in it for more than one year, why you have continued in it.

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2. What did you learn NEW this year?

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3. What was the most fun?

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Project Story
(continued)

4. If you were to do this project again, is there anything you would change or do differently?

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Why?__________________________________________________________

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5. What resources did you use to prepare your project? (books, magazines, videos, people you talked to, etc.)

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A photo of your rabbit project or market pen is to be attached to this page. Additional picture pages may be added. Be creative!
Please answer the following questions according to your assigned age category:
Beginners-question 1; Intermediate-questions 1-2; Advance-questions 1-3. Additional pages may be attached as needed.

1. Integrity is always following a code of ethics. List three characteristics an exhibitor with integrity would display at a show or livestock event.

2. What are the six pillars of character? Give an example of how each can be applied to raising or showing livestock.

3. An animal’s conformation does not meet what the judge is looking for at the show. Describe one ethical and one unethical practice that could be used to affect the animal’s conformation.
### My 4-H Rabbit Project Record Book Score Sheet

4-H Member: ____________________________________________

4-H Club: ______________________________________________

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